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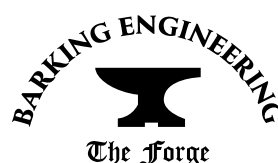
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News from the Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Thank you to all of those residents that supported our Produce stall on Saturday 5th August. Despite the weather and the fact that there was a misprint of the date in the August newsletter, we made over £100. Thank you all again for your support, the congregation and some residents, who provide the produce to sell, we would be lost without you all.

On 6th September there will be the Institution and Induction of our new Rector, Revd Tracey James by the Right Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. We are all looking forward to welcoming Revd. Tracey to join us as she continues and shares her ministry with us. Revd. Tracey's first service will be on Sunday 10th September at 10.00am. We are grateful to all the visiting Ministers who have presided over our Communion service each Sunday during this time of interregnum. All have brought their own stories of their ministerial journey and it has been quite fascinating to hear how and where following Jesus has led them and those they have met along the way and inspired them.

Our Harvest Festival service will be held at 10.00am on Sunday 8th October and all are welcome to attend.

The church is always open during the day and you are welcome to go in and spend your own time praying for what is bothering you and please do light a candle if it helps. If you would like us to pray for a loved one or friend that is going through a bad time there is a prayer board in the church entrance for you to leave a message for us to act upon. If you need to get in touch please ring 01449 720316 and a church warden will be pleased to help you with your query.

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Home Worship

LEPROSY was in this country until the seventeen hundreds, but then it disappeared, mainly because of better sanitation, clean water, a healthy diet, fresh air and exercise. But throughout the world there are hundreds of new cases every day. So it is still not eradicated altogether yet. It is not caught by touch, so it cannot be contracted by contact with sufferers (remember Princess Diana touching someone with Leprosy?). It is airborne and can be caught by coughing or sneezing.

A person with leprosy has no feeling in the foot or the hand which is infected with leprosy - so they might accidentally burn themselves or cut themselves but not realize what is happening and can then get further infections. The worst thing about leprosy, apart from the disease itself, is being made an outcast.

One patient was rejected by her family at 14 and put out of the family home, and thrown out of school, and so they feel very much alone and rejected. There is a cure for leprosy nowadays. Thankfully.

Daisy Mansfield from the Leprosy Mission told us about the work which they do at our HOME WORSHIP this month. The Leprosy Mission has hospitals throughout India and Africa and other countries. The nursing staff are dedicated to their

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work and begin their day by praying for their leprosy patients, who say the one place they feel at home, wanted and welcomed is the Leprosy Hospital.

Next month we have John Dowling from the Mission to Seamen coming to tell us about their work.

HOME WORSHIP always meets on the first Monday morning of the month 10.00am at 137 High Street, Needham Market.

All welcome. Wendy Marchant



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MORNING PRAYER
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is held on the first Monday of the month 10.00am at 137 High Street
Needham Market. Talk is followed by tea/coffee and chat. All Welcome.

Next meeting September 4th

TUESDAY TOTS are held in the Ark every Tuesday in Term Time
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We shall be opening the doors to our Tots families on **SEPTEMBER**
12th

ST JOHN'S PANTRY opens every Thursday morning in the ARK
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If God should go on Strike

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike,
Because He was not treated fair on things He didn't like.
If only once He'd sat down and said, 'that's it, I'm through
– I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do
I'll give my orders to the sun – cut off the heat supply.
And to the moon – give no more light and run the oceans dry,
Then, just to make things really tough and put the pressure on –
Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath has gone'.

You know He would be justified if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused or met with such disdain
Than God, and yet He carries on, supplying you and me
With all the favours of His grace and everything for free.
People say they want a better deal and so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe.
We don't care who we hurt or harm to gain the things WE like,
BUT – what a mess we'd all be in if God should go on strike!

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Knit for Peace: 3rd Wednesday 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm

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Rainbows: Thursday 5.15 – 6.15pm (term time)

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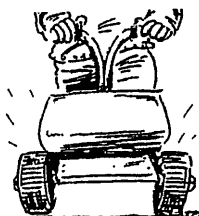
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Bible Study and Prayer Meeting:

Every Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in our Church Hall.

At the Meeting on Tuesday 19th September, we will have a visit from representatives of Open Doors Mission, which you are welcome to attend.

Ladies Together

1st Wednesday each month. Next meeting 6th September: 10.30am in our Church Hall.

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Coffee Plus

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You will find how to access our services on the Home Page of the Church website, www.needhamchurch.org.uk. Those without the internet can join the services by telephone. Please dial 0330 088 5830. The meeting ID is 678 027 3322 and the password is 828 694.

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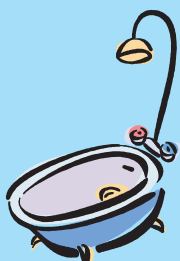
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