

This Month's Service Diary

Sunday 21st April: 4th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 4.5-12; 1 John 3.16-end; John 10.11-18;

11:00: **Osbournby**: Holy Communion

Sunday 28th April: 5th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 8.26-end; 1 John 4.7-end; John 15.1-8;

10:00 **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

Sunday 5th May: 6th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 10.44-end; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17;

10:00 **Horbling**: Holy Communion

10:00 **Pointon**: Café Church

Thursday 9th May: Ascension Day (G)

19:00 **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May: 7th Sunday of Easter (w)

Acts 1.15-17, 21-end; 1 John 5.9-13; John 17.6-19;

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion

Every Tuesday

10:00 Aslackby: CoffeeStop

14:00 Pointon: Cornerstone fellowship

Every Wednesday

10:00 Billingborough Village Hall: Pop-In Too

10:30 Horbling: Morning Coffee and Social

14:00 Horbling: Horbling Craft Group

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

10.00am Pointon: Café Church

Sunday 21st April 4th Sunday of Easter

Our Prayers to take home

Holy God, your Son remained with his disciples for 40 days after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as friends and neighbours. We too are his disciples and we offer our prayers on behalf of the church, the world in which we live and all those with whom we share it.

Loving God, the letter of John reminds us that "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?" Help us as a Local Mission Partnership to try to aspire to love with actions and truth and not merely with words or speech.

Loving God we pray for all world leaders that, using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate model of leadership, they would lead and care for their own flocks in such a way that peace might abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated.

Father God, help us to reach out to strangers in our midst. As we remember the way the early Church lived in one heart and mind and shared everything they had, may we too in this Local Mission Partnership be always mindful of the needs of others less fortunate and always welcome the newcomer joyfully into our midst.

Loving God we pray for those who do not know your peace and for those who are struggling with their lives. We ask for your healing on those who are sick, your strength for those who are tired and your love for those who live with despair and fear. From our community we pray for, *Geoff Hallam and Ian King*.

Gracious God, we pray for those who now walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We know that you are with them and have gone before them to prepare them a table overflowing with all good things. From our community we pray for *Dorothy Thorpe and Belinda Neuman*. Guide those who are left behind, including *Peter and the Boys, and Neville*, in the paths of righteousness and uphold them in their sorrow with the assurance of your goodness and love.

Everlasting God, we ask that you would bless us with vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do your bidding, always mindful of your amazing love for us.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers...**



Flute Concert

Saturday May 11th at 3pm

St. Andrews Church, Horbling, Sleaford NG34 0PE



Come and hear the award-winning Bedfordshire Woodwind Academy Flute Ensemble perform a variety of music to suit all tastes.

Let them entertain you with a range of flutes from piccolo to contrabass.

Afternoon tea is included in the ticket price and will be served during the interval.

Proceeds will be shared between Horbling Church and the Flute Ensemble.



Adults £10, children 16 & under free if accompanied by an adult
Please ring 01529 241052 for tickets, or pay on the door

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

Acts 4.5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone." There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

1 John 3.16-end

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

John 10.11-18

¹¹ 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Jigsaw Sale
Saturday, 4th May
massive selection of second hand puzzles
Gibson, Ravensburger, Otter House, Corner Piece and many more
1500, 1000, 500, 250, 100 pieces
All proceeds to Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance

Rauceby Church
10am - 1pm

Tea, coffee and cakes
Other stalls
Contact 07989 993287

COME AND SING!



Come and sing - just for the fun of it

You don't need a great voice. You don't have to read music. It's not a performance. Just singing for the pleasure of singing with other people. Some old hymns and songs, some new ones . . .

Saturday May 4th 10.30am to 2.00pm

at St John the Baptist Parish Church
Church Street, Great Hale, Sleaford, NG34 9LF

Coffee and tea will be provided - bring your own packed lunch.

Book your place with Rev'd Lorna at
lorna.brabinsmith@btinternet.com

We can send travel directions if you don't have satnav

A North Kesteven Deanery Partnership event – all welcome