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## This Month's Service Diary

## Sunday 31st July: 7th Sunday after Trinity (gr)

Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14; Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

10.00: Dowsby: Book of Common Prayer Communion

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (gr)

Isaiah 1.1, 10-20; Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40;

09.00: Pointon: Café Church 10.00: Aslackby: Eucharist

## Sunday 14th August: 9th Sunday after Trinity (gr)

Isaiah 5.1-7; Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56; 10:00: Billingborough: Eucharist

#### Sunday 21st August: 10th Sunday after Trinity(gr)

Jeremiah 1.4-10: Hebrews 12.18-end; Luke 13.10-17;

10.00: Aslackby: Eucharist

### Sunday 28th August: 11th Sunday after Trinity (gr)

Jeremiah 2.4-13; Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16; Luke 14.1, 7-14;

10.00: Billingborough: Eucharist

#### **Every Tuesday**

10:00 Aslackby: CoffeeStop

14.00 Pointon: Cornerstone fellowship

#### **Every Wednesday**

09:15 Billingborough: Midweek Communion –

POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

# Billingborough Group of Churches



St James the Great, Aslackby | St Andrew's, Billingborough | St Andrew's, Dowsby | St Andrew's, Horbling | Christchurch, Pointon | St Andrew's, Sempringham

## SUNDAY 31st July 2022 7th Sunday after Trinity

#### **Our Prayers**

As Jesus challenges afresh our attitudes and priorities, in our prayers today we seek God's help in living heavenly lives on earth.

- We pray for all refugees, for the all the victims of war, intolerance and prejudice especially for the nation and peoples of The Ukraine. We pray also for those who a selfish world has turned its back. We ask God to bless and strengthen all who seek to serve their needs.
- We pray for all who are sad and lonely, or who live on the margins of our society. We ask God to open our eyes to their existence and plight.
- We give thanks for the joy of the Commonwealth as so many nations are together in sporting and social endeavour, friendship and love. May this be an We pray for all Bishops church lay folk and invited observers who are taking part in the Lambeth Conference as they work to find answers in discussion and forward planning to matters which may effect us all. May God be with them for the remainder of the Conference. May they be able to take good news and our love back to their countries. We ask God to nurture our Church as it continues to work to be unconditionally open, accepting and welcoming.
- ➤ We pray for those who will face suffering and sadness in the coming days - those who are sick or dying, aged or vulnerable, bereaved or helpless. We ask God to bring them comfort and hope.

Dear God may these not be empty words, but take us and use us to help bring about all the things for which we pray.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers .....



#### **Billingborough Food Bank**

Billingborough Food bank are short of food and items to give to those in need.

If you would like to donate, there is a collection point in Co-op.

Items can also be dropped off at the church or Pop-in Too

## **SUNDAY:** 31st July: 7th Sunday after Trinity

#### **Collect**

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12-14

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

#### Colossians 3.1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

#### Luke 12.13-21

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' 14But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' 15 And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' 16Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" 18Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." 20But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" 21So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he 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.

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#### **Dowsby Village Fete**

The village is holding a
Garden fete on Saturday,
13th August and the Church
has been given the use of
the hall for their fund
raising. We will be doing
refreshments and having a
tabletop sale. There will be
a few tabletops available for
anyone who may be
interested - no charge.
Please contact Ann Bachmet
if you are interested

## Ad Hoc Choir

Calling all singers!

If you enjoy singing and would like to join with others, you are warmly invited to

## Billingborough Church on Thursday 15th September at 7.00pm

to see if we are able to form a choir.

It has not been possible to sing for some time due to the pandemic, but it would be great to get together and learn some music to sing at special services in the Benefice, and at Christmas. You do not need to be a fluent music reader as there is plenty of time to practise and learn a few (not too difficult!) pieces. We look forward to seeing old and new members on 15th September.