

Grab a Tree for Free 2019

In the National Forest and beyond

The overwhelmingly popular Free Tree Scheme is back again for its 11th year and you can help to continue the success of the scheme by supporting it this year. The scheme has already seen thousands of trees planted across the district and North West Leicestershire District Council is once again teaming up with The National Forest Company to make our district even greener.



There are four trees to choose from: Dogwood; Field Maple; Holly; Hazel and again this year we have the Hedge Fund, species are Hawthorn and Hazel mix with a Field Maple every 10 metres and residents are able to order up to 30 metres.

You can order online at: www.nwleics.gov.uk/freetreescheme2019 from 30 September with the scheme closing on 25 October 2019.

Trees will be available for collection on Sunday 17 November 2019 from various collection points over the district. NWLDC are pleased to work in partnership with the National Forest Company and H K Wentworth to deliver the 2019 Free Tree Scheme.

CHRISTMAS@MEASHAM

The committee are already hard at work preparing for the annual light switch on.



This year the event will take place on Thursday 5th December from 6pm onwards at the front of St Laurence Church.

Keep an eye out for more details in due course or follow their Facebook Page for info and updates.

There will be spaces for anyone who wants to have a stall, if you are interested please contact the committee secretary on 01530 589583 for more information.

LATEST SPEED SIGN STATS

The speed sign is currently out on loan but will be back in service in Measham very soon.

Thank you!

Many thanks to The Garden Warehouse who kindly supplied our maintenance staff with lots of new plants for the entry sign planters and Mary's Corner. This kind gesture is much appreciated.

NEXT PARISH MEETINGS

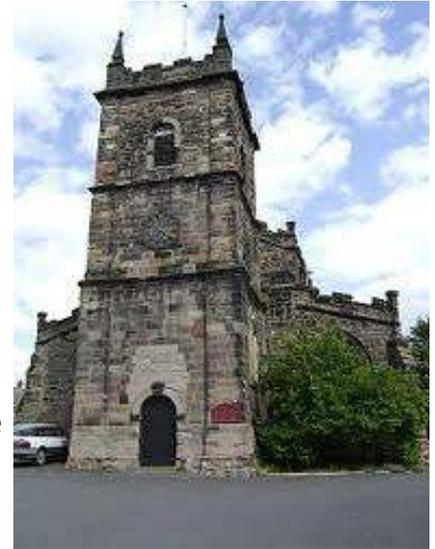
The next **Parish Council** meeting will take place on Thursday **October 10th** at Measham Leisure Centre at 7pm.

The next **Planning Committee** meeting will take place on Thursday **September 19th** 7pm also at the Leisure Centre.

St Laurence Church Heritage Days

A substantial Heritage Lottery Fund restoration project was finished in spring 2019. Come and enjoy the wonderful stained glass, which makes this building so beautiful. In addition, come and learn something of people from Measham's past.

The church dates back to about 1300s. The church was re-roofed in the 15th Century, at the same time raising the walls and providing the upper windows. This was also when the pillars were incorporated to support the new roof. There are carved corbel stones, one supposedly playing the bagpipes. Most of the current interior dates from the Victorian era but it would have looked very different before that time.



The pews and gallery, for example date from 1842 and it was claimed that over 600 people could be seated.

We have windows designed by Francis Skeat dating to the 1960s, as well as Victorian glass and medieval glass. The glass is stunning since the restoration project. The Tower and the Bells: there would probably have been a tower in the original 14th Century building. What we do know is that in 1733, the tower collapsed causing considerable damage to the body of the church itself. Pinnacles were added to the tower in 1855. There are 8 bells in the tower, rung regularly for services, weddings and on other occasions. It was a little over 100 years ago that the final 2 bells were added to make 8. Each bell has its own inscription, either a religious phrase or a reference to the donor or the founder. The oldest bell is the tenor bell, thought to date from around the 1300s. The porch is of unique design with its roof ribs thought to represent the gridiron on which St Laurence was martyred.

Opening Times

Thursday 12th September and Friday 13th September - open from 9.30am until 4pm

Saturday 14 September: Tours at 1000 and 1400 (church open from 9.30 am until 4pm)

Sunday 15 th September - church open from 10.45 am until 4pm

October 6th at 4pm we have a special service with the Bishop of Leicester to celebrate completion of restoration work. All welcome

Contributors wanted! Any community groups who would like to put information about who they are and what they do on this page, please contact the Parish Office using the details below.



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