

Sunday 23 February 2025
Second Sunday before Lent
St Andrew's church, Folkingham



For your prayers:

- *All those who are unwell or facing difficult times including: Tony, Zak and Paul, 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*

Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four

thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy,
the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.'

Psalms 65

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 **To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.**
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there.

We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.

4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

**O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.

**6 You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.**

7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your
praise.

**8 You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.**

9 The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.

**10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless
its increase.**

11 You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

**12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with
goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.**

13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of
sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

Luke 8.22-25

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake,

and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Forthcoming Services

Sunday 2nd March – Sunday next before Lent
9.30 am – Said Holy Communion – Billingborough

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday Service
7pm – Penitence and Communion – Billingborough
7pm – Penitence and Communion - Folkingham

Thursday 6th March

9.00am - BCP Communion – Folkingham

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

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

Thursday 20th March

9.00am - BCP Communion – Folkingham

Sunday 23rd March – Third Sunday of Lent
10.30 am – Holy Communion - Folkingham

Sunday 30th March– Mothering Sunday
10.30 am - Holy Communion – Billingborough
3.00 pm - Refreshment Sunday Celtic service and
afternoon tea – Aslackby

See websites for details of all services and events

*The parish of South Lafford website -
www.parihofsouthlafford.org*

*The Billingborough Group website -
<https://lincoln.ourchurchweb.org.uk/thegilbertinebenefice/index.php>*

If you would like to receive the pew sheet by email,
please send an email to southlafford@gmail.com

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, Tel:
01529 701505 or 07485 692851,
E-mail: Rebecca.Rock@lincoln.anglican.org

Lent Course

Beginning on Thursday 6th March in Folkingham
Rectory, 3:30pm - 4:30pm during Lent.
Everyone welcome.
We would love to know numbers for refreshments
Please contact Revd. Rebecca

Could you help?

To deliver a newspaper every Saturday to the Five
Bells care home. If this is something you could help
with please contact our administrator, Alison Scott

St Andrew's Folkingham Table Top Sale

**Sunday 23rd March - 2pm - 5pm
in Folkingham Village Hall**

COME AND JOIN THE FUN AND GRAB A BARGAIN
Afternoon tea & cake available at very reasonable
prices. *All proceeds to St Andrew's Church,
Folkingham.*

St Mary & All Saints Swarby Church Coffee Club

Held on the first Saturday of each month,
during March to December, at 10.00 am.



Pop in Club

Every Monday

Held in Folkingham Village Hall 10am to 1pm.

Open to all.

Coffee and Chat

Every Tuesday:

Coffee Stop at Aslackby 10am – 12pm,

Cornerstone: coffee & fellowship at Pointon 2 -4pm

Every Wednesday:

Coffee Morning at Horbling Church 10.30 – 11.30am,

Craft and a Cuppa (bring your sewing/knitting etc),

Horbling Church 2pm - 3:30pm,

Pop-In Too at Billingborough Village Hall 10am - 2pm

St James Aslackby from Lent to Easter

4 March 10-12

CoffeeStop is serving pancakes on Shrove Tuesday

5 March - 18 April 10-5 daily

Make the Circle Wide

A thought-provoking prayer trail. Enjoy a quiet moment in the church.

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

Refreshment Sunday

The traditional mid-Lent indulgence.

3.00-4.00 Afternoon Tea and a short Celtic service

Easter Eve 6pm Saturday 19th April

The Easter Fire

Bring a note of precious names, or situations on your heart, to relinquish to the fire. Followed by sausage supper and Easter Egg hunt.

Church Giving

We don't take a collection during the service as many people give to the church by planned, regular means (i.e. standing order or Parish Giving Scheme). Please do consider whether you could give a regular amount this helps us manage our money well for the upkeep of the building and our service to the community.

A collection is still taken in the plate at the door.

The World Day of Prayer

Friday 7th March at 1:30pm at Sleaford Methodist Church.

It is open to everyone.

This year the service has been prepared by ladies in the Cook Islands.

Lent Lunches

in different churches around Sleaford

10 March – OLGK Catholic Church

17 March - St Denys', Sleaford

24 March – Riverside

31 March – Salvation Army

7 April – Methodist Church

14th April – St Botolph's (at New Life)

Lunches will be served at 12pm on each Monday in Lent. They will be a light lunch of soup followed by a time of prayer. Any donations given will go to the work of Christian Aid.

Contacts

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Usual day off Friday.

Parish of South Lafford Administrator: Alison Scott

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3.00pm-5.00pm. At other times please leave a

voicemail or e-mail southlafford@gmail.com

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