

# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

17 May 2020  
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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## A message from Revd Neil

Dear All,

Sunday brought the much anticipated announcement for the Prime Minister on the relaxation (or otherwise of the lockdown).

This came hard on the heels of fresh statements from the House of Bishops and our own diocesan bishops. There had been much excitement and conjecture about what the various announcements would include, but the reality is that, in many ways, life will continue to be very restricted for some time to come. This has caused some frustration and some people to 'jump the gun'.

Being patient and waiting is important in the world in which we live today, and it is an important part of the Christian faith. 40 days of Lent, waiting in the wilderness. The days between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, waiting for the resurrection. Eastertide, waiting for the ascension. And then the wait for Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. We Christians are well versed in waiting, so let us all think about how we can help those around us to wait patiently for the change which is sure to come, eventually!!

Revd Neil

## **Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



### **Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

[Acts 17.22-31](#)

[1 Peter 3.13-22](#)

[John 14.15-21](#)

Click on the reading to  
link through to the text

## **Post Communion Prayer for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **From our prayer list. Please pray for...**

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Stephen Buckman, Sue Grainge, Paul Hardingham, Annie Hersey, Arthur Jeffries, Elva Lamb, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Shelagh Sands, Jose Stokes, Christine Ward, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls Rosina Crane, Colin Fysh and of all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Susanne Rosemeyer - A special prayer request.

Please pray for Susanne Rosemeyer and her family during the period between Friday morning and Monday evening as she undertakes a number of spiritual conversations and reflections to discern her calling to future ministry.

Please pray for wisdom, discernment and that God's will be done, praying for all those involved in this process. Amen.

### **Sharing in Prayer – the Diocesan Prayer Diary. Please pray for**

Signs of the Holy Spirit at work transforming lives in Greater Lincolnshire

The licensing of The Revd Julie Wearing to the benefice of Crosby.

The Diocesan Safeguarding Team

Clergy Housing Committee Meeting.

Retired Clergy

The intentions of the following parishes, groups and deaneries: the Deanery of Horncastle and its church schools; the Asterby Group; the Bain Valley Group,

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the churches in Nakuru, Nambale (Kenya); Abakaliki, Ilaje, Ile – Oluji, Abuja, Afikpo, Ilesa, Ilesa South West (Nigeria); Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland); ; Namibia (Southern Africa; Namirembe (Uganda); Abyei (South Sudan; Accra (West Africa); Nandyal (South India); Adelaide (Australia); Nasik (North India); the Anglican Church of Korea.

**NB a full copy of the diocesan ‘Sharing in Prayer’ can be [found on our website](#)**

### **A reflection on today’s Gospel reading**

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever."



#### Reflection:

The Advocate, the Spirit, is God’s permanent presence in our midst, not only in us individually, but a sustaining presence in our faith community. Jesus is true to his promise. He has not left us orphans, but has gifted us with his Spirit, our strength and companion for these difficult days.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ❖ How is your faith being tested these days?
- ❖ Does Jesus’ promise to give us "another Advocate" help at all? How?

### **Readings for Morning Prayer for this week**

**(click on the reading to link through to the text)**

Monday: [Psalm 65](#); [Numbers 16.1-35](#); [Luke 6.27-38](#)

Tuesday: [Psalm 126](#); [Numbers 16.36-end](#); [Luke 6.39-end](#)

Wednesday: [Psalm 119.105-128](#); [Numbers 17.1-11](#); [Luke 7.1-10](#)

Thursday: [Psalm 110](#); [Isaiah 52.7-end](#); [Hebrews 7.\[11-25\] 26-end](#)

Friday: [Psalm 88](#); [Numbers 20.1-13](#); [Luke 7.11-17](#)

Saturday: [Psalm 97](#); [Numbers 21.4-9](#); [Luke 7.18-35](#)

### **Easter Pilgrim**



**Reflection for 7-21 May “For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever, Amen”**

The final lines (added by the Church) celebrate the end of the story. This present chapter is challenging and difficult, perhaps the darkest part of the book. But it is not the end of the tale. There is more to come on earth and in heaven. Jesus has won the victory by his death and resurrection. Even from this

present darkness it is possible for many, much of the time, to raise our eyes and hearts to heaven, to look forward in hope, to sing God's praise like Paul and Silas in prison and to give praise and glory to God, our Father in Heaven.

### **Ringstone worship online**

While we may not be able to worship in our church buildings, here in the Ringstone group there is a daily act of worship online: Morning Prayer, Monday to Saturday and a streamed Eucharist service every Sunday.

If you would like to join Morning Prayer, please [email Neil](#).

Sunday Eucharist can be viewed either on [Facebook](#) or on the group website <https://www.ringstonegroupchurches.org/streamed-services>.

The Eucharist service books can also be viewed and/or downloaded from the group website.

### **Join in making the news sheet a community sheet**

While we are all in self isolation at home, and there are no events or meetings to advertise or attend, let's try and make the news sheet another way of communicating with each other.

To start with, **do you have a picture that can be put in the logo at the top of the news sheet?** Perhaps a much loved picture of your church, or a feature in your church, or a view round our group of parishes that would raise all our spirits?

**Do you have a hymn or piece of music that you would like linked to the logo?**

Perhaps something that we are unlikely to hear in our churches, either because it is not in our hymn books, or, because it is played on an instrument other than the organ. Or perhaps it is a much loved hymn that would warm your heart to hear at the moment. If it can be found on you tube, then it can be added to the news sheet.

Or do you have anything else that you would like included here – once you start thinking the possibilities are endless.

Don't just sit at home, please use this time as an opportunity to share what we love.

### **Accessing virtual services**

We have now widened our social media presence to include You Tube which will hopefully help those who do not use Facebook, to access our services.

So, please search on You Tube for 'Ringstone in Aveland Group', or click on this link. Once you have found the group and the services, you can subscribe which will make it easier to find again.

Service will also be accessible through Facebook and our website [www.ringstonegroupchurches.org](http://www.ringstonegroupchurches.org)



## **Bourne Food Bank**

For quite a while now we have been supporting the local Food bank and they have been grateful for all our contributions.

However, given the current crisis, things are looking rather bleak and they are struggling to cope with the situation.

Demand is growing and the donations decreasing which results in a huge gap to fill.

This is not surprising.

Children are not at school and therefore not receiving meals there, parents and carers may have lost their source of income due to lack of work or illness.

Couple this with the problems faced by those who would usually be able to donate whose income is uncertain or stopped and getting to the shops to buy food has become more of an issue for all of us.

Sadly there are rumours that people who do not need help can access Food banks and this deters some people from giving but this is not the case as a referral is needed.

This all leads to a difficult situation for many.

To try to help I have left a plastic boxes just inside the gate to the vicarage.

If you are able to leave anything in the boxes as you go on your daily walk around the parish, I will take it to the Food bank on Tuesday or Friday.

Please continue to observe the social distancing advice when you come to drop off.

I am not asking you to risk your health or well-being.

Do keep safe and stay well.

If you would rather give in another way, you can make a gift of money, please see their website <http://www.bournefoodbank.org.uk/page10.html>

Thank you for your kindness and generosity

Revd. Neil

## **Communication**

[www.ringstonegroupchurches.org](http://www.ringstonegroupchurches.org).

**If you have items to be included in the news sheet, please let Sue know by emailing [ringstoneoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ringstoneoffice@gmail.com) before 10am on a Tuesday**