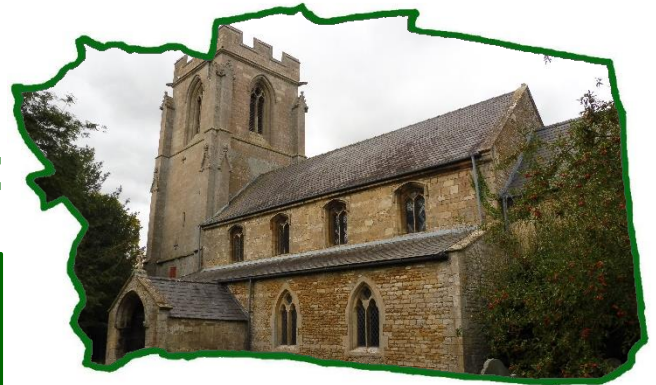


Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

21 June 2020
First Sunday after Trinity



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A message from Revd Neil

This week we move into a new phase in the life of our group of churches as the coronavirus regulations now allow people to use the churches for private prayer.

St Andrews's Rippingale and St John the Baptist, Morton have now been cleaned and are being prepared to open for a short time each week for private prayer only (details to follow). This is an important and significant step for our communities as the churches open their doors for business (although we all know that 'the church' never 'closed for business').

My grateful thanks to all those who have helped prepare these buildings for re-opening and I look forward to see what missional opportunities this re-opening affords us.

Revd Neil

Collect for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Readings for the Second Sunday after Trinity

[Jeremiah 20.7-13](#)

[Romans 6.1b-11](#)

[Matthew 10.24-39](#)

Click on the reading to
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Post Communion Prayer for the Second Sunday after Trinity

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From our prayer list. Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Stephen Buckman, Annie Ewer, Sue Grainge, Paul Hardingham, Annie Hersey, Arthur Jeffries, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Shelagh Sands, Jose Stokes, Bob Tennant, 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 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. Please pray for

Church schools in Lawres Deanery

For the Finance and HR staff in the Diocesan Offices

For staff and students at Bishop Grosseteste University

The intentions of the following parishes, groups and deaneries: the South Lawres Group; the Springline Group; Welton & Dunholme w Scothern;

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); the churches in Nimule Area (South Sudan); Arkansas, North Carolina (USA); Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East); Armagh (Ireland); Johannesburg (Southern Africa); Nord Kivu, Aru (Congo); Armidale (Australia); North Ankole (Uganda); North Central Philippines (Philippines); Asante-Mampong (West Africa);

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

From today’s Jeremiah reading:

Jeremiah said, I hear the whisperings of many....

"All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. ‘Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail and take our vengeance on him.’

But the Lord is with me, like a mighty champion.

My persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph."

Reflection:

Can you identify with Jeremiah? Do you feel overburdened by responsibilities, or that your good deeds are misunderstood even by those closest to you? Do you sometimes want to shake your fist at God and shout, "What have you gotten me into?!" If you do, Jeremiah will stand with you and encourage you because that’s the way he felt.

However, he has more to say. Notice how his lament shifts – he turns to the God, who called him and to whom Jeremiah first said, "Yes." He prays a prayer of thanksgiving. How

bold he is! He is anticipating God's coming to help him even before he has proof of it. That's "Jeremiah-faith."

So, we ask:

- ❖ Have you ever prayed a prayer of complaint to God because of what was happening in your life?
- ❖ How did it feel to pray so boldly? And how did you feel after you prayed that way?

Readings for Morning Prayer for this week
(click on the reading to link through to the text)

Monday: [Psalm 44](#); [Judges 2](#); [Luke 13.1-9](#)

Tuesday: [Psalm 48](#); [Judges 4.1-23](#); [Luke 13.10-21](#)

Wednesday: [Psalm 50](#); [Ecclesiasticus 48.1-10](#); [Luke 3.1-17](#)

Thursday: [Psalm 57](#); [Judges 6.1-24](#); [Luke 14.1-11](#)

Friday: [Psalm 68](#); [Judges 6.25-end](#); [Luke 14.12-24](#)

Saturday: [Psalm 68](#); [Judges 7](#); [Luke 14.25-end](#)

Volunteers needed

Could you act as steward when our churches open for private prayer? We need volunteers to 'man' the churches and welcome those coming for private prayer. This is likely to be Wed morning and Sun afternoon at Morton and Wed evening and Sun morning at Rippingale (final details to be agreed). If you think this is something you might be able to help with, please contact either Jonathan Newell for Rippingale or Revd Neil for Morton.

Please note: If you are in the vulnerable or shielding categories please do not volunteer

Archdeacon Justine's Resilience A to Z

Justine Allain Chapman suggests practical ways to cope with the mental-health challenges of the pandemic

Accessible through either the Church Times or the Diocese of Lincoln

website: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2020/15-may/comment/opinion/an-a-z-of-resilience-in-lockdown>

or without pictures: <https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/resilience-a-z>

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](#), [Youtube](#) (search for the Ringstone in Aveland Group), 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](#).

Fund raising

St. John the Baptist Church has now set up an online donation page which can be found [here](#). There is also a short video explaining the work that is done, and why help is desperately needed, even though the church buildings are closed. This can be seen on the group website [here](#).

We need you to do two things:

1. Make a donation
2. Share this link as widely as you can and encourage other members of the village community to make a donation.



Bourne Food Bank

An update: Since the start of the lockdown the Ringstone in Aveland group has donated approx 250kg of food to Bourne Foodbank!! Thank you all for your generosity.

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.

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>

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 10am on a Tuesday