



The Lion

A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's Church, Basford

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Perhaps we all just need to 'get-away' a bit?!

Jesus said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

Beloved, I feel there could be so much for me to write and reflect upon this month: Elections - all around the world, great Sporting events – Tennis, the Euros, Olympics, airport chaos, technologies going wrong, cost-of living, broken services, adverse weather, lost people, waiting lists, Injustice and more injustice, not to mention the continuance of wars and evil regimes...

(It's no wonder I watch Love Island for light relief).

I don't really feel I have any wisdom to give, and it truly does feel like the end of the school academic year, which for me has ended with inspections, examinations, exhilarating school trips and feeling exhausted.

But I do want to encourage you all to follow what Jesus said in a recent Gospel (Mark 6:31). And what I can offer is what the Lord gives us when we are weary, exhausted and seeking hope in the periods of business and sometimes even

despair – and a fine place I find myself with is Psalm 37 which seems to provide a start:

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

Our steps are made firm by the Lord, when he delights in our way; though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong, for the Lord holds us by the hand.

Do have a safe, restful summer break, and you are all invited to join me at the vicarage on the last day of the month for lunch, as we celebrate being St Mark's Basford together...and see how many countries we can represent!

(Then we'll be blessed the next day!- you'll need to read the 2 notices below!)

Pray for me as I pray for you,

Blessings, In Christ,

Your Shepherd, Fr Tommy

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Worship Services during August at St Mark's

4 th	10 th after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
7 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
11 th	11 th after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
14 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
16 th	Friday	11.00am	Funeral
18 th	12 th after Trinity	9.30am	Family Worship + Bap
21 st	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
25 th	13 th after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
28 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)

Afternoon Tea:

A date for your diaries. We will be having afternoon tea in the hall on **3rd August at 2.30-4.30pm**. For more details and to add your name to the list please speak to Diane.

Nature/Forage Walk:

A second nature walk in the community with our seedlings and young people, will take place on **Saturday 10th August**. And will meet at the church at 1.30pm regardless of the weather. For more information, please speak to Janet.

Maybank Infants School:

A few places remain for September 2024 both in the Nursery and Reception. For more information, please contact the school on 01782 898005.

Diary Dates for August

3 rd	Saturday	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea
10 th	Saturday	1.30pm	Nature Walk

Early September Dates

2 nd	Monday	6.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
2 nd	Monday	7.00pm	Baptism Prep evening
19 th	Thursday	7.00pm	Wedding rehearsal
29 th	Sunday	9.30am	Crowning



What's your favourite country?

You are invited to the ...

St Mark's Basford Parish PARTY @ The Vicarage on Saturday 31st August, 12noon-3pm. Dine, Drink, Dress-up and be Distinguished!

Following Olympic fever - you must come wearing an outfit that represents your favourite country in some way...



Back to School Sunday:

On 1st September at 9:30am during the morning service there will be a blessing of school bags and equipment for the year ahead, or something you use at work (or even in retirement). All those starting or returning to schools are invited to bring something along and if you work, (even if September isn't your year beginning) then bring an item you use in work with you to church.