

Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet

Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford

Sunday 14 February 2021: Sunday before Lent

Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50: 1–6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9: 2-9

Collect

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your
goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Specific prayers for this coming week:

- For the family & friends of those whose funerals take place shortly:
 - John Bambridge, 26 February, a graveside service at Hevingham churchyard
 - David Sheldon, 3 March, Earlham Crematorium
- Children and staff of our schools during this week's half term
- PCC meetings: Horsford on Monday & Felthorpe on Tuesday

Prayer for the Nation week 3:

Loving Father God, be with us in our distress; be with our families, friends, and neighbours, our country and our world. Give health to the sick, hope to the fearful, and comfort to mourners. Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers, insight to our Government, and patience to us all. Overcome disease with the power of your new life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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This Sunday is St Valentine's Day giving us the opportunity to express our love to others who are special in our lives with greetings and the exchanging of gifts. But where did this practice originate? The history and origin of St Valentine's Day is rather sketchy but could have its possible roots as a Roman festival holiday which celebrated the coming of spring, but did not become celebrated as a day of romance until the 14th century.

Not that we wait until Valentine's Day to express our love; we have this opportunity every day of the year. However, the past year and the start of this year have been very difficult to do that. We've been unable to express our appreciation to others in our usual ways which often says more than words can. Knowing you are loved, precious and special is one of our basic human needs building up society and neighborliness. With technology, the internet, etc. the world is more connected than it ever used to be; while it's not the same, we can connect with each other.

This week also sees the start of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and the love that God has for us. Instead of giving something up, what about taking something on? What about visiting at a safe distance those in our community who do not have access to the internet to remind them they are loved, precious and not forgotten?

Donations in Memory of Marjorie Marshall

Some of you have been asking about donations in memory of Marjorie. They are for All Saints Church (Horsford PCC) and will be split equally between her 2 passions for her local church: the organ fund and the repair and upgrading of the church building. At the memorial service for her, which I hope will be take place later this year, there will be an opportunity to give or you can do so at anytime, via The Rectory or by BACs (Reference it is in memory of Marjorie). Thank you for the donations already received. Margaret

Norfolk Church Bike Ride

Thank you again to those who took part in September. 50% of the money raised goes to Norfolk Church Trust with the other 50% to the Parish we rode for. It is brilliant to be able to write the following sponsorship money has been received this week:

Felthorpe £20.19; Hevingham £67.69; Horsford £260.06

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The 3 Parishes will be meeting at one meeting in May to elect PCC members, Deanery Synod Reps and report back on the past 2 years. See the special leaflet on why this is an exciting year to be on your Parish PCC and/or Deanery Synod.

Our Benefice Team

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