

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

16 August 2020
Tenth Sunday after Trinity



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Dear All,

This week we take further tentative steps back towards some kind of normality.

We have just been advised that we can, subject to many restrictions, hold PCC meetings in person. The 'business' elements of church life have been going on in the background with Zoom meetings and Email exchanges but now we can once again, meet in person as church councils. Our APCMs will soon take place and it may feel that we are 'returning to normality'.

BUT the virus is still with us. We must continue to be careful. We cannot and should not become complacent. In a confusing world where restrictions may seem to be being both relaxed and tightened at the same time, as a church we follow the guidance that we are given by both the Church of England and the government.

But we hold to the one thing that is not changing, never has done and never will. That is that we are all loved by God as his children and that whatever we have to face, now and in the future, He is with us always.

In His Service

Revd Neil

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**



Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

[Isaiah 56.1,6-8](#)

[Romans 11.1-2a,29-32](#)

[Matthew 15.\[10-20\]21-28](#)

Click on the reading to
link through to the text

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Post Communion Prayer for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

From today's Gospel reading

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out,
"Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!"

Reflection:

The Canaanite (Gentile) woman comes to plead for her tormented daughter. Her hunger and need are great. She comes to Jesus, the source of nourishment and healing. She is considered an outsider and not one of "the chosen." But she is focused on Jesus and will not be dissuaded. She represents each of us today hungry for the bread from the table and longing for God.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ❖ Where and when in our lives have we experienced being an "outsider?"
- ❖ Who offered us a welcome?
- ❖ Shall we give thanks today for the welcome we received?

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, Pat Spencer 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.

The woman came and knelt before Jesus and said: "Lord, help me!"

Pray for all who seek God's help today

Please pray for

The Diocesan Mission Team - members of the team who are on Furlough, and beginning to work again - and those who have picked up extra work during the lockdown.

The Diocesan Mission Team - all churches or deaneries discovering new mission opportunities arising out of the current situation.

The Diocesan Mission Team - the outward facing mission of the Diocese, and for new initiatives in Social Justice and our care of the environment.

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The Diocesan Mission Team - all parishes struggling to maintain levels of financial giving at this time.

The Diocesan Mission Team - all young people as they try to make sense of life during the pandemic

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including; the Scottish Episcopal Church; the Episcopal Churches in Oklahoma and Kentucky; the churches in Okigwe, Okigwe North, Okigwe South, Kebbi, Bukuru, Okrika, Oleh (Nigeria); Okinawa (Japan); Bunbury (Australia); Bungoma, Kericho (Kenya); Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda); Khartoum (Sudan)

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 71; 1 Samuel 24; Acts 3.11-end

Tuesday: Psalm 73; 1 Samuel 26; Acts 4.1-12

Wednesday: Psalm 77; 1 Samuel 28.3-end; Acts 4.13-21

Thursday: Psalm 78.1-39; 1 Samuel 31; Acts 4.32-5.11

Friday: Psalm 55; 2 Samuel 1; Acts 5.12-26

Saturday: Psalm 76; 2 Samuel 2.1-11; Acts 5.27-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 [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](#).

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 £1.

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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 (contact Jonathan Newell) and Morton (contact Revd Neil)

Sidespeople for the Eucharist services in Morton and Rippingale (contact Sue O'Riordan for both churches)

These are both group worship and so we welcome volunteers from all parishes in the group.

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



Bourne Food Bank

An update: Thank you all for your generosity. We continue to support the Foodbank so please don't forget to drop donations for them round to the rectory.

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, 10am.

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