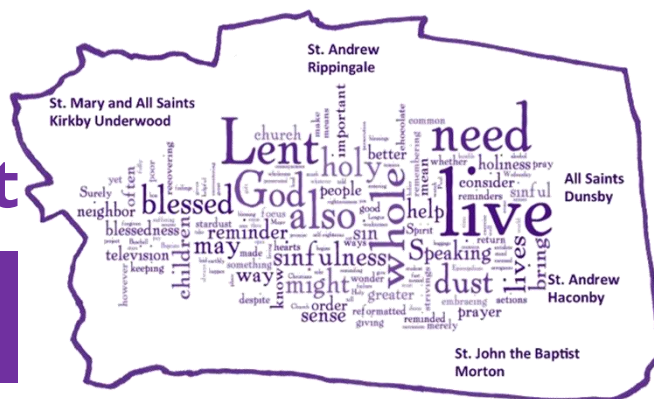


Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet

15 March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent



Please note that in line with the guidance of the Church of England and in light of the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in the United Kingdom, communion will be offered in one kind only (i.e. consecrated host) and hand shaking or other direct physical contact during the peace is suspended.

Sunday 15 March – Third Sunday of Lent

9.15am	Eucharist at Kirkby Underwood
10.45am	Sung Eucharist at Morton
4.00pm	BCP Evensong at Haconby

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7

Romans 5.1-11

John 4.5-42

Post Communion Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sunday 22 March – Mothering Sunday

9.15am	Eucharist at Dunsby
10.30am	Morning Prayer at Rippingale
10.45am	Sung Eucharist at Morton with Morton School



Week Two: Land and plants

This week we'll be reflecting on land and on the tree and plant life it supports. We'll be exploring what the abundance of nature tells us about the God who created it, and the urgent need for humans to value and protect it.

Prayer for the week:

When through the word and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

From 'O Lord my God' by Stuart K Hine (1899 - 1989)

What's on this week in the Group

Wednesday	10am	<i>Eucharist</i>	Morton
Wednesday	7pm	<i>APCM</i>	Kirkby Underwood
Friday	12pm	<i>Lent lunch</i>	Rippingale
Friday	6pm	<i>Choir practice</i>	Morton
Saturday	10am	<i>Pilgrim course (finishes at 11.30am)</i>	Morton

From our prayer list. Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Edith Bond, Margaret Brumby, Stephen Buckman, Annie Ewer, Sue Grainge, Annie Hersey, Arthur Jeffries, Elva Lamb, Imogen Matthews, John Rowntree, Shelagh Sands, Jose Stokes, Christine Ward, Tim Watson, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

Alexandra Clair and Megan Rose Beasley-Hoile as they prepares to join the church community through their baptism

We also remember the souls of Janet Sale, Barbara Smith and 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

All those gifted and called to be evangelists, and for the witness of all God's people to what they have seen and heard in Jesus.

The Church of England – The Most Revd and Right Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Bishop's Staff Meeting.

Church schools in Graffoe Deanery.

The intentions of the following parishes, groups and Deaneries: Branston w. Nocton and Potterhanworth; The Deanery of Graffoe; Metherringham w. Blankney and Dunston; Skellingthorpe w. Doddington; the Swinderby Group.

The intentions of all those from outside our diocese but listed in the prayer diary, including the churches in Maseno North, South and West (Kenya); Utah, Honduras, Vermont, Massachusetts (USA); Uyo (Nigeria); Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong); Valparaiso (Chile); Masindi-Kitara (Uganda); Vanuatu (Melanesia); Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania); Masvingo (Central Africa); Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church); Hpa-an (Myanmar).

Readings for Morning Prayer for this week

Monday, Morton: Psalm 126; Genesis 47.1-27; Hebrews 4.14-5.10

Tuesday, Kirkby Underwood: Psalm 132; Genesis 47.28-end of 48; Hebrews 5.11-6.12

Wednesday: Psalm 38; Genesis 49.1-32; Hebrews 6.13-end

Thursday, Haconby: Psalm 25; Isaiah 11.1-10; Matthew 13.54-end

Friday, Ripplingale: Psalm 144; Exodus 1.1-14; Hebrews 7.11-end

Saturday, Dunsby: Psalm 147; Exodus 1.22-2.10; Hebrews 8



Evensong

Deanery evensong will be held in the following churches during Lent:

15 March	6.30pm	Bourne
22 March		No Evensong (Mothering Sunday)
29 March	6pm	Edenham

Bourne Food Bank

Please remember to support the Food Bank. The collection box for the whole group is in Morton church.



Vital work has started in two of our churches

Dunsby roof repairs have now been completed.

The work on replacing the boiler at Morton is now almost complete and heating should be working again next week.

Both these repairs require considerable financial outlay. Please consider whether you would like to make a donation of any size towards the cost of these repairs. If you can help please speak to Revd Neil.

APCMs

These are the dates for the Annual Parish Church Meetings for each of the five churches. With the exception of Morton, they will be held in the church:

Dunsby	to be confirmed
Haconby	Thursday 28 May at 7pm
Kirkby Underwood	Thursday, 19 March at 7pm
Morton	Wednesday, 1 April at 7pm (in church hall)
Rippingale	Thursday 30 April at 7pm

Notices and application forms for revisions of the churches' electoral rolls will be posted in each church approximately one month before the APCM. If you are not on your church's electoral roll and would like to be included, please look out for this notice

Coronavirus – an update from the Church of England

The Archbishops of the church of England have written to all clergy with updated advice on health practices in the light of Covid-19, part of which is reproduced below. The full letter can be seen on the notice board at the back of church.

It is our view, in light of the continued increase of Covid-19 cases in the United Kingdom, that it is now necessary to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the peace, blessing or "laying on of hands".

We therefore advise that all priests should:-

- *Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;*
- *suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the peace;*
- *suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or 'laying on of hands'.*

Open Church

One of the great things about St John the Baptist Church is that it is open and available to the whole community daily.

We know that this is valued by many in our villages.

However, to be able to keep the church open during the day requires volunteers to unlock in the mornings and/or to lock up the church in the evenings.

At the moment this responsibility falls on just two people with the obvious problems when one or both of them is not available.

We are looking for volunteers to open and close the church daily (on a rota basis). If you think you might be able to help with this, please speak to Revd Neil.

This is an important part of our outreach and requires a collective effort.

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