Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

31 July 2020 Eighth Sunday after Trinity



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Dear All,

Well it is here at last, the first Sunday post lockdown when we are able to worship together once again.

Last week I wrote a little about the shorter form of worship that we will have to use. Inevitably, this means that some people may particularly miss the parts that are omitted. That may be the hymns, or the Gloria or maybe even a longer sermon!!

In planning these services I have included what the Church of England states must be included and omitted much of what may be included.

That has caused me to consider what in worship is important to me and why. Perhaps you too might wish to reflect on this for yourself, what is it in worship that is important to you and why?

In His Service

Revd Neil

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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 Eighth Sunday after Trinity

<u>Isaiah 55.1-5</u>

Romans 9.1-5

Matthew 14.13-21

Click on the reading to link through to the text

Post Communion Prayer for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

From today's gospel reading

Taking the five loaves and two fish, and looking up to heaven, Jesus said the blessing, broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.

Reflection:

Jesus saw the hungry crowd and with the loaves and fish his disciples offered, he fed them. While we might receive comfort knowing that our inner hungers are fed at our Eucharistic meal, let's not just "spiritualize" today's gospel.

Let's remember that Jesus' pity extended to the crowd's physical needs that he saw when he disembarked from the boat. Matthew tells us, "He was moved with pity for them and he cured their sick," and, with the disciples' help, he fed their hunger.

So, we ask ourselves:

- What hunger do I bring to this Eucharist today that I turn to Jesus to feed?
- Who are the hungry I am hearing Jesus invite me to feed with his help?

From our prayer list. Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Stephen Buckman, 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 Annie Ewer, Philip Green and 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.

Jesus...withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.

Pray for all who are solitary today, whether by choice or compulsion, that they may receive peace from God.

Please pray for

Church Schools in the Deanery of Manlake

The Agenda Planning Committee

The intentions of the following parishes, groups and deaneries: Alkborough; Bottesford with Ashby; Old Brumby; Crosby; Flixborough with Burton upon Stather

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including; the new Province of Alexandria; the churches in Karnataka Central, Karnataka North, Karnataka South (South India); Ogbaru, Ogbia, Ogbomoso, Ogoni, Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria); Bondo (Kenya); Kasai – Mbujimayi, Brazzaville (Congo); Bor (South Sudan); Umzimvubu (Southern Africa); Botswana (Central Africa); Brandon (Canada); Brasilia (Brazil), Brechin (Scotland), Katakwa (Kenya)

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 30; I Samuel 14.24-46; Luke 23.13-25 Tuesday: Psalm 36; I Samuel 15.1-23; Luke 23.26-43 Wednesday: Psalm 34; I Samuel 16; Luke 23.44-56a Thursday: Psalm 27; Ecclesiasticus 48-1-10; I John 3.1-3 Friday: Psalm 31; I Samuel 17.31-54; Luke 24.13-35

Saturday: Psalm 42; 1 Samuel 17.55-18.16; Luke 24.36-end

Ringstone worship online

As well as the worship in our churches, we plan to provide a' Live' streamed service on our Facebook page at 11 am for those who are unable, or do not yet feel ready, to come to church.

This video should also be available to view on Facebook after the service and we hope to be able to upload this to YouTube and our website later in the day. We are all still learning about this new technology and we ask you to bear with us if there are some teething problems.

If you would like to join Morning Prayer, please email Neil.

Sunday Eucharist can be viewed either on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Youtube</u> (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.

Face coverings

From 8 August, you are legally obliged to wear a face covering in places of worship unless you are not able to put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment, or disability. Children under the age of 11 are also exempt.

If you do not have a face covering, disposable ones are available from the sides people and we ask that you make a contribution to church funds of at least $\pounds I$.

Fund raising

St Andrew, Haconby has set up an online donation page which can be found here. Annie Ewer's family have asked that donations are made to the church in place of flowers. All money will go towards the roof fund so that St Andrew can be repaired and re-opened to serve the village community.

St. John the Baptist Church, Morton has an online giving page which can be found here.

Details of the online page for St. Mary and All Saints, Kirkby Underwood are coming shortly.

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.

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers for these two key roles to enable people to worship safely:

Stewards for private prayer in Rippingale and Morton

Sidespeople for the Eucharist services in Morton and Rippingale

These are both group worship and so we welcome volunteers from all parishes in the group. If you would like to volunteer please contact:

Stewards for private prayer - Jonathan Newell for Rippingale and Revd Neil for Morton Sidespeople – Sue O'Riordan

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 aprox 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.

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/

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, I 0am.