

The Good Shepherd Church
Park Road Loughborough
June Focus 2017

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So, is it summer yet? May seems to have been such a cool damp month – gardeners are certainly not happy at the moment as they are looking anxiously at their beans and tomatoes. I wonder what June will bring. On the 3 and 4 June we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Loughborough Churches Partnership, and we will join the global network of prayer praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' right from Ascension Day to Pentecost with the Church Open for Prayer from 30 May through to 2 June. On 8 June, we will elect a new parliament – certainly a situation to pray about. We will celebrate Trinity Sunday, and our Messy Church congregation will meet and share a 'banquet' and we will have our Parish Breakfast on Sunday 25th. And alongside this everyday life will continue!

Also on 18 June we will celebrate our first 'First Fruits Sunday'. This will be a celebration and thanksgiving for all that God has given us and continues to give us. Amongst us we have so many gifts and talents, some that are very obvious to many and others that are perhaps used in a quieter way. Since the 21st May we have been able to take the opportunity to reflect on our responses to God's love for us – the way we use the gifts he has given us, our talents and our resources, financial or otherwise. We can take this opportunity to review our financial giving, recognising that we all find ourselves in different circumstances at different stages of life.

June is also the month for lots of exams for our young people, those who doing GCSEs, A-Levels and Degrees. Perhaps there are young people in your family in this position, encourage them, buy them chocolate biscuits for their studying, but most of all pray for them. School days have always been hard days haven't they – but somehow today there seems a greater pressure than perhaps there has been before. As we approach the end of the academic year let's continue to pray for our education establishments. Pray for the staff, teaching and support staff as they not only get to the end of this year but in these days also spend much time preparing for the next!

Undertaking some serious study, myself in this past year has reminded me that we really are never too old to learn new things – but I wonder if we think that we are sometimes. The phrase lifelong-learning has been about for a while now and it reminds me that God is always showing me new things, trying to teach me new ways and helping me to understand more about life with him every day. The thing is – am I willing to learn? Am I willing to change my thinking as I spend time with him, am I willing to study his word more, will I allow myself to be challenged and encouraged with the things he will show me? My answer is always yes but sometimes it is more tentative than perhaps it should be. What about you – what would you like to learn?

Perhaps we can learn together? Maybe the summer can be a summer of new experiences, new learning, let's do this together so that God's Kingdom can grow as we live for him every day. Have a great June! *Sue*

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June 2017 News, Views and Calendar

Church Services in June Every Sunday Morning

8am

Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
(BCP)

Please note

**June 4th On this day there will only be a
combined Communion Service at 9am**

10am Services

June 11th Morning Worship
June 18th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
June 25th Morning Worship

Parish Breakfast

June 25th 8.45 please do come along

Sunday Prayer Meeting

June 11th 6pm

Every Wednesday Morning 9.30am

Holy Communion (said)



Home Groups

Thursday Ladies' study group

2-3.30pm Please
contact Jackie for
details 01509
212207. New
members Welcome.

Tuesday Group 8pm (1st & 3rd Tuesdays)

8 Freesia Close.



Christian Aid Lunch

June 25th at United
Reformed Church at
12.30pm



**The next
Messy Church
Will be on June 17th
at 4.30pm**

Stage Group

Rehearsals every
Wednesday 7.30pm

Toddler Group

Meets every Friday
Morning 10am –
11.30am. (Term time
only).

Wednesday Friendly meets at 2.30pm

June 7th Boat Trip see
programme for details.



June 14th
June 21st NO MEETING
June 28th

Gardeners Coffee Morning.

Thank you to all those who grew, or provided plants for the annual gardeners coffee morning, and of course to all the people who helped out on the day. This year we raised a record amount of almost £600. The weather was very kind to us. We hope you now have all your plants and Vegetables in the garden and can sit back and admire them over the months ahead.

Thank You.

Kathleen Turner wishes to say a big thank you for all the cards and best wishes given to her on the occasion of her recent 89th birthday. Kathleen has been a member of The Good Shepherd for most of her life and regularly attends the Wednesday morning service. For many years she has provided the refreshments after the service. At her tender age she has now decided to pass this on to someone else. Thank you Kathleen for undertaking this role for so many years. Sit back now as someone else serves you.

Alive In Loughborough June 3rd and 4th A weekend of celebration in the Queens Park to celebrate 10 years of the Loughborough Churches Partnership.

Saturday June 3rd Noon – 6pm. Join us as we fill the Queens Park with live music, great food, family fun and community engagement stalls.

Saturday Night Alive 7pm - 9pm. The live music continues in Dolcino (near the Town Hall) with local musicians and inspiring stories.

Sunday June 4th 11am – 12.30pm. Join together with the Church of Loughborough for our outdoor United Service. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic along to eat after the service.

If you require a lift or can offer a lift please sign the sheet in the Vestibule.