



# All Saints'

# HERALD

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## *Vicar's Welcome Message*

Welcome to the third bumper July, August & first part of September edition of our church newsletter! It contains all of the up to date information and (when read online) internet links you're used to, plus we're also including some articles about events which have already happened, plus- from time to time- photos! I hope this will prove to be a blessing to you, and that it will help you engage in church life on Sundays and throughout the week. All Saints Herald will be available online and in print as usual. If you have any feedback on this new style, please let Gayle in the Parish Office know on 07907 022858 or

[allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com)

*Vicar, Nicky Skipworth*

## Sunday Morning Worship in July, August and September

*we'd love you to stay for refreshments after the service*

10 am Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Mass for the 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Mass for St. Swithun's Day with Shirley
10 am Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Parish Mass for the 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
	<b><i>Outdoor service (weather permitting)</i></b>
10 am Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Mass for the 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Service (Ante-Communion led by LLM Gillian) for the 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Service (Ante-Communion led by LLM Gillian) for the 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
10 am Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Parish Mass for the 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	<b><i>No 10am Parish Mass being held &amp; no Online</i></b>
	<b><i>Evening Worship</i></b>
10 am Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Parish Mass for the 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity
10am Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Mass for the 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

*7pm Sundays - Evening Worship (online)*

*10am Thursdays - Midweek Worship (in-person)*

## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

Ensuring that children and young people as well as adults are kept safe whilst in our care is an integral part of our church life. If you have any concerns about safeguarding please contact:

Sandra Miller, Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator 07903 756492

and/or the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor 01636 817200.

Out of Hours for Children & Adults: Nottinghamshire: 0300 4564546. Bawtry: 01302 796000

## Midweek Worship

10am Thursdays in Church. If you would like to bring your furry or younger family members to worship – you are very welcome to do so. Everyone is welcome.

For church team contact details, please call the Parish Office on 07907 022858.

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Vicar 07734 233742

## **Next PCC meeting**

Our next two Parochial Church Council (PCC) meetings will be 6.30pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> September at David's house.

## **Team Meeting**

Our next team meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10am. There is no team meeting in August but we'll be back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the

## **'Simply...'**

Our beautiful and innovative service takes place, hosted by Gillian and Ron at 7pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July in All Saints'.

*Please use the QR Code for our poster to check the latest dates*



## **All Saints' Herald Ideas**

Is there something you would like to see in future edition of The All Saints' Herald? If so, please send these ideas to us. Equally if you would like to advertise your event in future editions of the ASH – please contact the Parish office on [allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com) or 07907 022858.

## **Outdoor Service**

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, we are hoping to have our Sunday 10am Parish Mass outside in the Churchyard (weather permitting). Please bring camping chairs, picnic blankets, etc. for comfort. If the great British weather sends us rain, we'll move indoors.

## **Holy Baptism & Admission to Communion**

The Vicar is delighted to announce that 3 children are being prepared for baptism and Admission to Communion. The baptisms and admissions will take place during worship on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for Tommy (15), John (10) and

## **Special Shirley & St. Swithun's Sunday Service**

The wonderful and talented Shirley Price will be joining us for a Special Sunday worship on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Many remember Shirley for her amazing flower arranging talents that really made All Saints' Church fragrantly beautiful over the many years.

We will be celebrating this event with Tea and scones after the service and would like to invite all available to come and join us in this wonderful day of celebration.

*Please follow the QR code (to the right) for our poster of the event.*



## Parish Office Closed

Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed for a holiday (half term) from 2.30pm Friday 26th July until Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. At this time we recommend that you send your enquiries either via email to [allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com) or contact Nicky on 07734 233742 (please note Nicky's holidays (**Nicky's holidays 29<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> August then 22<sup>nd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August**)).

## Weddings

As wedding season is in full swing we will be welcoming a number of couples and their families for wedding rehearsals and celebrations.

Weddings are always a joyous occasion here at All Saints' and are a public event, that anyone is welcome to attend. The following weddings will be taking place over the summer:

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Alex & Lucy**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July – Scarlett & Joseph**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August – Luke & Laura**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Thanksgiving for Marriage for Sarah & Neil**

**(Offiated by Rev' Andrew Pearse).**

We pray for all the couples, entering into married life together.

## Small Saints

This is our twice-monthly 'chat and play' group for babies, toddlers, pre-schoolers (plus younger home-schooled children)! All kinds of families are welcome.

Fridays: 12<sup>th</sup> July & 13<sup>th</sup> September  
10 -11am

Thursdays: 25<sup>th</sup> July & 26<sup>th</sup> September  
11am - 12pm

**July's sessions will be outside with a picnic (weather permitting).**

**Please note there are no Small Saints sessions in August.**

On Thursdays, our midweek act of worship takes place at 10am and Small Saints folx are welcome to come early and join in with this, too. Please scan or click the QR code for the poster.



## Polling Station

Please be aware that the Church Hall will be used as a Polling Station for the next general election on 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please pray for all volunteers that will be ensuring this endeavour runs efficiently and smoothly. The Vicar urges all to exercise their democratic rights.

