

Minister's Musings September 2019

Dear Friends,

I'm always amused by the name of the shop in Church Street which amongst other things sells bread. It's called The Daily Grind and it came to my mind again this week when someone said, 'Well it will soon be September again and then it's back to the grindstone'. I hope the church wasn't in their mind as they spoke as it is not the best description of all we offer to God, to put it mildly. But nevertheless, this is the month when we gird up our loins again, activities resume and meetings multiply! thankfully however there is much to sustain us within our worship life not least at our afternoon and evening services. On **September 1st at 2.30pm** we join with Churches Together in Oakham for a Songs of Praise service on Cutts Close. This should be a lovely occasion with hymns played by the Salvation Army band and chosen by community representatives. All it needs is for people to turn up and sing! Please be one of them!

Then on **September 8th at 6pm** we host the next Circuit Service and are delighted that the Revd Dr David Wilkinson will be with us, having led a study day on Science and Faith, also at Oakham, on the previous day. As well as being an eminent scientist and broadcaster, David is also an excellent preacher – so do come, you will be sorry if you don't!

On **15th September at 6pm** Revd Ruth Charlesworth will be leading our communion service on the Sunday after the Circuit Meeting will have made a final decision regarding Ruth's future ministry here. I hope very much there will be good news to share and I am sure you will want to be there to encourage her.

On **22nd September** we look forward to welcoming Revd Ian Pruden – one of our former ministers- to lead our 6pm service and I know Ian will be glad to meet old friends and to make new ones.

There is a fifth Sunday in the month this September and our United Service this time will be at All Saints on **29th September at 6pm** when Revd Brian Lewis will be the preacher – another opportunity to join in worship with other Christians in Oakham.

So by now you will have seen a theme developing with an encouragement especially this month to come to any or all of our special afternoon or evening services, whether you normally venture out later in the day or not (although please don't neglect our morning services!). I am confident that by so doing we shall not find it to be a grind – daily or otherwise – but a means by which through Word and Sacrament we are nourished by Jesus the Bread of Life.

with love and prayers,

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