

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



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The Baptism of Christ and Plough Sunday

Collect for the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 Baptism of Christ

[Genesis 1.1-5](#)

[Acts 19.1-7](#)

[Mark 1.4-11](#)

Click on the reading to
link through to the text

Post Communion Prayer for Baptism of Christ

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

From our prayer list. Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Clive Hall, Annie Hersey, Arthur Jeffries, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Shelagh Sands, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, John Weatherspoon, 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 David Crietzman, 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.

Sharing in Prayer – the Diocesan Prayer Diary.

Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' (Mark 1:10 – 11)

Please pray for...

The Suffragan Bishop of Grantham, The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain

The Suffragan Bishop of Grimsby and Acting Bishop of Lincoln: The Rt Revd Dr David Court

Hon Assistant Bishop at Lincoln (Diocese), The Rt Revd Dr Nigel Peyton

Search & Nominations Committee

The Right Revd the Lord Bishop of Lincoln, The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson

Bishop's Staff

The Bishop's Chaplain, The Revd Jayson Rhodes

The Bishop's Office: Diary & Correspondence Secretary – Georgie Hewitt

The Bishop's Office: Administration Secretary – Hayley Coddington

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and the churches in the Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; the Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; the Diocese of Agra – The (united) Church of North India; the Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province); Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)

NB a full copy of the diocesan 'Sharing in Prayer' can be found [here](#)

Readings for Morning Prayer for this week

Monday:	Psalm 80	Amos 1	1 Corinthians 1.1-17
Tuesday:	Psalm 9	Amos 2	1 Corinthians 1.18-end
Wednesday:	Psalm 20	Amos 3	1 Corinthians 2
Thursday:	Psalm 92	Amos 4	1 Corinthians 3
Friday:	Psalm 88	Amos 5.1-17	1 Corinthians 4
Saturday:	Psalm 33	Amos 5.18-end	1 Corinthians 5

Practical support for the work of your church

A huge thank you to everyone who is using the online giving pages to support the work of our churches.

St Andrew, Haconby has an online giving page which can be found [here](#).

St. John the Baptist Church, Morton has an online giving page which can be found [here](#).

St. Mary and All Saints, Kirkby Underwood has an online giving page [here](#). .

For all churches, donations will help keep much loved churches open and serving their local communities in regular worship and milestone life events. Please give as generously as you are able.

From today's Gospel reading:

On coming out of the water Jesus saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Reflection:

John the Baptist promised that Jesus would baptize us with the Spirit. Baptism inaugurated Jesus' mission and Mark reminds us that, through our baptism, we too are sent on mission. We are not baptized into a stay-at-home community to enjoy our gatherings, sing our hymns and say our prayers. Through our baptism each of us has been called to serve others in Christ's name.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ❖ Am I aware that baptism means more than membership in a church?
- ❖ What mission has the Holy Spirit given me as a baptized Christian?

A message from Revd Neil about worship in the Group

It is with regret that we are currently unable to offer 'In person communal worship' in our group. However, our Sunday Eucharists will be streamed on Facebook and YouTube 'live' at 11am and then a recording available on line, on demand.

This temporary situation has arisen because, although we are permitted to hold communal worship at this time, this is conditional on offering Covid secure worship in line with our risk assessments. The number of people currently shielding and self isolating means that we are unable to meet the requirements of our risk assessment with regard to stewarding, cleaning and attendance recording and therefore cannot safely and legally hold in person services.

This situation, along with church and government guidance and regulations, is being kept constantly under review.

Although the buildings must for the time being remain closed, the church is very much still 'open for business' and I am always available to you all via phone, email or Zoom.

'For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. (Eph 2.18-22)

Worship in the Group

Sunday	11am	Eucharist	Live on Facebook and YouTube
Monday – Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer	Online (contact Neil for details)
Wednesday	2pm	Bible Study	Online (contact Neil for details)

Please note:

As we are now in lockdown, it is with regret that the Wednesday mid-week Eucharist at Morton and the private prayer sessions at both Morton & Rippingale have been suspended with immediate effect.



Bourne Food Bank

As the pandemic continues, the need for the foodbank ever increases. They are particularly short of toiletries and female sanitary products. There are three ways you can help:



Food Donation - We rely on food donations to feed local people in crisis. There is a list of suggested items below, but feel free to donate any in-date, non-perishable food at any of our Donation Points

WE NEED YOU!



Give us your time - Volunteers are a big part of our team at Bourne. Help us to give out food to people in crisis in the ways listed below, we couldn't operate without people like you giving your time. You can volunteer anything from a few hours at an event to two half days a week. We really value any contribution you are willing to make.



Monetary Donation - Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives. We couldn't do what we do without your help and support. Please join us in building brighter futures, thank you! You can donate by post, online through paypal or online bank transfer, or set up a regular giving mandate



Mashed Potato	Tinned vegetables	Angel Delight / Jelly
Rice Pudding	Custard	Sponge Puddings
Biscuits	Coffee / Tea	Milk (UHT cartons)
Fruit Juice (cartons)	Washing up liquid	Washing powder / liquid
Toilet Rolls	Soap	Shower Gel
Shampoo	Deodorant	Shaving gel / razors
Female sanitary products (tampons & towels)		
Dog / Cat food	Nappies.	

There is a box at the vicarage gate for other donations for the Foodbank and Revd Neil will take them down to the Foodbank.

To find out more about the Foodbank, and how you can help, please go to their website <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk>

Communication

www.ringstonegroupchurches.org

If you have items to be included in the news sheet, please let Sue know by emailing ringstoneoffice@gmail.com before Tuesday, 10am.