



Welcome

Welcome to this week's e-news from across our eight parishes. It's lovely to have you with us, whether you're a regular reader or have only recently joined our mailing list.

Read on for:

- This week's Sunday services
- Our diary for the week ahead
- A link to last Sunday's sermon
- Details of community events and activities across the Benefice

We're well into our Harvest Festival season, and this Sunday St Peter's Bourton will be holding its Harvest Festival service at 9am, instead of the usual BCP Communion. Do have a look at the Services section for details of all our Sunday services.

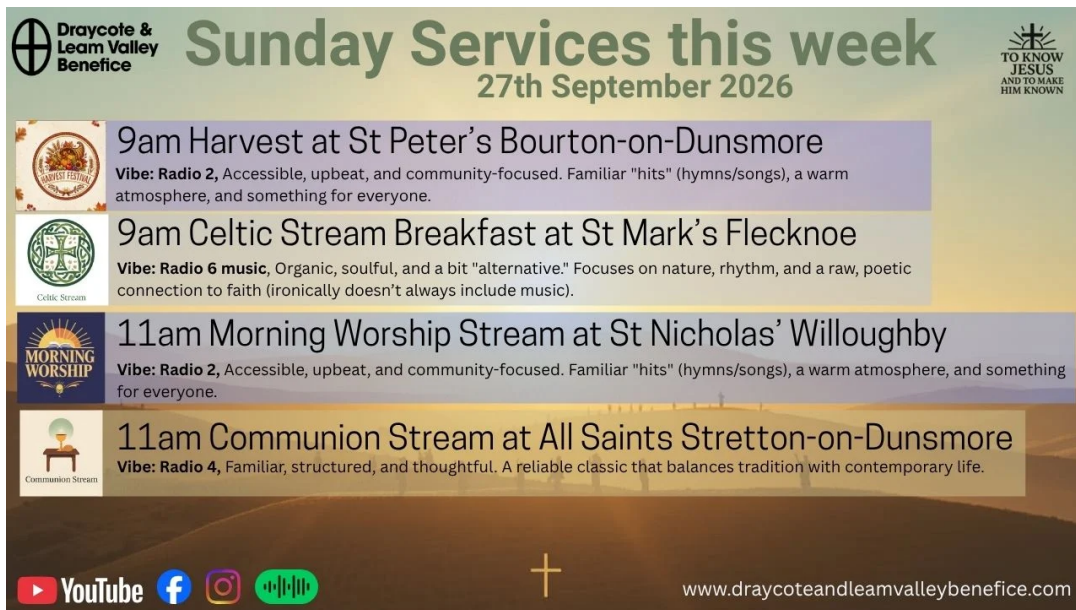
One final note: next week's Sing Along and Slice at Willoughby has unfortunately had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. Future dates will be shared in due course.

I hope you find something here that is useful, and I hope to see you at one of our churches soon.

God bless,

Phil

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Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice **Sunday Services this week** **27th September 2026** **TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN**

	9am Harvest at St Peter's Bourton-on-Dunsmore Vibe: Radio 2 , Accessible, upbeat, and community-focused. Familiar "hits" (hymns/songs), a warm atmosphere, and something for everyone.
	9am Celtic Stream Breakfast at St Mark's Flecknoe Vibe: Radio 6 music , Organic, soulful, and a bit "alternative." Focuses on nature, rhythm, and a raw, poetic connection to faith (ironically doesn't always include music).
	11am Morning Worship Stream at St Nicholas' Willoughby Vibe: Radio 2 , Accessible, upbeat, and community-focused. Familiar "hits" (hymns/songs), a warm atmosphere, and something for everyone.
	11am Communion Stream at All Saints Stretton-on-Dunsmore Vibe: Radio 4 , Familiar, structured, and thoughtful. A reliable classic that balances tradition with contemporary life.

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This Sunday in the Benefice – 27th September

This week we are on Week D (with a slight tweak):

- 9am Celtic Breakfast at St Mark's Flecknoe
- 9am Harvest Festival at St Peter's Bourton-on-Dunsmore
- 11am Communion at All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore
- 11am Morning Worship at St Nicholas Willoughby

More details about our services



Diary 17th-23rd September

Thursday 24th September

10-12.00 - [Coffee Stop Stretton](#)

7.30pm - [Zoom Bible Study](#)

Friday 25th September

2.00pm - [Bible Book Club](#)

Saturday 26th September

9.30am - [Morning Prayer Stretton](#)

Sunday 27th September:

SUNDAY SERVICES (SEE ABOVE)

Tuesday 29th September:

9am - [Zoom Morning Prayer](#)

Wednesday 30th September

9.30am - [Morning Prayer Birdingbury](#)

N.B. This weekly diary is compiled by Rev Phil, who does his best to include everything happening across the benefice. However, with so much going on, it is not always possible to guarantee every event will be included unless details are sent in directly. If you would like an activity or event included, please email details by 9pm on the Wednesday evening before that week's e-news is sent out.



Together For Rugby: Launching the Harvest 2026 Appeal

Churches across Rugby are joining forces this Harvest season with a single, ambitious goal: collecting **6 tonnes of food** to support local individuals and families facing severe hardship.

Several of our Benefice churches will be taking part as part of their Harvest Festival celebrations—so watch this space for more information on specific services and events!

How You Can Help Reach 6 Tonnes

- **Donate Food Items** Pick up an extra item or two from our current shopping list during your weekly shop. Dropping off essential, non-perishable food ensures balanced parcels are ready for local families in crisis.
- **Donate Financially** Monetary gifts directly cover the costs of warehousing, sorting, and distributing food. Financial support also helps fund sustainable projects that tackle the root causes of local poverty.

You can download the shopping list for needed items [here](#)



Sunday Teaching On Demand

You can watch last Sunday's reflection by clicking on the image above, a new reflection will be posted on Sunday —

We also have nearly four years of sermons, Bible teaching, reflections, and creative resources available online, helping you stay rooted in God's Word whenever and wherever suits you.

 Watch on [YouTube](#)

 Listen on [Spotify](#)

If you'd prefer, you can also browse our full [sermon and video library](#) on our website.



Small Groups

We have many opportunities to meet together to explore faith —



Midweek Worship

We gather regularly for worship during the week, both in person

in person, on Zoom, during the day, and in the evening. Click the button below for details of our different groups and how to get involved.

[Small Groups](#)



Community Activities

There are many community activities taking place across our villages — from our weekly Coffee Stop in Stretton to our occasional Sing-along-and-Slice in Willoughby. Click the button below to see what's happening.

[Community Activities](#)

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and on Zoom, through Morning Prayer, Communion, and other simple rhythms of worship. Click the button below to explore our midweek services.

[Midweek Worship](#)



Children and families

We offer a variety of activities for children and families, from monthly Building Church with Lego, crafts, and Bible fun to our monthly youth group for school years 7, 8 and 9. Click the button below to explore what's on offer.

[Children and families](#)

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