## Pastoral visiting

Did you know we provide monthly visits to Meadow View (formerly Hesley Village) in Hesley, Brailsford House on Main Street and Rose Farm Care Home in Styrrup? We also offer one to one visits to people living in their own home, including follow up after a funeral. Just call/WhatsApp our Parish Office for more information on 07907 022858, or the Vicar on 07734 233742. No previous church connection is necessary to receive a visit and we are always delighted to be asked. Please pray for Beryl and Ann currently in training by Nicky for visiting care home settings.

## Harworth and Bircotes Pride

We have emailed out a request to our ASH recipients for volunteers to assist in our shared tent at Pride – if this is something you feel you could help with please contact the Parish Office. Harworth & Bircotes Pride takes place from 12pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, starting with the Pride Walk from Snipe Park to the Civic Square where there will be fabulous live-music compered by Ken Lambert, lots of stalls selling food and drink, Pride merchandise for sale and, of course, our own church tent. Let's be clear, Pride is not only for the LGBTQI+ Community, but for 'straight' allies to come out in public support. The Church teaches that we should love our God and our neighbour as ourselves, so let's do this!

Pride Poster:

Pride Facebook Group:



## Vicar on holiday

Nicky will be on holiday 29<sup>th</sup> July – 17<sup>th</sup> August (returning to work on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August) and then 22<sup>nd</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> August (back at work Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September)..

## All Saints' Herald (ASH) Submission Deadline

Please ensure you send your submissions for July and August's new look All Saints' Herald to Gayle by 3<sup>rd</sup> September. You can send them to the office email on [allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintshbshoffice@gmail.com) or phone the office on 07907 022858

## Church in Training

Throughout May and June the Church Team have completed both Welcomer and Domestic Abuse Awareness training. It's just another example of how our wonderful team of volunteers are committed to ensuring that we are providing the best and most supportive opportunities for our congregation and community. It is our aim to ensure that All Saints' Church is a safe space for all and that everyone feels welcome within our walls or at our events. We are here for you.



**Photos: (left) Welcomer Trainees holding their Certificates (right) Church Team Volunteers holding their Domestic Abuse Awareness Certificates.**



## Preparing for Baptism

Please note that All Saints' is reverting to the original way of preparing families for baptism. Parent(s) is/are required to attend public worship any Sunday, fill in a form (which we ask both parents to sign) and return for a rehearsal in Church at a later date. It is essential that we treat all newcomers with the same grace we would treat our own family members approaching the Church for help to celebrate an important life event. Please pray for Stella, our wonderful Baptism Coordinator.

## Banns of Marriage

We are entering wedding season! Just like families seeking baptism, please give a warm welcome to couples attending worship to hear their Banns called. They don't have to attend worship, which makes their presence even more special.

## An Important Update about How We Receive Communion

As many of you know, in the longer-term wake of COVID-19 our church has kept on offering worshippers a choice about how they receive the Communion bread wafer, and wine, during the Midweek Mass and Parish Mass: either eat the wafer first then sip directly from the cup, or dip the wafer into the wine and consume together.

With increasing numbers of people choosing to revert to sipping the Communion wine, the Church Council (PCC) has recently voted to no longer offer the option to '*sip or dip*'. This will apply to all services of Holy Communion in or led by All Saints' Church **from Thursday 4 July 2024.**

Nevertheless, the PCC is aware that some people may be reluctant to go back to sipping, in which case we recommend they consume the bread only (you are asked not to dip!). Traditional Church of England doctrine (teaching) states that Jesus' body *and* blood is present in both the bread *and* wine so, when receiving just the one element, you are receiving the whole - it isn't 50% in one, 50% in the other; it is 100% in each.

We are also taking this opportunity, again aware of how the needs of our congregation is changing in sometimes unseen ways, to introduce completely separate consecrated bread and wine for those who must avoid consuming gluten. This is no imposition at all and, if you need this, either please tell the Vicar before worship begins, or state your need to her when about to receive. Gluten intolerance and Coeliac Disease is a serious health issue.

When you are about to receive Communion, please come forward to the altar rail (or stay in your seat if the ministers are coming to you instead), hold your hands out and you will be served with the bread and wine. We will also endeavour to provide gluten free refreshments after worship.

For anyone whose needs are not yet known to the Vicar, please give her a call on 07734 233742. This also goes for those who have (unknown to the Vicar) Additional Needs or challenges with alcohol. We also want to repeat how much we love to receive children of all ages, and any four-pawed companions in church. All information will be treated with discretion.

## Meet the Team

“Hello Readers,

My name is Gillian Wratten (nee Robinson) and I am born and bred in Bircotes and Harworth. I am an LLM in our parish, that is a Licensed Lay Minister. It means I have a special licence from the Bishop allowing me to serve our community on behalf of the Church of England, our Diocese Southwell & Nottingham, our Deanery Bawtry and Bassetlaw in this parish of Harworth, Bircotes Styrrup and Hesley. I shall come back to this, but first let me tell you a bit about myself.

