

## Welcome

We're aware that some people haven't been receiving our e-news recently due to technical issues with delivery, so as we switch platforms to help address that, we thought it was also a good opportunity to give things a bit of a refresh. So welcome to the first *Weekly Rhythm* — our new-look Benefice e-News.

The aim of *The Weekly Rhythm* is simple: to help us stay connected across the benefice, keep up to date with what's happening, and share more easily in the worship, prayer, and everyday life of our churches.

You'll notice a couple of helpful changes, including a Weekly Diary to give a simple "at a glance" view of what's coming up this week, while some repeated notices have now been replaced by website links, making key information easier to find while keeping this e-news a little clearer.

We've kept our Sunday services graphic first so you can quickly see what's happening this Sunday, and we're still including upcoming activities, along with an embedded video of Sunday's sermon for those who weren't able to hear it in person.

We hope *The Weekly Rhythm* helps us stay informed, encouraged, and connected as we share in church life together across the benefice. Whilst we try and get everything coming up in the next week or so into the Weekly Rhythm our website has fuller details of everything that is going on and you can access it via the button below.

Website

**Draycote & Leam Valley Benefice** **Sunday Services this week** **Week B (2nd Sunday of the month)** **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 Celtic 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 Morning Worship Stream at St Peter's Grandborough**  
**Vibe: Radio 2**, Accessible, upbeat, and community-focused. Familiar "hits" (hymns/songs), a warm atmosphere, and something for everyone.

**11am Communion Stream at St Nicholas' Willoughby**  
**Vibe: Radio 4**, Familiar, structured, and thoughtful. A reliable classic that balances tradition with contemporary life.

YouTube Facebook Instagram Podcast [www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com](http://www.draycoteandleamvalleybenefice.com)

## This Sunday in the Benefice – 10th May

Where will you join us this week? A warm welcome awaits across our churches:

**9.00am**

**Celtic Breakfast** – All Saints, Stretton-on-Dunsmore

**BCP Communion Prayer** – St Mark's, Flecknoe

**11.00am**

**Holy Communion** – St Nicholas, Willoughby

**Morning Worship** – St Peter's, Grandborough

Whether you prefer traditional, Celtic, or informal worship, there's a place for you. We'd love to see you.

More details about our services



## Diary 7th May-13th May

### Thursday 7th May:

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

10-12.00 - [Farmers Market, Grandborough](#)

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

### Friday 8th May:

2.00pm - [Bible Book Club](#)

### Saturday 9th May:

9.30am - [Morning Prayer at Stretton](#)

### Sunday 10th May:

SUNDAY SERVICES (SEE ABOVE)

### Monday 11th May:

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

6.30pm - Benefice APCM, Leamington  
Hastings (SEE BELOW)

**Tuesday 12th May:**

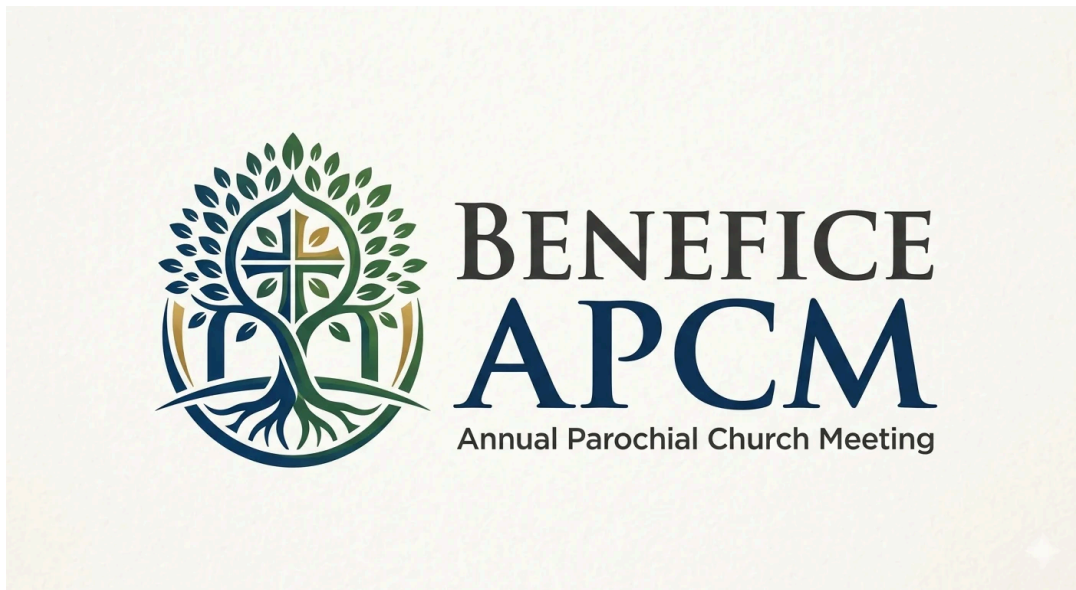
9.00am - [Zoom Morning Prayer](#)

