

# NEWS IN THE PEWS

4 SEPTEMBER 2011/TRINITY 11

St Mary's Lutterworth with Cotesbach & Bitteswell  
'Working for the Kingdom of God'

"That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God." *Luke 12: 21 (Message)*

## Collect for the day

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.



## Diary

## Wk Commencing 4 September

4	Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion BCP	Lutterworth
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Bitteswell
		10.30am	Harvest Service	Lutterworth
		11.00am	Family Communion	Cotesbach
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer	Lutterworth
07	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Lutterworth
08	Thursday	10.30am	Refresh	22 Bitteswell Road
09	Friday	10.00am	New daytime group	Lutterworth
11	Sunday	10.30am	Holy Communion	Lutterworth
		11.00am	Harvest	Bitteswell

## Notices

**DO YOU HAVE A HEAD FOR HEIGHTS AND A SENSE OF ADVENTURE?** If so why not enjoy the views and abseil from Lutterworth Church Tower on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September in aid of the Mayor's Appeal? Sponsorship forms available from Lutterworth Town Council Offices or the Parish office (558 797).



**CHURCH CLEANER REQUIRED** – Paid part-time position to clean designated areas within the church, working with a team of volunteers. Please contact Dawn Matthew (552205) for an informal chat and further details.

**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT LIFE AND FAITH?** Would you be interested in being part of a new small daytime group? Come along to St Mary's Lutterworth at 10.00am on Friday 9th of September and join in thinking and talking, in a relaxed way, about the questions that challenge us all. For more information please contact Sue Andrew on 550238.



**CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY 2012 (22-24 JUNE)** – Yes folks, summer is now over and we're looking forward to next year's church weekend away! We've booked the superbly picturesque venue of Hartington Hall in Derbyshire and...wait for it...we've even secured the theological services of our very own Diocesan Director of Ministry and Mission, the Rev'd Canon Mike Harrison, who also happens to be an extremely excellent speaker (as well as a top bloke)! There'll be walks, fun, food, worship and entertainment too – miss it and miss out. Watch this space for your booking form. *Rosemary Lowdon & Dawn Matthew.*

**REFRESH** – Does your life seem to proceed at a frantic pace? Would you sometimes just like to stop the world and get off for a while? Then ladies, why not join us at Refresh? All are welcome to come and chat over coffee (or tea!) and cakes, then stay if you'd like for a short time of peace and quiet, a chance to reflect on God. For more details contact Vron Collins (552221).

## Meditation on John 13: 1-17

*Take a moment to look at Tintoretto's -'Christ Washing the Feet of the Disciples'*



### John 1: 3-5

Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**Who is Jesus calling you to sit at the feet of?**

**Who will YOU invite Back To Church on Sunday 25th September?**



**BackToChurchSunday**

**We pray for**

The Harvest – As we partake in our Harvest Service at Lutterworth, we pray that God will open our eyes to the wonder of His creation, to show us that He has made a wonderful world full of bounty to share. Father, we pray that in our unbalanced world, you would show us how to share your gifts with others near and far.

**We pray for**

We have re-opened negotiations with English Heritage in respect of replacing the church floor at Lutterworth. Please pray that they would change their long-standing position and grant us permission to move forward in this matter.

**We pray for**

New beginnings – For all those starting new schools, colleges and jobs. September is often a time when we begin new things, we pray that God will be with us all as we do this.

**We pray for**

Back to Church Sunday, for all of us as we seek God's Spirit and courage in asking the people we know to join with us, and for the people we ask, that God would touch their hearts and prompt them to say YES!

**for all those who  
who need God's  
healing power**

We uphold 20 year old Alex, Chloe, Sheila Fry, Lee Salt, Kelly, Daphne, Kathy Matthew, Amber of the community church and for Lesley of Broughton Astley.

**We pray for the  
bereaved.**

This week we pray for the family and friends of Heather Fry who died on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. We especially pray for her husband Nigel and Mum, Doreen and for Gerry and Sheila; surround them with your arms of comfort at this time. Loving Lord, we thank you for the gift of Heather's life; for the loving, wonderful, smiling person that she was, for the chance to have known her. Thank you that through the promise of Your Son Jesus, we know that Heather is with you for eternity. Amen