

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

**2 May 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter**



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Your church needs YOU – yes YOU!and NOW!

A couple of weeks ago I wrote the introduction below to the group news sheet. The response to this has been generally disappointing with very little interest being expressed.

So, now I ask you to read this once again from the following perspective:
This is written by me, on behalf of YOUR church, to YOU personally!

If you are not currently involved with the PCC, are you prepared to be?
(your involvement could be the difference between the church being able to continue operate in the future or not!)

If you are already on the PCC or an officer of the PCC, are there people you could approach to help fill any vacant positions?

Once again, I encourage you to carefully and prayerfully consider these requests as we approach our APCMs and to remember that the running of our churches is the responsibility of us all.

In His Service

Revd Neil



Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 8.26-40](#)

[1 John 4.7-21](#)

[John 15.1-8](#)

Click on the reading to
link through to the text

Collect and Post Communion Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please support your church

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

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. If you usually give a donation through the plate collection, please consider contributing online. All our churches are struggling to meet their regular outgoings, which unfortunately do not stop just because the doors are closed for physical services.

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](#).

Bourne Foodbank

The foodbank desperately needs donations of the following items, particularly the ones in **bold**.

Mashed Potato

Rice Pudding

Biscuits

Fruit Juice (cartons)

Toilet Rolls

Shampoo

Female sanitary products (tampons & towels)

Dog / Cat food

Tinned vegetables

Custard

Coffee / Tea

Washing up liquid

Soap

Deodorant

Nappies.

Angel Delight / Jelly

Sponge Puddings

Milk (UHT cartons)

Washing powder / liquid

Shower Gel

Shaving gel / razors

Please pray for...

From our prayer list

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Jackie Bullen, Fay Finch, Judith Gentleman, Sue Grainge, Nora Green, Clive Hall, Annie Hersey, Tim James, Arthur Jeffries, Roy McConchie, Imogen Matthews, Neil Morgan, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Jose Stokes, Alan Tosney, 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 of Annie Bagworth, Mark Dow, Roy McConchie and all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

The Diocesan Prayer diary

The people working in these areas of Lincolnshire life: the armed forces; the charity sector; commercial and retail; the energy industry; farming; finance.

Church Schools in the Deanery of Lafford

The intentions of the following parishes, groups and deaneries: the Wragby Group; the Deanery of Lafford; the Billingborough Group; the The Carr Dyke Group; the Digby Group; the Heckington and Helpringham Group

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and the churches in the Dioceses of British Columbia (Canada); Bukedi, Central and West Buganda (Uganda); Buhiga and Bujumbura (Burundi); Bukavu (Congo)

Eucharist Services in the Group

2 May	11am	Eucharist	Dunsby
9 May	11am	Eucharist	Haconby
16 May	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
23 May	11am	Eucharist	Morton
30 May	11am	Eucharist	Rippingale
Monday - Saturday	9 am	Morning Prayer	Zoom

Contact Revd Neil for the link

Details of other services will be added to this list, as they are finalised

If you would rather not attend a church service, these will also be live streamed on [Facebook](#), and available later on [YouTube](#).

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.

APCMs 2021

18 May	7pm	APCM	Haconby
20 May	4pm	APCM	Kirkby Underwood
21 May	6pm	APCM	Dunsby
23 May	12pm	APCM	Morton
27 May	7pm	APCM	Rippingale

Please check your church notice boards for details on the electoral roll.

As part of the Resourcing Sustainable Churches programme, church governance is a criteria for a church remaining open.

Lack of PCC members, Church wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries potentially threaten our churches viability for the future. Please speak to Revd Neil about how you can serve your church, and attend the APCM.

Pray for persecuted Christians worldwide – India

Less than 5% of Indians are Christian, about 67.4 million out of a population of 1.4 billion. Hindu extremists believe that all Indians should be Hindus, and that the country should be rid of Christianity and Islam. They use extensive violence to achieve this goal, particularly targeting Christians from a Hindu background. Christians are persecuted in all areas of public and private life, and anti-conversion laws (currently in nine states, with more considering adoption) are abused to harass and intimidate Christians.

What's life like for Christians in India?

Gaurav (name changed) was falsely accused of forcing people to convert to Christianity. Few people are actually convicted under these laws, but cases can drag on for years. He was one of the unluckiest ones – he was imprisoned for four months, along with two of his friends.

When they were finally released, it took them three years to prove their innocence.

“Meanwhile, I and my friends had no proper jobs,” says Gaurav. “We were viewed as criminals by our community and no one wanted to associate with us.”

God didn't abandon them, even while they faced tough opposition from their community. Open Doors partners were able to help with essentials, as well as guidance for the court case. “God is so faithful,” says Gaurav. “We lacked nothing – He is so good!”

Let us pray...

Lord, thank You that faith is growing in India despite so much opposition faced by Christians in public and private life. Please keep bringing new believers to faith, and give strength and resilience to Christians from a Hindu background. Frustrate the plans of Hindu extremists who want to rid the country of other faiths, and change the hearts of those in power. Amen.

If you would like to find out more about the persecuted Christian community, and how you can support them, please go to <https://www.opendoorsuk.org/persecution/world-watch-list/>

Why not speak to Revd Neil about his visits to India and Africa.