



The Hexagon

Benefice Magazine

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"Don't Come to Church to Worship"

Graham Kendrick, the well-known hymn-writer and worship leader said something that made me think. He said *"Don't come to church to worship ... Come worshipping"*.

This neat phrase nicely expresses a key aspect of the Christian faith; that worship is the primary calling and the most important activity for the Christian.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism puts the same truth in a slightly different way.

"Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."

Glorifying God, worshipping Him, therefore, cannot be other than the most important human activity on the face of the planet, or even in whatever remote corner of the universe, it cannot be otherwise.

Approaching this same truth from a different direction, John Piper once wrote *"Mission exists because worship doesn't"*.

The goal of all that the Church does is simply that men and women might worship God. For this to happen they need to hear the truth about God and themselves, embracing that truth, orient their lives around that truth. The outcome of all this is worship.

God is above and beyond all that we can imagine. He is inexpressibly glorious. He is unimaginably powerful. He is shockingly gracious. He is loving and merciful beyond measure. There is no response possible to this reality, other than a life of joyful worship.

Therefore, it seems that Graham Kendrick is correct, our worship should not be an irregular, time-limited activity, perhaps for an hour on a Sunday morning, but, instead, worship should be our normal way of being in the world. It should be an everyday and all-day experience. Giving thanks, enjoying our Father's presence, welcoming His activity, glorifying His deeds. Praising His name.

Certainly, regular corporate worship in church will be a part of this, but only a rather small part. Worship is for life, not just for Sunday.

Blessings

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HEXAGON NEWS

Foodbank

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Foodbank for the 108KG of food donated by your Churches (Husband Bosworth - 102kg / Shearsby - 16kg / Arnesby - 92kg) during November 2023.

Barry McHugh

Lutterworth & Villages Foodbank

St. Peter's Church, Arnesby

Church Warden: **Brian Spriggs - 0116 2478559**

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

Wednesday 21st February 2024 **Mrs Haris goes to Paris** (A widowed cleaner, in 1950's blows her pension on a trip to Paris to buy a Dior dress.)

Tuesday 19th March 2024 **My house in Umbria** (A group of travellers in Italy find solace and friendship after being thrown together by tragedy.)

Wednesday 17th April 2024 **The Fall** (Two girls who like to push the limits get stranded on top of a 2000ft abandoned radio tower.)

Compline at 7pm on Wednesdays in Lent, 21st February 2024 to 20th March 2024.

RIP

We are sad to report that two of our respected villagers died in December 2023.

Graham Middleton d. 15th December 2023 aged 66. Ex Chairman of Arnesby Parish Council, Chairman of the Loseby Charity, ex policeman and University security officer. Graham was a talented wood turner.

Norman Cundy d. 28th December 2023 aged 91. Norman had lived in Arnesby for 53 years, an enthusiastic walker and tennis player in his youth.

Arnesby Baptist Church

Sunday services at 10.45am & 6pm. Sunday Club available for all aged children

Tuesday morning Evergreen at The Barn (behind the chapel), coffee and friendship for the over 60s, 10.30-12pm

Wednesday morning ABC Toddlers at The Barn, 10-12pm, all pre-schoolers welcome with parents, Grandparents, carers.

Café, Explorers and Youth Club start again after February half-term break.

St Mary's Church, Bruntingthorpe

Church Warden: **Andy White - 07595 252030**



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Although it was a few weeks ago but we must thank everyone who supported our Carol Service with the Gospel Choir, they certainly kept their usual high standard.

PCC meeting Thursday, 15th February 2024 at 2.30pm. Erica has once again offered to host us at Saddington Road.

The Library VAN will be [2.30pm](#) usual place on 13th February 2024.

St Mary Magdalen Church, Shearsby
Church Warden: David Durran - 0116 247 8708

Our Christmas coffee morning was a huge success and raised £600 towards church funds. Thanks to all who cooked, bought, sold and donated goods and made it such an enjoyable morning.

The church looked lovely for our carol service with the Wigston Band. The collection of nearly £150 was taken to the local Salvation Army branch, for which they were overwhelmingly grateful.

All Saints Church, Theddingworth
Church Warden: Janet Lewis - 01858 881188 or 07847138865
Church Warden: Avril Bailey - 01858 880236 or 07977098666

Happy New Year to everyone from Theddingworth PCC

Please note that there will be an extra communion service on **Sunday the 25th of February 2024 at 10:30** to which all are welcome.

During this service Louise and Jack Boulton's daughter Emma will be baptised.



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All advertising and community news submissions, please submit by 10th of each month for the following month. All issues will be sent to print typically by the 3rd Friday of the month.

Blessings

from

The Benefice Team

BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICES

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024

Sunday 4th February 2024, 10.30am Shearsby

Sunday 11th February 2024, 10.30am Bruntingthorpe

Sunday 18th February 2024, 10.30am Theddingworth

Sunday 25th February 2024, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 3rd March 2024, 10.30am Arnesby

Sunday 10th March 2024, 10.30am Mowsley
Mothering Sunday

Sunday 17th March 2024, 10.30am Shearsby

Sunday 24th March 2024, 10.30am Bruntingthorpe
Palm Sunday

Sunday 31st March 2024, 10.30am Theddingworth
Easter Sunday

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