

# Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet

*Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford*

Sunday 7 February 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent

## Readings

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Psalm 104: 26 - 37; Colossians 1:15-20;  
John 1: 1-14

## Collect

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Specific prayers for this coming week:

- For the family & friends of those whose funerals take place shortly:
  - Joan Batty, 10 February at St Faith's Crematorium
  - John Bambridge, 26 February, a graveside service at Hevingham churchyard,
- Election of Church Wardens for all 3 Parishes on 11 April

## Prayer for the Nation week 2:

Loving God, at this time of crisis when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world. Give our leaders wisdom, our Health Service strength, our people hope. Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Rector's Reflection

You may have been able to walk in one of our Benefice churchyards this week (or somewhere else) and noticed they're full of snow drops! The bright "carpet" of flowers is a living creation which has been in progress over the past month. They're the first signs of spring, something to look at, enjoy and which gives hope.

Hope and light are the themes running through this week's readings. The creation of the world reminds us of the awe and wonder that comes from God, the habitats, the animals and people; we're part of God's wonderful creation. Colossians tells of a second creation, one we can have with faith in Christ, who is the image of God. And then the stunning part of John's Gospel of John brings our themes together. From before the world was formed was God and the Word – Jesus, and everything was created from them. Jesus came on earth to tell and show everything that is true about God and to invite us into a new experience. This new life experience is to be part of God's family, a community of believers and to know His unconditional love and acceptance.

As our own community of believers grows, so new opportunities for involvement arise. Being in lockdown 3 gives us plenty of time to think and reflect, (perhaps it seems at times too much!). We may be planning to change the way we live our lives, use our resources, the things we'll be involved in. What might you be offering to God that is new, a transition or return to?

## **Horsford Church Room: Sponsored Event**

On Saturday 13 March, starting at 10am, Margaret and Maggie (Secretary of the Committee) will be setting off from Horsford Church Room to cycle every street in Horsford to raise funds to pay the bills. Another member of the Committee, Carole, will be walking her dog round every street in Horsford during March. If you would like to sponsor us please go to the justgiving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/margaret-mcphée> or pop your sponsorship money round to The Rectory. Thank you!

## **Confirmation Service, 5 September, 10.30am, All Saints Church**

The Bishop of Norwich will be coming to take this confirmation service in September. If you would like to be confirmed and/or find out more about it, do contact Margaret.

## **Lent 2021**

Next week you will receive a copy of “#LiveLent: God’s Story, our Story” for each of us to use during this season of preparation and reflection.

There will be a service on zoom on **Ash Wednesday** at 7pm

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74606435715?pwd=MVNBRIQ2eVRNbXRiRFZCMml4RmtuZz09>

Meeting ID: 746 0643 5715; Passcode: rZ4SZw

Details of the **Diocese Lent Appeal**, which is raising money for “Together in Unity” for the world’s most vulnerable, can be found at

[www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal](http://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/news/lent-appeal)

**Benefice Website:** [www.horsfordbenefice.org.uk](http://www.horsfordbenefice.org.uk)

## Our Benefice Team

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**For home communion, christenings, weddings and funerals  
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