



Welcome

Things are certainly getting busier again! After the slower pace of the summer, it is actually rather nice to be getting back into our usual routines and rhythms across the Benefice.

One of the things I particularly enjoy about this time of year is seeing our Bible study groups starting up again. I was at our Wednesday Home Group last night, I'm looking forward to our Zoom Bible Study tonight, and then it's Bible Book Club tomorrow. It's good to be back together, opening up the Bible, asking questions and encouraging one another in our faith.

Whilst we're talking about Zoom groups, there is one small but important thing to note this term: **we are using new Zoom links**. So please make sure you use the link published in this week's e-news or on the Benefice website, rather than reusing an old link you may have saved from previous meetings.

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[!\[\]\(faf942dc3e59ce8eb64b4ac481eca7e0_img.jpg\) Tuesday Morning Prayer](#)

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Hopefully this will avoid any unnecessary technological excitement as we get back into the swing of things!

Every blessing,
Phil

[Website](#)



Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice **Sunday Services this week** **13th Septmeber 2026** **TO KNOW JESUS AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN**

9am BCP Stream at St Mark's Flecknoe
Vibe: Radio 3, High culture, traditional, and contemplative. Expect beautiful formal language, stillness, and a sense of timelessness.

9am Breakfast at All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore
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 Communion Stream at St Nicholas' Willoughby
Vibe: Radio 4, Familiar, structured, and thoughtful. A reliable classic that balances tradition with contemporary life.

5pm Harvest Festival Service at St Peter's Grandborough
Vibe: Radio 2, Accessible, upbeat, and community-focused. Familiar "hits" (hymns/songs), a warm atmosphere, and something for everyone.

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This Sunday in the Benefice – 13th September

This week we are on Week B, but with one slight change:

- 9am Celtic Breakfast at All Saints Stretton-on-Dunsmore
- 9am BCP Communion at St Mark's Flecknoe
- 11am Communion at St Nicholas Willoughby
- 5pm Harvest Festival at St Peter's, Grandborough

[More details about our services](#)



Diary 10th-16th September

Thursday 10th September

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

7.30pm - [Zoom Bible Study Returns](#)

Friday 11th September

2.00pm - [Bible Book Club Returns](#)

Saturday 12th September

9.30am - [Morning Prayer Stretton](#)

Sunday 13th September:

SUNDAY SERVICES (SEE ABOVE)

Tuesday 15th September:

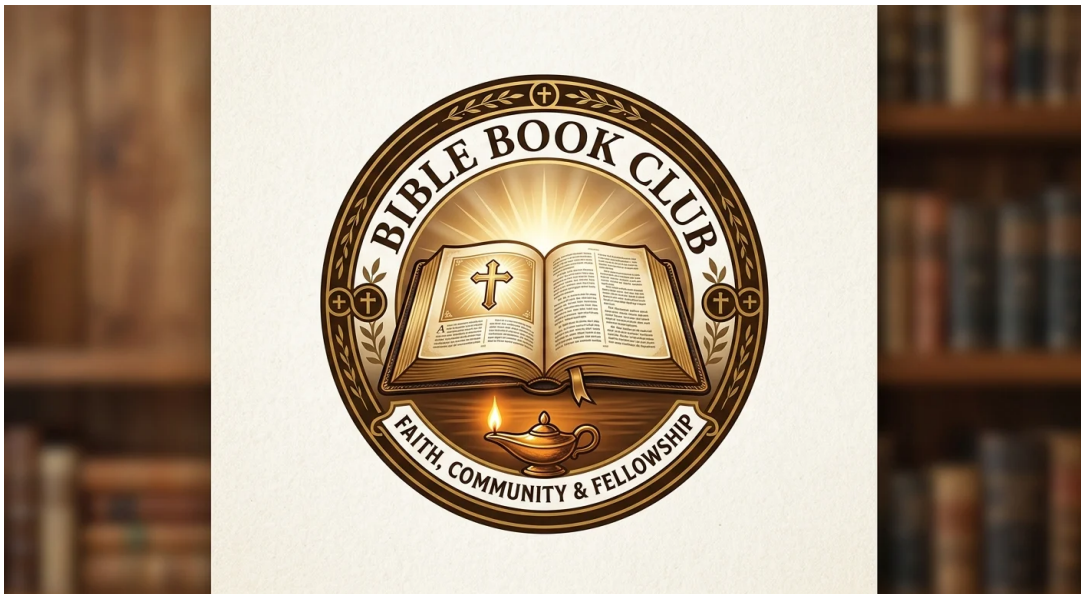
9am - [Zoom Morning Prayer](#)

