



The Hexagon

Benefice Magazine

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Why read the Bible? Parts of the Bible were written 3,500 years ago, and that was only the first writing down of an oral tradition that was much older. What could be of interest to people in the 21st century?

I think there are two main reasons.

Firstly, this book has transformed the world. The ideas contained in this book, have had an influence upon the world like nothing else in history.

In the very first chapter of this Bible, we read the creation story, and it tells us something that was stunning to the first people that heard it. It tells us:

So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

That one sentence transformed the world. In the ancient world where the rich and powerful did whatever they liked, treated the poor and weak however they liked – this one sentence challenged that to its core. It told us that every single person has value, because every single person carries something of the divine in them.

From this one idea came the rule of law, the abolition of slavery, human rights, the care of the disabled, hospitals to care for the sick and dying, gender equality – all of that comes from that one sentence in the first chapter of the Bible.

So, this book has shaped our world and in an amazing way. That is one reason to read it.

Secondly, this book isn't really a book. It is more like a place. It is a place where God meets us and speaks to us. The Bible is God's word to us and as such is supernatural. In Hebrews 4:12 it says:

God's word is alive and working. It is sharper than a sword sharpened on both sides. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined. It cuts to the centre of our joints and our bones. And God's word judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.

God word pierces to the deepest parts of us, bringing us insight, guidance, challenge, and encouragement. It is more like a place than a book – we meet God in it.

Blessings

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HEXAGON NEWS

Foodbank

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Foodbank for the 132kg of food donated by your Churches in July.

(Arnesby 70kg / Shearsby 12kg / Husbands Bosworth 51kg)

Barry McHugh

Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank

St. Peter's Church, Arnesby

Church Warden: Brian Spriggs - 0116 2478559

Saturday 2nd September 2023 Shearsby, Arnesby & Bruntingthorpe Produce Show in Bruntingthorpe Village Hall.

Deliver entries to hall 9.30am -11.30am. Doors open 3 pm; Presentation to winners 4pm. For more information, contact Jenny Lees on 07885473057

Historic Churches Cycle Ride – Saturday 9th September 2023:

Churches across Leicestershire will once again be open for visitors on foot, bike, or horseback. Sue Spriggs will be away, but her son, Peter will be cycling, please support him with sponsorship via Sue.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Saturday 30th September 2023 10am to 12 noon at Orchard Cottage, Mill Hill Road.

"Flicks in the Sticks" is back! All films are in Arnesby Village Hall @ 7.30 pm and are FREE

Tuesday 26th September 2023 Untouchable (Disabled man has a new carer who changes his life in unexpected ways.)

Tuesday 17th October 2023 Ticket to Paradise (A divorced couple team up to sabotage their daughter's wedding. Comedy.)

St Peter's Church

Harvest service 10.30am Sunday 8th October 2023

Harvest Supper Tuesday 10th October 2023 in Arnesby Village Hall

Thank you to everyone who has supported Sunday afternoon Church teas.

The final date for Church teas is Sunday 24th September 2023.

Teas served 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Arnesby Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Service 10.45am

Evening Meeting 6pm

Harvest services, Sunday 10th September 2023

Explorers 8th September 2023

Please go to website for more information www.arnesbybc.co.uk or text Pastor Johnny Hutton on: 07813 356364

St Mary's Church, Bruntingthorpe

Church Warden: Andy White - 07595 252030

Church service Sunday 17th September 2023, 10.30am

****Volunteers Needed****

Volunteers needed to deliver Hexagon Magazines in Husbands Bosworth. Please see details over page for streets that need covering.

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Foodbank

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Foodbank last month. The amount was less than last time 49.46Kg but very gratefully received by the Foodbank. It was nice that some people stay to have coffee and biscuits when dropping the goods off. They were very welcome. The next collection is Friday 6 October 2023.

As our village has expanded, we are now in need of some volunteers to deliver the Hexagon magazine each month. It is only 10 times a year and should not take longer than half an hour. The roads involved are Welford Road, The Green, School Lane, Knights Close, Cherry Tree Close, Kemp Drive and Berridges Lane. If you can offer some help, please contact Di Jones 01858 880741 or Jean Hutchings 01858 880131. Thank you.

Christmas Market and Trail 9th and 10th December 2023.

Please let us know if you would like to take part, run a stall, or help in any way.

Di Jones 01858 880741.

St. Nicholas Church, Mowsley

Church Warden: Janet Skinner - 01858 880276

Erica Hearnshaw - 0116 2404054

Our Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 24th September 2023 at 10.30am. Gifts (food) and flowers will be passed on to the Food Bank and would be greatly appreciated. Please deliver donations by Saturday morning of the 23rd of September 2023.

A reminder of the **Coffee Morning** at Glenbrook, Saddington Road, (Pauline & Rob Dawes) on Saturday 16th September 2023 at 10.30am. Which is a good venue to meet village people and have a chat. Supporting a very worthy cause.

St Mary Magdalen Church, Shearsby

Church Warden: David Durran - 0116 247 8708

Shearsby Fete

Shearsby Fete is to be held on the village green on Sunday 3rd September 2023 starting at 1pm.

Come and enjoy the varied traditional stalls, raffle, refreshment tent and entertainment by the Wigston Youth Enterprise Band. Admission £2 adults, children free.

All Saints Church, Theddingworth

Church Warden: Janet Lewis - 01858 881188 or 07847138865

Church Warden: Avril Bailey - 01858 880236 or 07977098666

Harvest Service

Please join us to celebrate the harvest on Sunday 24th September 2023 at 4.30pm. The church will be open on Saturday 23rd September 2023 at 2pm to receive gifts of produce, or you can bring your donations to the service. There will be refreshments and our usual auction of the produce after the service. We look forward to seeing you there.

Advertising in the Hexagon

The new advertising year is due to begin in October 2023. Each small box is £10 per issue or £100 for all 10 issues over the year. If you wish to advertise in the Hexagon, please contact Stephanie to discuss your request and provide artwork for your advert.
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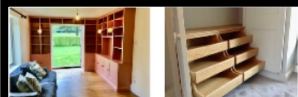


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BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER /OCTOBER 2023

Sunday 3rd September 2023, 10.30am Theddingworth

Sunday 10th September 2023, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 17th September 2023, 10.30am Bruntingthorpe
Sunday 17th September 2023, 3pm Knaptoft Church Ruins

Sunday 24th September 2023, 10.30am Mowsley

Sunday 1st October 2023, 10.30am Shearsby

Sunday 8th October 2023, 10.30am Arnesby

Sunday 15th October 2023, 10.30am Theddingworth

Sunday 22nd October 2023, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 29th October 2023, 10.30am Arnesby

Sunday 5th November 2023, 10.30am Mowsley

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