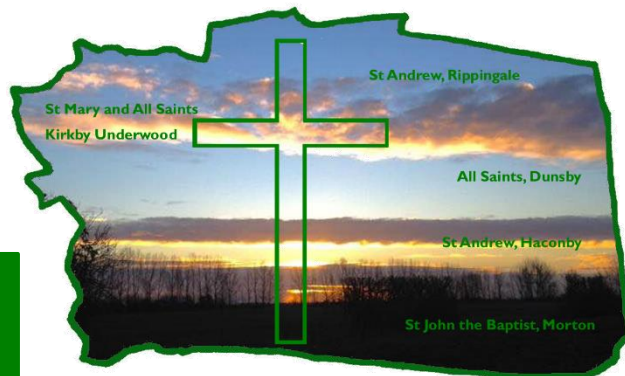


Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

**14 February 2021
The Sunday Before Lent**



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Collect for the Sunday Before Lent

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; 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 Sunday Before Lent

[2 Kings 2.1-12](#)

[2 Corinthians 4.3-6](#)

[Mark 9.2-9](#)

Click on the reading to
link through to the text

Post Communion Prayer for the Sunday Before Lent

God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life: strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From our prayer list. Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Fay Finch, 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 of all the faithful departed may they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Worship during Lent

This year, throughout Lent, you are invited to join Lent comline, every evening at 9pm, and a Lent study course each Wednesday afternoon. You can find more details in this news sheet.

Sharing in Prayer – the Diocesan Prayer Diary.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'
Mark 9: 7

Please pray for...

The PA to the Archdeacons – Mr Tom Wilson

The work of administration across the Diocese

Church Schools in Graffoe Deanery

Those keeping up contact with neighbours during the current lockdown.

The intentions of the following parishes, groups and deaneries: the Deanery of Graffoe; Branston w Nocton and Potterhanworth; the Graffoe Group; Hykeham

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the Anglican Church of Canada, and churches in the Dioceses of South Ankole, West Ankole (Uganda); the Dioceses of Antananarivo, Antsiranana (Indian Ocean); the Diocese of Araucania (Chile); the Diocese of The Arctic (Canada)

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

Coronavirus prayer

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work
many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



(This book of prayers can be downloaded from our [website](#))

Readings for Morning Prayer for this week

<u>Monday:</u>	Psalms 44	Jeremiah 1	John 3.1-21
<u>Tuesday:</u>	Psalms 48	Jeremiah 2.1-13	John 3.22-end
<u>Wednesday:</u>	Psalms 38	Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19	1 Timothy 6.6-19
<u>Thursday:</u>	Psalms 77	Jeremiah 2.14-32	John 4.1-26
<u>Friday:</u>	Psalms 51	Jeremiah 3.6-22	John 4.27-42
<u>Saturday:</u>	Psalms 71	Jeremiah 4.1-18	John 4.43-end

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.

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](#).

Worship in the Group

Sunday	11am	Eucharist	Live on Facebook and YouTube
Wednesday 16 Feb	6pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist	Live on Facebook and YouTube
Everyday	9pm	Lent Compline	Online (contact Neil for details)
Monday – Saturday	9am	Morning Prayer	Online (contact Neil for details)
Wednesday	10.30am	Lent Study Course (until and including 31 March)	Online (contact Neil for details)

Lent Study Course

This year the Lent Study course will take place over zoom on the following Wednesday mornings at 10.30am:

February 17, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

The course will be based on the Archbishop of Canterbury's recommended Lent book for 2021: Living His story

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/living-his-story>

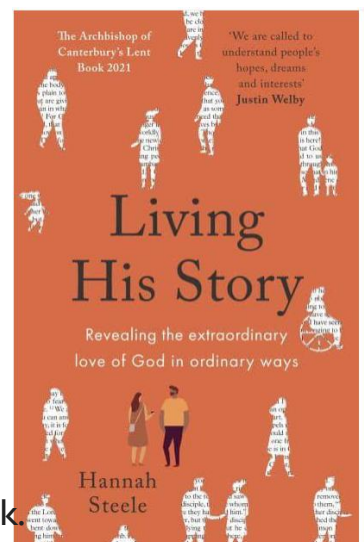
While it is not essential to purchase the book to engage with the course, you may find that it enhances your experience. Each week we will consider the issues raised by a different chapter of the book.

The book can be ordered via the link above or by post from Peterborough Christian Bookshop.

The course will be on Zoom. However, if you are unable to use Zoom, there will be a phone number as well so that people can join the session by phone.

Please contact Revd Neil for the Zoom link or phone number, and preparation notes.

Please note that for these 7 weeks this will REPLACE the usual Wed afternoon bible study group.





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>

Thank you

Thank you Dianne Newton for the beautiful photo of a recent sunrise over Morton Fen, that you can see in the logo this week. If anyone has a photo that could be included in the logo, please send it to the email address below.

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.