



Welcome

It's been another busy week as we settle back into the autumn term, and one of the things I've particularly enjoyed is being reminded of the many different ways our churches are connected with the communities around us.

Yesterday I was at Knightlow Primary School leading an assembly, and it was a real joy to spend time with the children. We are very fortunate to have such good links with both of our church schools, Knightlow Primary and Leamington Hastings Academy, and those relationships are an important part of our ministry across the Benefice.

Both schools also have opportunities for people from our churches to serve as **Foundation Governors**. It's a practical way of supporting our schools, helping to uphold their Christian character and being part of the life of the school community. You don't need to be an educational expert or have been a governor before — just a willingness to contribute and an interest in helping our schools flourish.

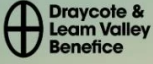
If you think you might be interested in becoming a Foundation Governor, **please do speak to me or drop me an email** and I'd be very happy to tell you a little more about what's involved.

And, of course, there is plenty else happening across our churches over the coming weeks, so do take a few minutes to have a look through the diary and see what's coming up.

Every blessing,

Phil

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Sunday Services this week

Week C (3rd Sunday of the month)





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



9am Celtic Stream Breakfast at St Peter's Grandborough
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 All Saints Stretton-on-Dunsmore
Vibe: Radio 2, Accessible, upbeat, and community-focused. Familiar "hits" (hymns/songs), a warm atmosphere, and something for everyone.



11am Communion Stream at St Leonard's Birdingbury
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 – 20th September

This week we are on Week C :

- 9am Celtic Breakfast at St Peter's, Grandborough
- 9am BCP Communion at St Nicholas Frankton
- 11am Communion at St Leonard's Birdingbury
- 11am Morning Worship at All Saints Stretton-on-Dunsmore

[More details about our services](#)



Diary 17th-23rd September

Thursday 17th September

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

7.30pm - [Zoom Bible Study](#)

Friday 18th September

2.00pm - [Bible Book Club](#)

Saturday 19th September

9.30am - [Morning Prayer Stretton](#)

Sunday 20th September:

SUNDAY SERVICES (SEE ABOVE)

Tuesday 22nd September:

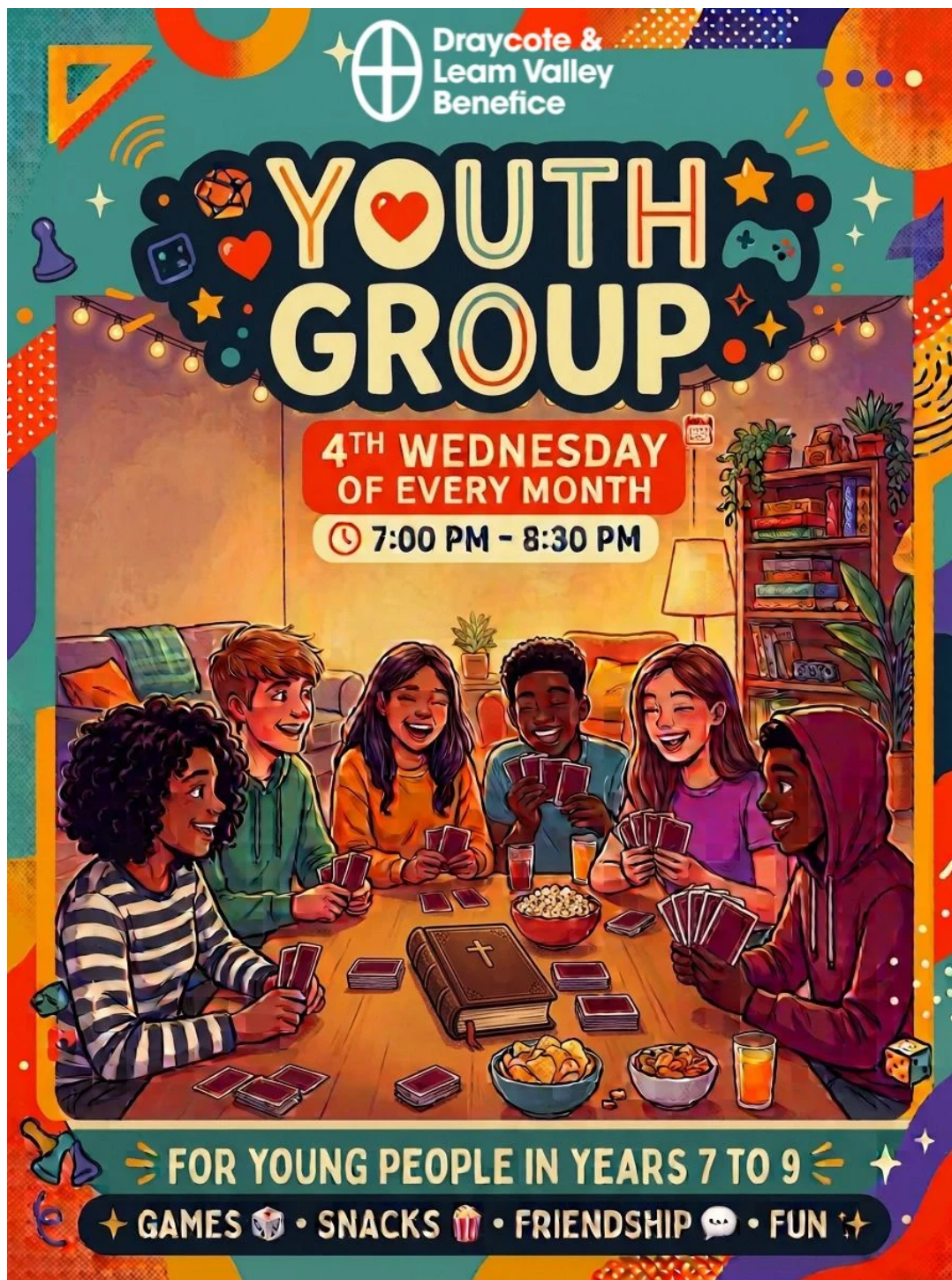
9am - [Zoom Morning Prayer](#)

Wednesday 23rd September

9.30am - [Morning Prayer Birdingbury](#)

7.00 - [Youth 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.



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 .

- **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 .



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](#)

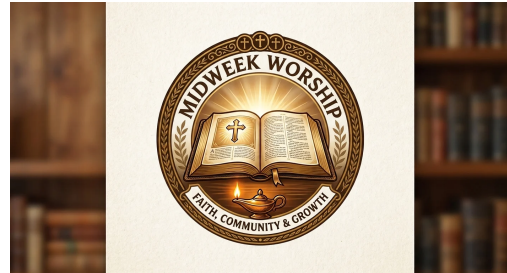
If you'd prefer, you can also browse our full [sermon and video library](#) on our website.



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



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



Community Activities



Children and families

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](#)

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.

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