

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

Our Mission Statement

## SERVICES SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTER September 2024



Rector: Revd Stephen Burrow 01327 344436

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Trinity 14

8:00am	BCP Holy Communion	Flore Church
10:00am	Holy Communion	Church Stowe
11:00am	United First Sunday Service	Flore Church
6:00pm	Evening Worship	Heyford Church

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15

10:00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Church Stowe
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 16

10:00am	Holy Communion	Heyford Church
10:00am	Partnership Service	Flore Chapel
6:00pm	Holy Communion	Upper Stowe

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – Trinity 17

10:00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
10:00am	Family Service	Upper Stowe
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
4:00pm	Café Church Harvest Service at the allotments	Nether Heyford

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 18

10:00am	Holy Communion and Harvest	Brockhall
10:00am	Morning Worship	Flore Chapel
6:00pm	BCP Evening Prayer	Church Stowe

### Thursdays

10.00am	Holy Communion	Flore Church
2.30pm - 3.30pm	Church open for private prayer (not 12 <sup>th</sup> )	Flore Church

### Fridays

9.00am Morning Prayer via Zoom All Welcome  
Contact the Rector by [email: s\\_p\\_burrow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:s_p_burrow@yahoo.co.uk) to get an invitation that will enable you to connect.

## Letter from the Rector



# GENEROSITY WEEK 2024

In September, the Church of England invites us, over two Sundays, to explore generosity. At our Benefice Service at Church Stowe on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September, we'll consider God's generosity to us. We'll then consider and pray about how we respond to God's generosity on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, as part of the harvest celebrations at Brockhall in the morning, and at Church Stowe in the evening. Special liturgies from the central Church will enrich our worship and guide our thoughts and reflections at these services.

Jesus often spoke about the relationship between faith and wealth. We can't separate our wealth and our possessions from our beliefs, and the way we handle our assets says something about what we believe. The Bible encourages us to hold money and possessions lightly. These things are not unhealthy in themselves, but they can get in the way of our relationship with God. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "*do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them*". When worry about such things become our priority, than we become distracted from the relationship which truly matters. Anxiety about wealth and possessions can come between us and God, distort our perspective on the world around us, and so rob us of the fullness of life that Jesus offers.

Whilst we know that God has provided all we might need, we're aware that there are many in our communities and our world for whom worry about food, clothes and shelter are real and justified concerns. We only need to think about the thousands of people in our society who rely on foodbanks to see the extent of this problem. The harvest season gives us a wonderful opportunity to respond to such situations and show our generosity by supporting the local foodbank – please bring gifts of food to any of our harvest services this month and next. And please join us if you can as we think about generosity at the two benefice services in September.

With every blessing,

Rev Stephen

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### Praying for our Villages by Street

During **September** we shall be praying for people living in Furnace Lane in Nether Heyford, the High Street, including the shops and the Millennium Hall in Flore, The Old Dairy Farm in Upper Stowe and the outlying farms around Stowe and the Mews Houses in Brockhall.

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### Invitation to a concert at Holy Cross Church on **Friday 6th September at 7.00pm.**

Come and hear Northampton Male Voice Choir perform at Holy Cross Church.

This wonderful choir will be performing well known contemporary tunes for your enjoyment.

Tickets are now available on Holy Cross Website or by emailing [holycrossdaventrydigitalvault@gmail.com](mailto:holycrossdaventrydigitalvault@gmail.com).

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2:00PM – 4:00PM** – Heyford are holding a Church Fete on the Rectory Lawn. There will be refreshments, children's activities and games, tombola, cake stall, home-made crafts and preserves.