Wednesday 16th September

9.30am - [Morning Prayer Birdingbury](#)

7.00 - [Wednesday Home Group](#)

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.



Bible Book Club returns Tomorrow (11th September)

Our Bible Book Club restarts on **Friday, 11th September at 2:00 PM** at the Vicarage.

We will be continuing our journey through John's Gospel. Everyone is welcome—whether you have attended before or are brand new! No prior Bible knowledge is necessary; in fact, we often find that the simplest questions lead to the most interesting discussions.

To request the venue address, please
email: rector@draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com



Confident Faith: Apologetics for Everyone. Zoom Course

Our Zoom Bible Study group is restarting **This evening (10th September) at 7:30 PM** via Zoom.

Over the next 6 weeks, we will be running a course on apologetics—the reasoned defence and systematic explanation of the Christian faith. It is ideal both for those exploring Christianity who want to understand *why* to believe, and for committed Christians seeking to grow more confident in their faith and in sharing it with others.

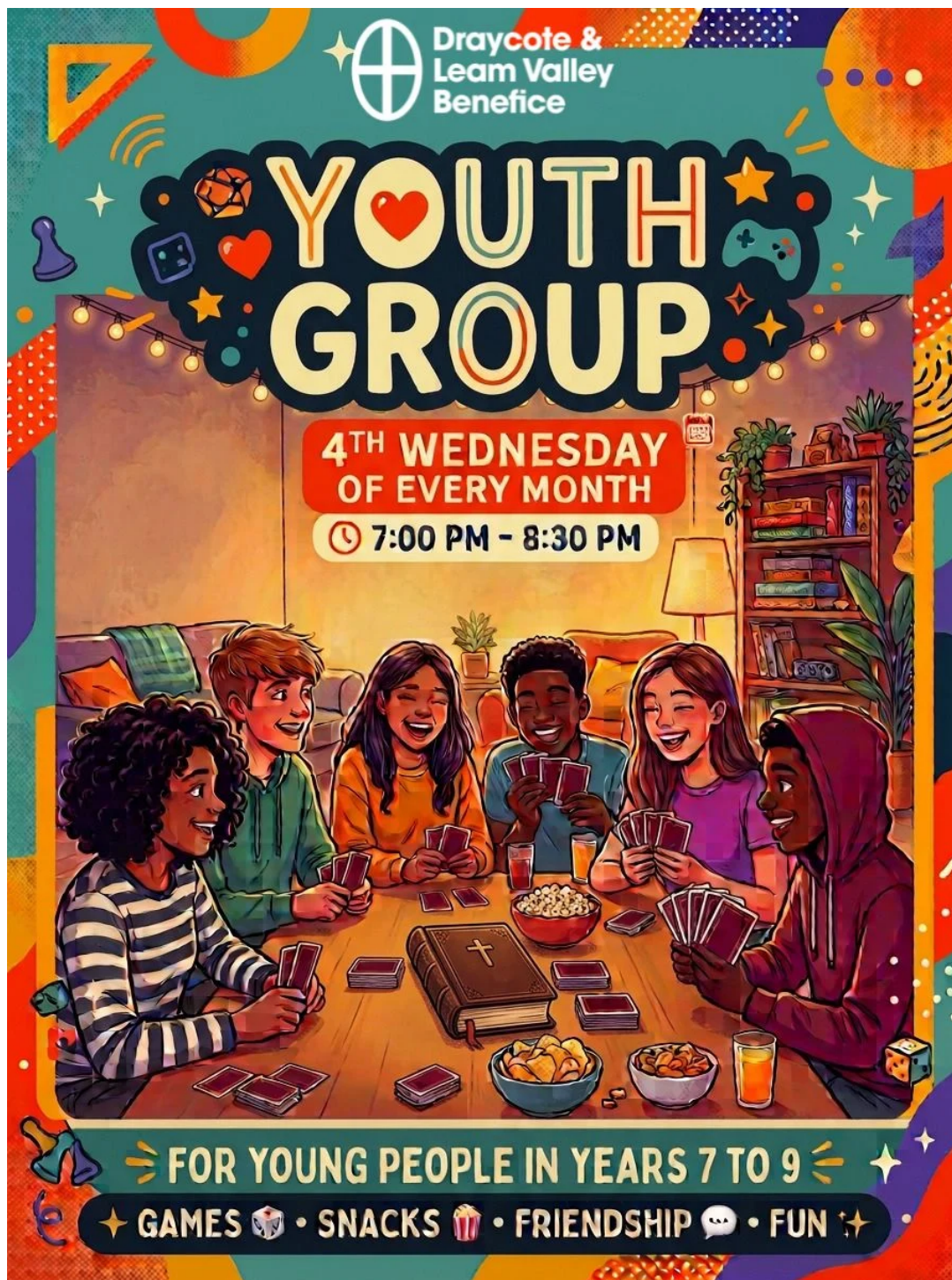
You can watch the short promo video above to find out more about what to expect.

