

The Good Shepherd Church
Park Road Loughborough
September Focus 2017

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So another Autumn is on the horizon, schools will return to term-time life, the University will fill up with students old and new, lots of people will be learning new skills, understanding things in deeper ways. There will be many students and teachers, apprentices and their bosses, around the town all trying to ensure good learning for the future. But who's future? Is it the students or the apprentices or could it be that the learning could spread even further and have consequences for the whole of society. We only have to look back at history to see how that has worked before, things like penicillin and engines would never have been found if learning hadn't happened and been shared and throughout people's lives too.

What about us? Are we doing any learning? Perhaps you have heard the phrase life-long learners – does that describe you or me? I suspect that it could – because as followers of Jesus Christ we should be apprentices – life-long learners. One definition of an apprentice is 'a person who works for someone in order to learn their skill'. They learn by being close to the other person, by watching, questioning, listening and trying things out with guidance. And isn't that what Jesus call us to do, be close to him, watch, question, listen, and put into practice what we discover. Now for some us school days were not 'salad days' so perhaps all this talk of learning is making you curl up inside – sorry! But I am certain that Jesus wants us to be his apprentices and I don't think it will be like school days.

There are so many ways in which we can do all our learning, our times with God on our own, listening and praying, and also reading the Bible and trying to understand it more, there are lots of things that can help us, books and special study materials. Small groups are also really important, mutual learning is often some of the deepest learning we make as everyone learns from each other. Then there will be the occasions when we find ourselves in a situation where we need to try out the things we have learnt – dare we take up the challenge – good apprentices have to do just that!

This Autumn there will be lots of learning going on at The Good Shepherd. We are one of a few centres around the Diocese hosting the Diocesan 'Journey into Faith' Course, Anissa Chung is running a specialist Counselling Course, and there are numerous U3A groups that use the Church Hall, as well as the Toddler Group, Stage Group and Wednesday Friendly – all these people learning things together. AND we are going to run a 6 week course looking at The Beatitudes – watch out for the start date coming soon!

So do you want to be a life-long learner – there is no age limit - in fact there is no limit – no limit to what God might do with all of his apprentices here at the Good Shepherd – no limit for all the encouragement and help we can be to our community as we learn together. So will you join me?

Sue

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September 2017 News, Views and Calendar

Church Services in September Every Sunday Morning

8am

Holy Communion Traditional Prayer Book
(BCP)

10am Services

Sept. 3rd Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Sept. 10th Morning Worship
Sept. 17th Holy Communion & Sunday Club
Sept. 24th Morning Worship

Parish Breakfast

Sept. 24th 8.45 please do come along

Sunday Prayer Meeting

Sept. 10th 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.

NEW HOME GROUPS

We are looking to
form new groups at
the moment – if
you would like to be
involved in a group
then please talk to
Sue

Christian Aid Lunch

September 24th
St. Mary's
Nanpantan
12.30pm



**The next
Messy Church
Will be on Sept. 16th
at 4.30pm**

Stage Group

Panto Tickets on sale.
Get yours NOW

Toddler Group

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

Wednesday Friendly meets at 2.30pm

September 6th
September 13th
Sept. 20th NO MEETING
September 27th



Other Notices.

PCC meeting on September 7th 7.30pm.

Shelthorpe Community Association Annual
General Meeting September 13th at Tesco
Community Room at 7pm – all Shelthorpe
Residents welcome.

Beacon Academy Monday Lunchtime
SUPAClub restarts on September 18th

Sue and Elizabeth at Diocesan Clergy
Conference from 19th to 21st September.

September 23rd 3.30pm to 5.30pm Grange
Park Centre Information Event -for more
details <http://www.grangeparkcentre.org.uk/>



Harvest Weekend. 7th and 8th October.

Saturday Harvest Concert.

Harvest weekend this year is on 7th and 8th of
October. To begin the weekend we will be
holding a Harvest Concert in the Church on
Saturday October 7th at 2.30pm. There is no
charge for entry, but a retiring collection will
be held. The concert will contain a variety of
music to show the versatility of our new
organ, some light hearted songs that you will
all know I am sure, a visit from some puppets
and to finish with a last night of the proms
finale that you can sing along with. Please
bring your union flags to wave.

Sunday Harvest Services

We are pleased to announce that Bishop
Martyn will be leading our Worship at our
10am Harvest Service. This is the first time
that Bishop Martyn has visited The Good
Shepherd. The Church will be beautifully
decorated for the weekend.