WORSHIP AND NOTICES FOR THE **WEEK**

DAILY PRAYER

Monday-Thursday 9.30am and 4.15pm ALL SAINTS, LEGBOURNE EXCEPT TUESDAY 9.30AM - SWABY THURSDAY 4.15 PM - S.THORESBY

THURSDAY COMMUNION

ALL SAINTS, LEGBOURNE **EVERY THURSDAY 10 AM** A simple half hour service using the BCP

EUCHARIST FOR ALL SOULS

ALL SAINTS, LEGBOURNE SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2ND - 12pm On this day the Church commemorates all the faithful departed, with a Eucharist in which we commend them to God.

If you would like someone who has died to be prayed for by name at this service, please add their name to the list at the back of Church.

And please do come on the day if you are able.

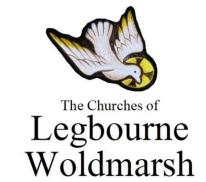
SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

Feast of All Saints 10.30am - All Saints', Legbourne HOLY COMMUNION FOR PATRONAL FESTIVAL!!!

<u>CHURCH CLEANING AT LEGBOURNE</u> 10am - Saturday 2nd November Just turn up and lend a hand!

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'Bringing the good news of the kingdom of God'

PEW SHEET SUNDAY 27TH OCTOBER THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (BIBLE SUNDAY) ST VEDAST, TATHWELL

Welcome to Church! Please do feel at home in God's house, and do sat behind afterwards for refreshments. Before the service begins do please take a moment to be still and say the prayer below.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

> FOR YOUR PRAYERS For healing and comfort for Pat,Liz, Keith and Derek, Wendy

For those being confirmed this evening in St James, Louth by +Nicholas

For the souls of Jossie, Gwendolyn Clarey, Cecily

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

Isaiah 45.22-25

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!
 For I am God, and there is no other.
By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return:
To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed.
In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

Romans 15.1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me. ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, 'so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 4.16-24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing., ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' 23He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.", 24 And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

STUDY NOTES

God speaks directly to us through his holy word. Take some time to hear him this week. Still yourself. Breath. Then read the passage slowly. Does any particular word or phrase strike you? If so, repeat it to yourself and use it to form a prayer.

Suggestions for further reflection:

Read Romans 15. Verses 5-6.

We see here a clear and beautiful image of what it really is to be a church. It is to hear God's voice, to answer his call, and to come together, in love, in service, in worship. God's word is creative: by it God made the world (Genesis 1.3); by it He will remake us at the end of time (Revelation 21.5). And in the middle, in the midst of life, God speaks and forms a community of love and faith and hope – the Church (the New Testament word for Church literally means 'called').

All too easily Scripture can be weaponised: used as a blunt instrument to settle or inflame arguments. Such was the Devil's method when tempting Christ – quoting chapter and verse to win him round (Luke 41-13). But we are reminded today that Scripture shouldn't divide us. It is not a weapon, but a well, around which we gather to drink, be nourished and so be strengthened to carry its lifegiving power and refreshment to others.