

Sunday 16th February 2025
Third Sunday before Lent
Billingsborough
South Lafford and Billingsborough Group of
Parishes



For your prayers:-

- *All who are unwell or facing difficult times including: Tony, Zak, Ann, Marlene, Jan, Hensley and Lena*
- *All those who are recently bereaved and in particular the family of Lyle Lark.*
- *Those awaiting, or recovering from operations*
- *Those who are self-isolating, alone, or afraid*
- *All those in our communities who are helping others – give them strength and wisdom*
- *To all who have suffered with flooding*

Loving God, we pray that this church may be a place of welcome, security and compassion. Keep us watchful yet caring, trusting yet ready to question, that all who worship here may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Jeremiah 17.5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out

its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways,

Psalm 1

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
² **but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**
³They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.
⁴ **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgement, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
⁶ **for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be

misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Luke 6.17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.
¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 16th February – Third Sunday before Lent
10.30 am – Holy Communion – Billingborough

Sunday 23rd February – Second Sunday before Lent
10.30am Parish Holy Communion – Folkingham

Sunday 2nd March – Sunday before Lent
10.00am – Café Church Pointon
10.30 am – Holy Communion – Billingborough

Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday
6.00pm – Penitence and Communion – Billingborough

Thursday 6th March

9.00am – BCP Communion - Folkingham

Sunday 9th March – 1st Sunday of Lent
10.30am Holy Communion – Folkingham

Sunday 16th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent
10.30am – Holy Communion – Aslackby

See websites for details of all services and events

The parish of South Lafford website -

www.parihofsouthlafford.org

The United Parish of South Lafford comprises the 11 districts of Aswarby, Aunsby, Dembleby, Folkingham, Newton, Osbournby, Pickworth, Scott nWilloughby, Swarby, Threekingham and Walcot.

The Billingborough Group website -

<https://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/thegilbertinebenefice/index.php>

Billingborough Benefice covers 5 villages and 6 church buildings, including Aslackby, Billingborough, Dowsby, Horbling and Pointon with Sempringham

Prayer requests

If you, or any one you know, has any prayer requests you would like added to the pew sheet, or our service, please contact Revd. Rebecca Rock
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Contacts

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Billingborough Group of Parishes

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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

This Big Poppy Make

Calling all knitters and crocheters. Your help is needed to create a magnificent display of poppies in Billingborough, to commemorate this year's Remembrance Sunday. – whether you're an experienced knitter or crocheter, just starting out, can manage to make a lot or only one, your contribution will be much appreciated and will help create a stunning display, to honour and remember those who served.

If you require a pattern, please call Debbie on

07709 198524

There is a box for completed poppies in Billingborough church and you can also drop them off at the weekly 'Pop-In'. which is every Wednesday in Billingborough village hall
Donations of red and black wool and black buttons would also be welcomed.

St Andrew's Church Billingborough 100 Club

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Please contact Georgina Colyer for more
details

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