

Hello everyone,

Some advanced warning that the Woodfield Team Office will be unstaffed from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August as this will be my last day as the team's Administrator.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August enquiries will therefore need to go direct to Revd Rick Tett on 01530 610235 or at [woodfieldteamvicar@gmail.com](mailto:woodfieldteamvicar@gmail.com), until a new administrator is appointed.

There will be a united team service on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> at Measham and it would be lovely to see you there before I am off to begin ministerial training in September.



### Sunday Services:

This Sunday there will be services of Holy Communion at Measham and Snarestone, Morning Prayer at Donisthorpe and Sweptstone, Morning Worship at Normanton, and Breakfast Church at Packington, all at 10.00am.

### Looking ahead:

A quieter week this week:

Midweek Communion will be at Appleby on Wednesday at 10.00am;

Activeage also meet on Wednesday at 11.00am in Measham church hall;

Next Sunday (10<sup>th</sup>) at 10.00am we have Holy Communion at Appleby, Morning Worship with Baptisms at Donisthorpe and Packington, and Breakfast Church at Measham.

Further ahead, please note that the team service with Holy Communion on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August will be at **Measham** at 10.00am, *and not Appleby* as you may have seen advertised in July's Parish Newslines.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August - The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard seed,  
make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Reading for 3<sup>rd</sup> August - Colossians 3:1-11 New International Version (UK)



### Living as those made alive in Christ

<sup>3</sup> Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. <sup>8</sup> But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

## 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.

- Almighty God we pray for our Woodfield Team and ask that our churches be given a clear vision of what is needed to be both focused and relevant in all that is good and serves your purpose of spreading the Good News where we are. Help us to set our hearts on things above, where Christ is, and to put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of you, our Creator.
- Merciful God, we pray for our troubled world. Give wisdom to all world leaders to seek some way out of the sufferings of the Middle East. May they strive to seek for a deep and lasting peace.
- Everlasting God, we pray that all who come into our churches may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace, and most of all awareness of your abiding presence. Help us to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ with those whom we love and live amongst.
- Father God, we pray for our families and friends, raising before you those we know with particular needs. May your peace and love surround them, bringing them comfort and strength.
- Compassionate Lord, 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.
- Merciful God, we ask that you receive into your loving care those known to us who have died. Surround their loved ones with your compassion and give them a patient faith to comfort them in their time of grief.
- Faithful God, we offer you these prayers for ourselves and for others. As we look forward to the week to come, we pray for an awareness of your love and support in all we do.

**Amen.**