**Wednesday 13th May**

10.00am - [Midweek Communion in the  
Birdingbury Club](#)

4.00pm - Building Church, Leamington  
Hastings (SEE BELOW)

event included,  
please email details  
by 9pm on the  
Wednesday evening  
before that week's e-  
news is sent out.



## **Benefice APCM**

Our Benefice APCM is fast approaching, and everyone is warmly invited to gather on **Monday 11th May at 6:30pm** at **All Saints, Leamington Hastings**.

We'll begin together in worship, giving thanks for all that has happened across the benefice, during which Phil will reflect on 2025 and share vision for 2026 and beyond.

After this, we'll break into individual parishes for the formal APCM business, including reports, approvals, and votes, before coming back together to enjoy a shared **fish and chip supper**.

**Chippy tea is being provided free of charge** for all who attend, with food delivered fresh from Dunchurch.

**Menu options include:**

- Small fish & chips
- Sausage (plain or battered) & chips
- Fishcake & chips
- Pie (chicken or beef) & chips
- Chicken nuggets & chips
- Chips only

Salt, vinegar, ketchup, plus hot and cold drinks will all be available.

Each parish has someone coordinating food choices locally. If you know who this is in your parish, please pass your order to them directly. If you're not sure please e-mail Barbara (barbaraclutton@hotmail.com) will also be able to take your order and make sure it gets to the right place.



## **Building Church**

Looking for something welcoming, creative, and a little different? Building Church at All Saints Leamington Hastings is for everyone — children, adults, regular churchgoers, and those just curious.

Join us for:

- Tea and coffee
- Lego building fun
- Craft activities
- A light evening meal together
- A relaxed time of biblical reflection that's engaging for children and meaningful for adults too

**Next session:**

**Wednesday 13th May**

**4:00–5:30pm**

**All Saints Church, Leamington Hastings**

Building Church meets on the **second Wednesday of each month at All Saints Leamington Hastings.**

Come and eat, build, create, reflect, and enjoy time together — everyone is very welcome.



## **Exploring Service Leading**

Are you involved in leading services across the benefice — or wondering whether it might be something you'd like to explore?

On **Monday 1st June at 8.30pm**, we're holding a Service Leading Gathering **at the Vicarage** for anyone who currently leads, helps lead, or is simply interested in finding out more.

This will be a relaxed and practical evening for both those who are curious about service leading and those with experience who would value sharing ideas, learning from one another, and strengthening what we offer across our churches.


If that sounds helpful or interesting, you'd be very welcome to come along.



## Sunday Teaching On Demand

Above, you can watch last Sunday's sermon — whether you're catching up, reflecting again, or exploring faith during the week.

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

There are many community activities taking place across our



## Children and families

We offer a variety of activities for children and families, from monthly Building Church with

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](#)

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](#)

## **News from Friends of the Benefice**

# IGNITE

@ *Dunchurch Baptist Church*

Where faith grows, friendships deepen, and everyone belongs.

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

Designed for young people, open to all.



**2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**6:30PM-8:00PM**

STARTING 10TH MAY | FOOD PROVIDED

For more information please contact Claire Thomas  
[claire.t@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:claire.t@dunchurchbaptistchurch.org.uk)



## Ignite at Dunchurch Baptist Church

Dunchurch Baptist Church is launching a new monthly gathering on the second Sunday evening of each month.

The group is primarily aimed at young people, but open to anyone. Its aim is to provide a space where young people from smaller churches across the area can connect with one another and explore faith together in a supportive environment.

If you know of any young people who might benefit, please do pass on the invitation.



## **Teams4U Stretton-on-Dunsmore**

The Teams4U Stretton-on-Dunsmore Shoebox Appeal is once again collecting donations to help bring joy to children in need.

They welcome donations of toys, stationery, hygiene items, shoeboxes, and practical support such as knitting, sewing, box wrapping, and storage.

A full list of suggested donations, along with other ways to support, is available to download [here](#).

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