

Hello everyone,

Please do take care and keep as cool as possible as the weather has turned from pleasantly warm to rather hot this week. Remember to check on family, friends and neighbours if you can, indeed on anybody who might be vulnerable, just making sure that they are taking the precautions they need to take. It might just be closing the curtains, making sure they're drinking enough liquids, and just making wise decisions about when they go out and if they go out.

Please pray for all those who struggle with the heat whether through health conditions or any other reason, and for those who enjoy the sun, that they may do so safely.



### **Services this week:**

This Sunday there will be 10.00am services of Holy Communion at Donisthorpe, Measham and Packington, and a Baptism with Holy Communion at Appleby. Kids Kingdom Sunday School also meet at Appleby from 9.45am.

### **Looking ahead:**

Packington have a Coffee morning in Church on Wednesday from 10.00am to 12.00noon

Appleby also have Coffee & Chat on Wednesday from 10.30am to 12.00noon in the Church Hall.

Activeage is at 11.00am in Measham Church Hall on Wednesday.

Kids Kingdom Baby & Toddler group is on Thursday morning between 9.00 and 11.00am in Appleby Church Hall.

Woodfield Singers meet every Thursday at 7.30pm in Swebstone Church Hall, all welcome.

On Friday there is Lunch Light at Donisthorpe at 12.30 to 2.00pm. Do come for lunch and a chat, company, and support with bereavement.

Later on Friday, there will be a Community Choir concert in Packington Church at 7.30pm.

Next Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> June) we gather together for a united team service with Holy Communion at Swebstone Church at 10.00am.

Further ahead there will be Afternoon Tea at Measham from 2.00 to 4.00pm on Friday 4th July. All welcome.

## Woodfield Team prayer

*God our Father, you long to draw all people into your love.  
Increase in number your church throughout the Woodfield Team;  
deepen us as followers and learners of Christ;  
and give us courage to share the good news of your kingdom.  
We pray this in the power of your Spirit,  
to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Collect for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - The First Sunday after Trinity

God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life  
in Jesus Christ your Son.  
**Amen.**

## Reading for 22<sup>nd</sup> June - Galatians 3.23-29 New International Version (UK)



### Children of God

<sup>23</sup> Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

<sup>26</sup> So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, <sup>27</sup> for all of you who were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

### Prayers for today:

We pray:

Eternal Lord, you are our creator and sustainer. We bring before you the needs of our church, our world, our communities, and ourselves.

- Loving God, we pray for our church and for all those who live and work around us. We pray for the ongoing Minster Communities process, and for all those who are anxious and cannot see the way forward in this time of uncertainty and change.

- Creator God we pray for our world which seems to be forever caught up in violence and conflict. Through the news we are witnesses to violence in so many parts the world. As we continue to pray for peace and goodwill towards all people, we also pray for the innocent victims and their families caught up in conflicts which are not of their making.
- Powerful God, we pray for all who have influence and authority, through their political standing, fame or wealth; speak into their hearts of righteousness and justice, integrity and compassion..
- Father God, we pray for those whom we love, family and friends who are the special people in our lives. We pray for their hopes, their fears, their problems and their needs but most of all we thank you for each one of them and for what they give and mean to us.
- Loving God, bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. In lives afflicted by pain, illness, distress or grief bring comfort, hope and the courage they need for today and every day.
- Compassionate God, we pray for those who face the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. Help us to support all those who mourn, both with our prayers and with practical help both this day and in the days and weeks to come. We remember before you those who have died and ask that those bereaved by their passing are aware of the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings so much hope.
- Lord, we ask you to lead us into the coming week. Help us to believe that you are close by us. When we face hard decisions or difficult work, and when we enjoy ourselves and have fun with others, may we know that you share all these times with us.

**Amen.**