I went to the Infant and Junior schools on Shrewsbury Road followed by the first year of North Border Comprehensive School, in the lower school. As a girl I was a Brownie; we met in the Church Hall, at Christchurch, on Shrewsbury Road, and I was a dancer with the Ashmores on a Saturday at the Welfare Hall. After School, at 16, I went to North Notts College at Worksop, as we didn't have a sixth form back then I never went to church on a regular basis, every Sunday as I was growing up, but if I was ever at Tickhill with my friends Martin and Richard, visiting their Grandma, I would ask to go with her to St Mary's.



***Photo: Gillian as a young***

If I was visiting my Grandma, at Hull I used to ask if I could go with her. This was a slight problem as she was Catholic. I used to pester them so they would let me go. I would walk across a huge park with my grandma. There in the distance was a beautiful white building glowing in the late afternoon sun. On one of my visits I was given my own Rosary and Father Francis blessed it for me. It meant so much to me; it was just made from blue plastic, but to me it was worth more than the crown jewels. I still have it. It was unique with a bowed plastic crucifix on it which set it apart. It still is my pride and joy whenever I open the little white box took my exploration further and found as an anglican, we have our own rosary and flexible prayer format that we can use.

In the church, I was shown upstairs through a dark corridor, opening onto a light and airy balcony with my Grandma, where there were 5 or 6 rows of red and gold plush chairs. A wrought iron fence faced the open sanctuary below as I looked through the fancy ironwork. I didn't understand the service which was in latin but I loved the gold bling of six lit candles in gold candlesticks on the altar, a further 6 being carried by boys in huge candlesticks as tall as the boys carrying them. There were bells that were used in the service, the incense smoking throughout, and pluthered at special times in the service, the vestments and the number of children involved in the service, all with jobs to help the leader. Lets just say I loved the bling and the razzmatazz.

It was different to Tickhill as they sang the service and had an amazing choir of all ages and sizes. I cannot remember bells or incense but the size of the choir singing throughout the service, and the leader singing the whole service made it just and awe-inspiring.

It wasn't until I was grown up and married and in my twenties, that my husband wanted to visit church. He needed answers to his questions, though his job abroad stopped him going in the end. I sort of carried on and have not stopped since. Like most, I started to drop in just before the service, then left after with not another thought until the week after. My faith grew very slowly, but belonging was so important in the beginning. We used to have lots of social events - jumble sales, talent shows, galas, faith meals, barn dances and discos plus other events too many to mention.



***Photo: Gillian on her wedding day***

My faith grew as I started to read the Gospels and teach in Sunday School. It was through questioning and talking to others that my faith started to emerge. learning more. After 3 years, I got my certificate to become a lay minister specialising in Children's Work, then a year learning for youth work but we didn't have any kids or teenagers except my own boys.

Before I knew it I had done 30 years as a children's Lay minister. It was weird having young men coming up to me and saying "Hi Miss" in a really low voice and towering way above me. They were past children from Sunday School who still remembered me.

Our Sunday Schools had grown ups, as well as children. As any child under 5 needed a responsible adult. The responsible adults tended to enjoy the lessons and crafts that taught everyone in a simple form to understand the readings that were happening at church. Our Sunday Schools always ended with a visit into church and joining our church family as they were finishing Communion. We went straight up to the altar and received a blessing - at that time no one that was not confirmed couldn't share in the body of Christ.

I have seen many changes and improvements during my time, it's all slow moving but as I look back we are moving in the right direction of being an affirmative, inclusive church. We welcome everybody, as they present themselves, so if you find yourself nearby, come on in and join us, bring your children, your pets and feel comfortable with us and make some new friends, we would love to see you.

May God's love surround you,

Gillian “

## PCC Members 2024/25

Please find below a list of our current PCC Members (and as applicable) roles:

Revd Nicky Skipworth - Chair

David Luton Brown - Secretary

Gillian Wratten – Lay Licensed Minister (LLM), Eco Champion & Children

Beryl Ord - Church Warden & Treasurer

Marie Edwards - Church Warden & Deanery Synod Representative

Nigel Ord - Assistant Church Warden & Church Hall Manager

Sandra Miller – Parish Safeguarding Officer

Ann Wilson - Health & Safety Officer and Electoral Roll Officer

Ron Luton Brown – Deanery Synod Representative

Scott Wilson

### Are you dyslexic? Do you avoid gluten or alcohol?

Please speak to a Churchwarden or the Vicar (07734 233742)

for further assistance as there are changes that can be made discretely to support your time in Church.

### Give a Little Donations

As we have explained in recent services, the church needs your donations as much now, as ever before. The cost of living crisis has hit us all very hard and we are no exception. So whatever amount BIG or small is incredibly important. Please follow the QR Code for our 'Give a little' donations page or we can take cash, card or contactless payments in church.



### Online Links & Information

[June – July Rota](#)      [August-September Rota](#) (work in progress)

Service Booklets: [Saints & Special Days](#)      [Sundays after Trinity](#)

[Upcoming Facebook live-streams](#)      [Past Facebook live-streamed events](#)

[Parish Prayer List](#)      [Hymn List](#)

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