

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

12 July 2020
Fifth Sunday after Trinity



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Dear All,

Things seem to have changed quite a lot in the last week. The opening of pubs and restaurants has been welcomed by some people but the most talked about topic by far has been hair!

Hairdressers have been so busy. Some people have been already and others are still waiting to go for their first trim. Some people were queuing to get through the doors, others are holding back for a while until things feel safer. Some were taking lots of precautions with masks and hand gel, others wearing gloves.

There is no doubt that returning to the church building brings the same dilemma for some people. Shall I? Shan't I? How? When?

We have now been open for Supervised Private Prayer for a couple of weeks and will be again today (Sunday) It may be that you don't feel ready to come back into the building yet. There is no pressure to do so.

The PCCs met last week and agreed not to re-open for public worship until August at the earliest. We will review this week by week until it is the right time to invite people in for worship. We need to perform risk assessments, find ways of using the space we have as well as possible and have a team of people ready and willing to act as Duty Wardens and Sidespersons before we can take the next steps.

I have asked for volunteers to take on these roles but there is no pressure being put on anyone to do this. However, if you haven't previously acted in one of these roles but feel you would like to volunteer, please do let Sue O'Riordan know.

The new form of worship we will be able to offer in the church building will be a said service either of Holy Communion or Evensong. It will be shorter than we have been used to with a shortened form of liturgy and no hymns but we may be able to have music. Holy Communion will be in one kind only, the bread, and we will be strict with hygiene measures ensuring that the churches are clean before services take place.

We will still be looking at ways of providing online services alongside these 'live' services, There is still much to do but we move forward, slowly and carefully.

In His Service

Revd Neil

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**



Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

[Isaiah 55.10-13](#)

[Romans 8.1-11](#)

[Matthew 13.1-9,18-23](#)

Click on the reading to
link through to the text

Post Communion Prayer for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From today's Gospel reading:

"A sower went out to sow.... some seed fell on rich soil
And produced fruit,
A hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Reflection:

We might imitate the parable and at least try a little sowing. We will keep eyes and ears open for a chance, in some overt or subtle way, to speak a word of faith to the curious, weary, despairing, doubting and searching. Who knows what the results of such seed-sowing might be? But the results are not under our control, are they? We are those who sow, wait and look for surprising results.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ❖ How am I now the seed that God is planting in the world?
- ❖ Where and when am I called to speak the Word of God in my daily life?

From our prayer list. Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Stephen Buckman, Jackie Bullen, 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

The Diocesan Ministry Team

Diocesan Synod

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; the churches in Kajiado (Kenya); Kajo-Keji (South Sudan); Kamango (Congo); Northern Malawi (Central Africa); Barbados (West Indies); Kampala (Uganda); Northern Mexico (Mexico); Bari, Kano (Nigeria); Northern Michigan (The Episcopal Church, USA); Barisal (Bangladesh); Barrackpore (North India); Northern Philippines (Philippines); Bath & Wells (England); The Northern Territory, Bathurst (Australia).

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

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

Monday: [Psalm 98](#); [1 Samuel 1.1-20](#); [Luke 19.28-40](#)

Tuesday: [Psalm 106](#); [1 Samuel 1.21-2.11](#); [Luke 19.41-end](#)

Wednesday: [Psalm 110](#); [1 Samuel 2.12-26](#); [Luke 20.1-8](#)

Thursday: [Psalm 115](#); [1 Samuel 2.27-end](#); [Luke 20.9-19](#)

Friday: [Psalm 139](#); [1 Samuel 3.1-4.1a](#); [Luke 20.20-26](#)

Saturday: [Psalm 121](#); [1 Samuel 4.1b-end](#); [Luke 20.27-40](#)

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](#).

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



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 <https://bournefoodbank.org.uk/how-to-help/>

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.

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