



## This Month's Service Diary

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (g)

*Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2.11-end; Mark 6.30-34, 53-end;*

10:00: **Sempringham**: Holy Communion

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July: 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (g)

*2 Kings 4.42-end; Ephesians 3.14-end; John 6.1-21;*

10:00 **Billingborough**: Holy Communion (Methodist Presbyter  
presiding)

14:00 **Aslackby**: Patronal Festival

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August: 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (g)

*2 Samuel 11.26-12.13a; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35;*

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion

10:00 **Pointon**: Café Church

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August: 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (g)

*2 Samuel 18.5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35, 41-51;*

10:00 **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August: 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (g)

*1 Kings 2.10-12; 3.3-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58;*

10:00 **Horbling**: 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

## THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES ASLACKBY

*YOU ARE INVITED TO ASLACKBY'S SPECIAL FESTIVAL*

# St James Day 28th July

2.15-3.00 REFRESHMENTS IN THE OLD VICARAGE GARDEN 3.00  
WALK TO CHURCH FOR A SHORT SERVICE

AFTERNOON TEA

PRESENTATION TO THE CHILDREN OF THE POETRY BOOK  
WRITTEN BY THEM

## A is for Aslackby

*PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND RECEIVE  
YOUR OWN COPY*

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Our Prayers

Trusting in the Lord's infinite compassion, we  
bring our concerns to the throne of grace,

\* We pray for leaders of all nations; that they may  
shepherd their people in righteousness,

\* We pray for all people trapped in places of  
conflict, devastation and despair; that they may  
find restoration and hope soon.

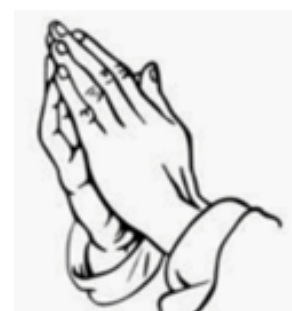
\* We pray for the Church throughout the world,  
and in our nation and neighbourhood,  
remembering our youngsters who leave their  
Primary schools for the next step to secondary  
school. May we offer a vision of unity and love in a  
world fractures by hatred and mistrust.

\* We pray for all those in our communities who  
tend to the sick and needy. May they be blessed  
with strength and compassion. We pray for  
comfort for those known to us who are sick or in  
trouble.

\* We pray for those who have died, especially  
those we remember with love and thanksgiving.  
May we with them, find at last our place in God's  
Kingdom.

Compassionate God, hear the prayers of our lips  
and our hearts, and give us faith that all will be  
restored in you at the end of the age. We ask this  
through Christ, our cornerstone.

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



# Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.

## Ephesians 2.11-end

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

## Mark 6.30-34, 53-end

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.

<sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

## An Invitation from Revd Dr Anna Sorensen

Dear Friends

You are warmly invited to share in my final service on Sunday 1st September, 11.00 at Ingoldsby Church.

Ingoldsby PCC extend this invitation in recognition that this is the end of my ministry in the Church of England, not just in the Ropsley Benefice.

The only request is that people let me know if they are coming for catering and admin purposes. I think that there is some sort of bun fight after the service ...

I would love to see you there.

Anna

PS I shall be around until mid-October, so if you can't make the service, feel free to drop in for a cuppa xx