

## This Month's Service Diary

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent (R)

*Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13.1-8;*

10:00 **Horbling**: Holy Communion

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Christ the King (R)

*Daniel 12.1-3; Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25; Mark 13.1-8;*

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion

11:00 **Folkingham**: Holy Communion

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November

09:00 **Folkingham**: Holy Communion

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (p)

*Jeremiah 33, 14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3.9-end; Luke 21.1, 25-36;*

10:00 **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

10:00 **Pointon**: Café Church

18:30 **Walcot**: Carols and Patronal Service

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (p)

*Malachi 3.1-4; Philippians 1.3-11; Luke 3.1-6;*

10:00 **Pointon**: Holy Communion

11:00 **Folkingham**: Holy Communion

16:00 **Pickworth**: Christingle and Carols

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December

09:00 **Folkingham**: Holy Communion

18:00 **Folkingham**: Lessons and Carols

19:00 **Pointon**: Carols on the Green

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

18:00 **Horbling**: Carols by Candlelight

18:00 **Swarby**: Carol Service

#### 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

### Our Prayers

We pray for peace. May your Spirit hover over the earth and breathe peace into every continent, every nation, every people group, our Diocese of Lincoln and all its officers. Today is "Safeguarding Sunday", may we all do our best to keep all safe.

We also remember today St. Hugh of Lincoln whose leadership saw the Cathedral rebuilt in the 12th century after it burned down. And we give great thanks for this first Sunday of dear Rebecca's presence among us.

\* Lord, there are so many areas of your world where there is nothing we can physically do to help... but we can pray. We lift the troubled areas to you: Ukraine, the Middle East, Spain, so many parts of Africa. Lord, pour out your love and healing over these places of conflict and fear. Help us to remember to pray... perhaps as we walk, or travel. Lord, may your kingdom come. And, Lord, if we are able, help us to give aid where it is needed most, to help ease suffering. We also pray for those affected by natural disasters, especially those whose suffering is no longer in the public eye.

\* We pray for wise leadership that will impact the world for good.

\* Lord, we remember all those in our combined benefices' who need a particular touch of your love right now. We pray for the sick, the sad, the anxious, the lonely, those waiting for hospital appointments or diagnosis. Come alongside them in their need. Show us where we can be the answer to our own prayers and give us the insight to know when to speak, when to act, when to just sit in companionable silence.

\* Finally, we pray for any who are bereaved, homeless who need comfort, shelter or welcome. In our community we pray for *Doreen Snushall*.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers .....

THE CHURCH OF ST JAMES THE GREAT ASLACKBY

SATURDAY COFFEE STOP

23RD NOVEMBER

10am-4pm

Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and nice things to eat.

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST OPEN DAY

DO DROP IN

# Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

## Collect

Heavenly Father,  
whose blessed Son was revealed  
to destroy the works of the devil  
and to make us the children of God and  
heirs of eternal life:  
grant that we, having this hope,  
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;  
that when he shall appear in power and  
great glory  
we may be made like him in his eternal  
and glorious kingdom;  
where he is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Daniel 12.1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

## Hebrews 10.11-14 [15-18] 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds',  
he also adds,  
'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'  
Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## Mark 13.1-8

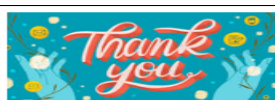
13As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

<sup>3</sup>When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' <sup>5</sup>Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray.

<sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. <sup>7</sup>When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. <sup>8</sup>For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

## Post Communion

Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we  
long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



to everyone in both South Lafford and Billingborough Group who worked together beforehand and on the evening to make Wednesday an enjoyable success.