



This Month's Service Diary

Sunday 15th May: 5th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 11.1- 18; Revelation 21.1- 6; John 13.31- 35;

10.00: Aslackby: Eucharist

Sunday 22nd May: 6th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 16.9- 15; Revelation 21.10, 22- 22.5; John 14.23- 29;

10.00: Billingborough: Eucharist

Sunday 29th May: 7th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 16.16- 34; Revelation 22.12- 14, 16- 17, 20- end;

John 17.20- end

10.00: Billingborough: Eucharist

Friday 3rd June:

18.00: Horbling: Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service

Sunday 5th June: Pentecost (r)

Acts 2. 1-21; Romans 8. 14-17; John 14. 8-17 [25-27];

09.00: Pointon: Café Church

10:00: Billingborough: Said Communion

11.30: Billingborough: Platinum Jubilee Celebration service

SEE OVER FOR OTHER PLATINUM JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

Sunday 12th June: Trinity Sunday (g)

Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15;

10.00: Billingborough: Eucharist

15.00: Billingborough: afternoon worship with crafts

Every Tuesday

10:00 Aslackby: CoffeeStop

Every Wednesday

09:15 Billingborough: Midweek Communion

10:00 Billingborough Village Hall: Pop-In Too

10:00 Horbling: Morning Prayer

10:30 Horbling: Morning Coffee and Social

First Wednesday of the month

12.00 Billingborough Village Hall: Soup, Pudding and fellowship

First Saturday of the month

10:00 Billingborough: Church Cleaning

First Sunday of the month

9.00am Pointon: Café Church

Second Sunday of the month

15.00 Billingborough: Afternoon worship: Crafts and refreshments

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Other Dates for your Diary

Saturday 28th May

10.00am Horbling Church Cleaning

SUNDAY 15th May 2022 5th Sunday of Easter

Our Prayers

When we pray, we come before God with the world on our hearts. We offer ourselves to be in some small way channels of peace.

- Give to the church the spirit of holiness, to be the image here on earth of the new Jerusalem. Inspire your people with mutual love and respect so that all may know that we are your disciples. May we and all Christians love as Christ loves.
- May our example, however imperfect, encourage others to seek God and love as Christ loves. Renew your people Lord in faith and holiness and in witness to your reconciling love. May the Holy Spirit guide and give hope to all peoples, whatever their situation.
- Break through the prejudices that divide people from one another. Open the eyes of the proud and powerful, to see the worth of those they have ignored or despised.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine and those in all other war zones around the world. Protect them from violence and political gamesmanship, from being used and abused. We pray for the aggressors. Give peace between races and ethnic groups. We pray for those with power over war or peace, that wisdom, discernment and compassion may guide their decisions. We pray for peace and a laying down of weapons. For those who fear for tomorrow, we ask that your spirit of comfort draw near to them bringing hope and love. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold them in your loving arms giving comfort amidst the devastation.
- Grant that in our families, in church and at work we shall truly love one another. Make us open to hear different opinions and respect for those with whom we disagree.
- The Lord is near to the broken hearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed. We pray for all in any kind of distress that they may know they are held in your love. We pray for the millions of refugees around the world. Those who must leave all they know and love to escape violence or natural disaster. Give strength to families who are separated. May they travel safely and be welcomed with generosity at their destinations.
- May those who are struggling with illness in body mind or spirit find peace and courage to cope with what today brings. especially *George Bachmet*.
- We pray for those who have died, we give thanks for quiet, peaceful deaths. From our communities we remember
- We pray for any who have died violently, and those who have died through lack of food, clean water or shelter. Be with all who grieve as they cope with their pain, may they know your presence with them Lord.
- We pray for your blessing Lord upon us and our communities, in our life and witness, on our prayer and work. Grant all that we seek to do for you may take root and grow into an eternal harvest. In Jesus name, Amen

SUNDAY: 15th May: 5th Sunday of Easter

Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Acts 11.1- 18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could

hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Revelation 21.1- 6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

John 13.31- 35

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Once you are settled:

Read the passage slowly and reflectively. Note anything that particularly strikes you, and spend a few moments in quiet reflection. Read the passage for a final time and give thanks to God for the gift of his holy word. Finish by saying the Collect of the day.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

Come Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee

June 2nd Sempringham Community Picnic and Beacon Lighting	7.00pm
June 3rd Horbling Scout Parade Platinum Jubilee Celebration Service	5.30pm 6.00pm
June 4th Pointon Church open for coffee and crafts	11.00am
Aslackby Platinum Jubilee Fete	3.00pm
June 5th Pointon Café Church	9.00am
Billingborough Said Communion	10.00am
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