



The Hexagon

Benefice Magazine

JULY/AUGUST 2024

Rules - Bend, Break, or Obey?

Rules can be life-enhancing, or life-destroying. You cannot play football, or any game and enjoy it, unless everyone agrees about the rules, and the rules are enforced - Was that ball in or out? Was that a goal or not? Was that a foul or not? Without agreed rules, it is just chaos, and no-one enjoys playing. The rules give the game life. No rules, no game.

But you can also have rules that are life-destroying, that make life miserable. I remember growing up that on Sundays I wasn't allowed to watch TV, or to go out and play with my friends, which made Sundays the most boring day of the week. I can't believe how we couldn't see how demonic, how much of a Satanic corruption of God's Sabbath, that was.

Sabbath was a gift of God to humans to bring us life. One day every 6 to climb out of the hamster-wheel of life, to just stop, to take stock, to nourish and refresh ourselves, to do those things that help us to flourish and thrive as human beings.

Certainly, God will always be a part of Sabbath. Human beings are comprised of body, mind and soul, we cannot therefore flourish as human beings without God restoring our souls.

Sabbath is a beautiful gift from God to help us avoid burnout and stress, to stop constant work from destroying our family-relationships and friendships, to give us time and space to flourish as human beings.

Sabbath is a God-given safety-valve that gives us a chance every 6 days to stop, to put down the burdens of life and to do those things that will refresh our souls, that will give us life.

In the Hexagon Benefice we meet every Sunday morning, precisely for that reason. To refresh our souls, to meet with God, to be renewed, to be inspired, to be encouraged in our life as disciples of Jesus, to receive God's power in Holy Communion.

I wonder, how do you live Sabbath?

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HEXAGON NEWS

St. Peter's Church, Arnesby

Tuesday 2nd July St Peter's Church PCC meeting 2 pm at Cambridge House

Film Planning Evening

We are holding a meeting in **Arnesby Village Hall at 6.30 pm on Monday 12th August 2024**, to suggest and vote on films to be shown at Flicks in the Sticks from September 2024 to April 2025. Do, please join us and bring four things....

A contribution to a Bring & Share supper. Suggestions of films to show next season (Please check they are available on DVD). Your diary. Alcohol, if you wish. (Soft drinks, tea & coffee will be provided) *If you cannot come on 12th August 2024, but would like to suggest &/or sponsor a film, please contact Brian & Sue Spriggs – 0116 2478559*

FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S, ARNESBY (FOSPA)

You may have heard that we have established a Friends group in Arnesby. We are now a fully registered Charity and in the future the Friends will be able to help the PCC to maintain St Peters & the Churchyard.

SUNDAY TEAS IN CHURCH 3.30am TO 5.30am

Please join us for tea & a chat each Sunday until Sunday 29th September 2024 CASH SALES ONLY

Arnesby Baptist Church

Sunday morning service 10.45-12 followed by refreshments. Including Sunday Club for all aged children.

Sunday evening service 6-7pm.

Monday evening Ladies Group, 7.30-9pm.

Tuesday Evergreen Coffee Time, 10.45-12pm (In the Barn)

Tuesday evening, 7.30-9pm, Men's Group (2nd & 4th Tues. in month)

Tuesday evening whole church prayer, 3rd Tues in month.

Wednesday Parents, Babies & Toddlers, behind chapel 10am-12noon. (Term time)

Friday Café at The Barn, 2.30-5pm.

Friday 6-7.15pm, Explorers. (School years 1 - 6, term time)

Friday Youth Club, 7.30-9pm.

We are now taking bookings for Kids & Youth Camp. See website for details.

Please go to website for more information

www.arnesbybc.co.uk or text Pastor Johnny Hutton on 07813 356364

St Mary's Church, Bruntingthorpe

Bruntingthorpe Village Hall Drop In

Weekly on Thursdays at 10am to 12 noon. Coffee, chat, and biscuits. £1 towards costs.



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**ST MARY'S BRUNTINGTHORPE
FLOWER FESTIVAL
17th and 18th AUGUST
10am - 4pm**

Following the success of last year's Flower Festival we are making this an annual event. This year the theme is:-

"THE OLYMPICS"

Entry is free - come and join us for tea/coffee and cakes and enjoy the colourful, fun, quirky, interesting and varied displays in our beautiful village church.

If anyone would like to help with making a display, baking a cake, serving tea/coffee and cake, selling raffle tickets or contributing in any way please contact me.

All proceeds to St Mary's Church, Bruntingthorpe.

Thank you
Julie White - 07960 420446 or whitejulie682@gmail.com

St Mary Magdalen Church, Shearsby

Live on the Green in Shearsby

Annual fundraising event by the Community Association.
Saturday 10 August 2024 from 6pm to late on the Village Green, free car park.

Tickets from The Chandlers Arms in Shearsby, £15 each (£17.50 at the gate), children under 12 free. 30th Anniversary Special - four great cover bands: Pirates of Soul, Relentless, High Pressure, Conundrum.

Check out "Shearsby Live on The Green" on Facebook for more details.

Shearsby Village Hall Talks

Legacy Fortress for Generations (Power of attorney and inheritance planning) - Mon 9th September 2024
Fieldwalking - Mon 11th November 2024
All talks start 7.30pm in Shearsby Village Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Ticket per talk per person: £5 minimum donation.

Details and tickets, please email shearsbyhall@gmail.com or see any of the Committee Trustees.

Do come and support these new fund-raising events.

Shearsby Nature Group

A group of local residents who care about nature, biodiversity and climate change, and want to do something about it.

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 20 July 2024 at 2pm** in Shearsby Village Hall. We welcome any like-minded people to come along and together help to give wildlife a helping hand. Other forthcoming events in 2024: Moth mornings, Bee talk and walk, Apple family fun day. For more details, please contact **Man-Lan on 07368260982** or email shearsbynaturegroup@gmail.com

Foodbank News

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Foodbank for the 93kg (Arnesby-91kg / Shearsby-2kg) of food collected by your Church during May 2024.

Barry McHugh, Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank



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All Good Things.....Must Come To An End

All good things must come to an end. It is with great sadness that we announce the end of the Hexagon monthly magazine. The last issue will be September 2024 which will coincide with the end of the advertising year for our loyal advertisers.

This difficult decision has been taken due to a decrease in distributors and an ever evolving world with new technology. The Hexagon was started long ago to inform residents of church services and local community events and this will be continued, but in digital form.

With September being the last issue, we will be assisting everyone in accessing their local church and community information online. Many villages have their own community websites and Facebook pages. The Hexagon will have its own page and be managed by the benefice team and churchwardens. Some also have WhatsApp groups.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself in the meantime if you need assistance accessing online content, I can provide you with online links either by email or WhatsApp.

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Blessings from Stephanie and The Benefice Team

BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICES

JULY/AUGUST 2024

Sunday 7th July 2024, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 14th July 2024, 10.30am Mowsley

Sunday 21st July 2024, 10.30am Shearsby

*Sunday 21st July 2024, 3pm Knaptoft Church Ruins

Sunday 28th July 2024, 10.30am Bruntingthorpe

Sunday 4th August 2024, 10.30am Theddingworth

Sunday 11th August 2024, 10.30am Husbands Bosworth

Sunday 18th August 2024, 10.30am Arnesby

* Sunday 18th August 2024, 3pm Knaptoft Church Ruins

Sunday 25th August 2024, 10.30am Mowsley

Sunday 1st September 2024, 10.30am Shearsby

Midweek Service 10:00am every Wednesday

at

Husbands Bosworth

Coffee and biscuits after the service at 10.45am.

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