



## This Month's Service Diary

### 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

### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (g)

1 Kings 8.[1, 6, 10-11] 22-30,41-43; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69;

10:00: **Billingborough**: 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

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Church proudly presents:

## Championship Quiz Challenge



Teams Competing for  
the honour of the  
Sempringham Cup

A General Knowledge Quiz at:

**Christchurch**

Pinfold Lane, Pointon

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 7:00pm



Teams of up to six (£4 per person)  
will battle it out in a series of  
themed rounds.

Tea, Coffee & Raffle available

(Event in aid of Church Funds)



More details: available from 01529 240260

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

### Our Prayers

Gracious God, your love is beyond measure and calls us to respond in our lives and living

\*We pray for your church throughout the world, in its diversity and challenges. Especially we remember our sisters and brothers facing persecution for their faith. We pray for your empowering and sustaining Spirit as we seek to know your will as Christ's disciples in our place and time.

\*At this time of increased tension between and within nations, we pray for peace - and hold before you the many areas of conflict in our world..... and those who live in fear and distress as a result..... Open the eyes of those who encourage hate of the other and promote falsehoods. In our own country, we ask your blessing on our new Parliament, that it may govern with wisdom, compassion and integrity.

\*We pray for our local communities – giving thanks for all thoughtfulness, generosity and care. May there be respect for one another as you Lord, accept all in your generous love. We ask a blessing on the young people of our villages – that they may have joy and hope and be protected from harmful influences.

\*We offer our prayers for those we know who are finding life hard...for those who are unwell, we pray for *Geoff Hallam and Kevin Blades*, for the residents of our Care Homes, and for those recently bereaved. May each one know the upholding and healing love of God in their need.

\*Gracious God, we are one family in earth and in heaven. We remember before you those who are now in your nearer presence [...] and bring us with them into the fullness of your eternal joy

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



# Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

## Collect

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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.

## 2 Kings 4.42-end

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

## Ephesians 3.14-end

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

## John 6.1-21

6After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

<sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

## Post Communion Prayer

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### 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

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

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