

**Benefice of Heyford with Stowe-Nine-Churches
and Flore with Brockhall**

**SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER
June 2024**

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Our Mission Statement



Sunday 2nd	Trinity 1	
10.00am	Holy Communion – All Welcome	Church Stowe
11.00am	United First Sunday Service	Flore Church
6.00pm	Evening Worship	Heyford Church
Sunday 9th	Trinity 2	
10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Upper Stowe
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
Sunday 16th	Trinity 3	
10.00am	Holy Communion – All Welcome	Heyford
10:00am	United FCP Service	Flore Chapel
6.00pm	Ante Communion	Upper Stowe
Sunday 23rd	Trinity 4	
10.00am	Holy Communion – All Welcome	Brockhall Church
10.00am	Family Service	Upper Stowe
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
4.00pm	Café Church	Heyford Church
6.30pm	Flower Festival Thanksgiving Service	Flore Church
Sunday 30th		
10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Flore Church
Thursdays		
10.00am	Morning Prayer (Not 20 th June)	Flore Church
Fridays		
9.00am	Morning Prayer via Zoom All Welcome Contact the Churchwardens to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.	

Praying for our villages by street

In June we will be praying for: **Flore:** Brockhall Road & The Crescent; **Heyford:** Middle Street, Manor Park, Parsons Close; **Church Stowe:** The Green; **Brockhall:** The Old Rectory, Rose Cottage, Western Cottage.

A letter from the laity

It will be World Environment Day on Wednesday 5th June. Our First Sunday Flore Christian Partnership services this year have taken an environmental theme, and we will be celebrating World Environment Day in Flore Church on Sunday 2nd June.

Sustainability and bio-diversity are pillars of sound environmental principles. Interestingly both these themes are presented right at the beginning of the Bible in the first chapter of the first book – Genesis – where we learn that God wants his creation was to be successful:

“Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” (Genesis 1:20)

“God blessed them and said: “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth””. (Genesis 1:28)

In Genesis 9:9-10, God makes a primal covenant between Him, us, and every living creature:

“I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth.”

The point being made here is that every living creature matters, whether perceived to be useful to us or not; not just the cuddly fluffy ones, but all creatures, even if they bite, or sting, or consume what we think are “our” crops. In many ways this is a principle that came quite late to modern thinking, and in earlier decades great efforts were made to eradicate certain “troublesome” species, often with unforeseen adverse consequences arising as a result. Pesticides that harm bees are still being licensed and used in the UK, very contrary to what many consider good modern environmental practice, as well as the original teaching: “every living creature that was with you” matters.

Genesis was written nearly 4000 years ago, but it started with what we now consider to be leading environmental considerations. I find that very Interesting.

I wonder what else we might find out if we go on to read more of the Bible.....

Yours in Christ

Paul.

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The Annual **Flore Flower Festival** takes place on the weekend of Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June. The theme this year is: “books by women writers”, and I am intrigued and excited to see what the talented flower arrangers of Flore – and beyond - will make of it! Refreshments will be available in both church and chapel over the weekend.

There is a Festival Supper on Friday 21st June, with the chapel open at 7:00PM for the viewing of flower arrangements, and the church at 7:30PM. Tickets cost £12 and include a light supper and first drink. Tickets can be obtained from Jane Rowe (340778) and Jackie Ingram (349103).



Heyford Church will be hosting a Handbell concert by the Weldon Handbell Ringers on Thursday 11th July at 7.30 pm.
Admission £10 to include a glass of wine and nibbles.
For tickets please contact Jane at janerands@gmail.com