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To join or for more information, please email:
rector@draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com



Youth Group Relaunch & Volunteers Needed

Our youth group is back for the new academic year and running on a regular schedule! We meet on **the fourth Wednesday of every month** from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** at the **St Cuthbert's Room in Knightlow**.

Open to young people in school years 7 through 9, the sessions feature plenty of social deduction games (like *Mafia* and *The Traitors*), snacks, and a relaxed 10-minute chat around the Bible. It's completely free of

charge, and young people are very welcome to bring friends along to try it out.

Can you help? To keep the youth group running smoothly and safely, we are looking for a few more adult volunteers to join the rota to help set up, serve snacks, and join in the fun. If you can spare a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening once a month—or would like to know more—please get in touch with Phil Price.

- **To sign up your child:** Please fill out our [online contact and medical form](#).
- **To volunteer or ask questions:** Please email Phil at Rector@draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com .

IGNITE

@ *Dunchurch Baptist Church*

Join us monthly for worship, games, discussion and
Bible exploration.

Designed for young people, open to all.

6:30PM-8:00PM



2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Food (e.g. pizza/hotdogs) will be served at 6.30pm with the
service starting at 7pm.

For more information please contact Claire Thomas
claire.t@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk



Ignite Youth Event at Dunchurch Baptist Church

Dunchurch Baptist Church host **Ignite**, a monthly church service designed especially for young people and open to all, taking place on the second Sunday of every month.

Things kick off at 6.30 PM with food like pizza or hot dogs, followed at 7.00 PM by an hour of worship, games, videos, discussion, and Bible exploration.

It is a fantastic opportunity for youth to connect and dive into faith in a relaxed, engaging environment.



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

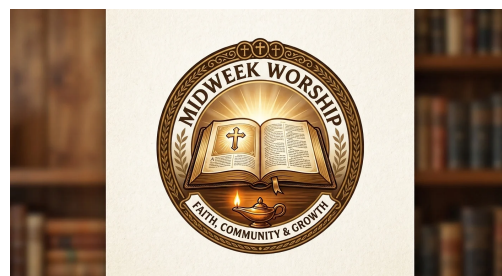
You can watch last Sunday's reflection by clicking on the image above, a new reflection will be posted on Sunday —

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 — 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 bi-monthly Sing-a-Long-a-Slice in Willoughby. Click the button below to see what's happening.

Community Activities

Midweek Worship

We gather regularly for worship during the week, both in person 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 St Nicholas Church Children's Choir and our monthly youth group for school years 7 and 8. Click the button below to explore what's on offer.

Children and families

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