**Parish of Stratford-upon-Avon.**

**Weekly Bulletin**

**Sunday 28th April 2024**

This week’s Services

The Fifth Sunday of Easter 28th April 2024

9.30 All Saints’- Holy Communion, The Venerable Brian Russell will preside at this service

10.00 Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist with Trinity Voices, The theme is: Leading with Jesus

Phil Harper will preside and the Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preach at this service.

17.00 Holy Trinity - Choral Evensong, The Rev’d Emma Harrington will officiate and preach at this service

Midweek Communion

Wednesday 1st May 10.00 at the Guild Chapel,

Next Week’s Services

The 6th Sunday of Easter 5th May 2024

9.30 St Helen’s - Morning Praise, The Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preside at this service

9.30 All Saints’- Holy Communion, The Rev’d Jenny Rowland will preside at this service

10.00 Holy Trinity - Parish Eucharist, The Rev’d Emma Harrington will preside and David Harrison will preach at this service

12.15 Holy Trinity – Christenings, The Rev’d Emma Harrington will officiate

17.00 Holy Trinity - Holy Communion Traditional, The Rev’d Patrick Taylor will preside and James Sorel - Cameron will preach at this service.

Midweek Communion

Wednesday 8th May 10.00 at the Guild Chapel

**For Your Prayers**

For the Sick

Those who have recently died

Hilton Calcutt

Rui Xu

Robert Evans

Steve Phillips

Paul Standing

Michael Curley

Anniversary of their death

Margaret Argyle

Betty Vince

Bob Morgan

Stella Carter

Steve Newman

Pat Jackson

Continue to pray for

Wendy Datta

Sam Datta

Sandra MacDonald

Melinda

John Baugh

Marilyn Shorey

Julian Buczacki

Pastoral Care

If you or someone you know has a pastoral need and would like to request support please email contact@stratford-upon-avon.org or phone 01789 632811 and a member of the pastoral team will be in touch. Please also use these contact details if you think the clergy team should be made aware of someone who is ill, bereaved or in any other situation of pastoral need.

Bulletin Notice

Please forward any notices for the bulletin to liz@stratford-upon-avon.org for the next two weeks.

Thank you, Lola Spetsioti

Parish Bereavement Group

The next meeting of the Support Group will be on Wednesday 1 May. If you think it would help to meet with other people who are in a similar position at this difficult time in your life do come and join us. Just come to the lounge area in the Parish Centre at 2pm and we will finish by 3.30pm. There is no need to make an appointment; we will be delighted to see you.

David Harrison Bereavement Team Co-ordinator

Luddington Village Walk Saturday May 18th 10am

Meet at Luddington village hall at 9.45am, parking in car park or on the road. Circular walk (about 1hr 30mins approximately) Return via the weir to village hall for refreshments. Shorter walk to visit church and lock. To sign up click on the link giving names, contact number, indicating longer or short walk and whether a lift is required. For more information, please contact Chris Cottrell: 01789 204273 or email cottrellfamilysoa@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Life - saving CPR lessons for free

Free lessons are being offered in Stratford in cardiac pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to use a defibrillator.

Organised by the Shakespeare Lions, in association with Stratford Ambulance Association, the sessions will take place on 18th May and will last around 90 minutes.

They will be hands on with everyone being able to practice what they see demonstrated using dummies and test equipment. The topics and demonstration will include: when, why and how to perform CPR, how to use a defibrillator and putting someone in the recovery position.

The sessions have three different start times and will be held at Venture House, Avenue Road, Stratford.

Places, which are limited, can be booked. at https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/shakespearelions

Stratford Town Trust

Our wonderful volunteers at the Guild Chapel are organising an event for All Souls’ Day at the beginning of November. They are putting on a community production of a medieval poem in the Guild Chapel and are looking to recruit actors for several parts. Further details about the event can be found at ww.guildchapel.co.uk/events/dance-death

Loraine Mitchell General Assistant loraine.mitchell@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk

Planned Giving to this Parish

We are very grateful to all those who support the work of this parish, including those who give by regular Standing Order. If you are not yet part of our Stewardship Scheme for planned giving, the information you will need to set up a Standing Order and sign up for Gift Aid can be found here:

Planned Giving -Holy Trinity Church - Stratford upon Avon

Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy on a regular basis. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.

Have a look at one of the websites which allow us to calculate our Eco footprint -

The Eco Footprint, Carbon Footprint and Water Footprint calculators.

**Remember. Reduce Purchases, Reuse, Recycle, Refuse, Rot**

Finally, whilst we all try to live a life which has less negative impact on our planet we still have to live and be productive. So whilst we can follow the steps outlines above reducing our impact is a progressive exercise. Looking at the impact of our food choices is one key way to change as is the progressive change of household equipment (fridges, heaters etc) all of which now carry eco labels. Choose the equipment which utilised the least energy, turn off water taps, look for fuel efficient ways of travelling.

New technologies are constantly being introduced to help us all on our eco journeys.

There is much which each of us can do by thoughtful planning. Happy Eco New Year

Submitting a notice for the bulletin

If you would like to submit a notice for the weekly bulletin, please use this link.

The deadline for submitting a notice is on Thursday at 4pm.

For Your Information

Prayer Diary

This month’s copy of our Parish Prayer Diary can be found here.

Trinity Times

The latest edition of our Parish Magazine can be found here.

Sharing the Bulletin for those not online.

People may not be aware, but each week a simplified version of the Weekly Bulletin is produced as a Word document in black and white and without pictures.

If you know of someone who isn’t online, you can print a copy of the simplified bulletin for them.

It can be found here (https://www.stratford-upon-avon.org/weekly-bulletin) or on the church website under the “Community” heading and then “Weekly Bulletin”.

A copy is also printed each week and put by the North door for people to read in church.

The Equip Hub is the Online Learning Platform from the Diocese of Coventry.

Through this platform you can create a Learning Plan by choosing particular topics which you are interested in exploring such as Exploring your Gifts, Everyday Faith or Leading Worship. To visit it click here.

You'll then be able to take part in online BCDM courses and short online courses. You can also access useful resources such as documents and videos as well as signing up for events and training courses.

By creating an account you will also start receiving our weekly Diocesan eBulletin which will be tailored to you based on your topics of interest. You can unsubscribe and re-subscribe to the eBulletin at any time.

If you have any questions please contact Ryan.Finnegan@Coventry.Anglican.org

Foodbank

Items for the Foodbank can be left in the chest, by the servery, in Holy Trinity.

The current list of most needed items can be found here.