

Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet

Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford

Sunday 21 March 2021:

5th Sunday of Lent, start of Passiontide

Readings

Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Psalm 51: 1-13; Hebrews 5: 5-10; John 12: 20-33

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Specific prayers for this coming week:

- The National Day of Reflection, Wednesday 23 March
- For the family & friends whose funeral Margaret is taking on the 23 March, St Faith's Crematorium
- The Church Room Committee meeting Monday evening
- For the Church Warden elections on Sunday 11 April
- For Isi as she prepares for her confirmation on the 31 March in the Bishop's Chapel
- Giving thanks for the £1,290 raised for Horsford Church Room
- Preparations for Holy Week
- Those involved in preparing Felthorpe and Horsford churches for services starting again

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Our Ordinand Richard Turk's Sunday Reflection

In our Old Testament reading God says that he will write his law on his people's hearts and will be their God. This is a deeply personal thing: our heart is deep within us, private from others and essential for our existence. It is something we traditionally associate with love.

In a Bible study recently, someone asked is love something you can store up in your heart? Is it just something you can have, or is it something you have to put into action?

This made me reflect on Jesus' words from today's New Testament passage. You see, I don't think Jesus is saying we can't appreciate and value our lives, here as part of God's creation. I think love is something that has to be enacted: it effects the way we behave. If we love life in the wrong way, it will make us behave in the wrong way. If we love life as a gift from God, if we appreciate that gift, then we will have to respond in a different way. Our love will be directed outwards, and that deeply personal place within us can become a source for more than an inward-looking sense of ourselves.

What difference would that make to our lives, and to the lives of others?

How would that effect the way we involve ourselves in helping to build God's kingdom?

Benefice Easter Cards

Thank you to those who delivered these; almost there in Horsford!

Archdeacon's Visitation 18 April

Karen will be joining us for our Morning Worship at our 10.30am Benefice service. She's agreed to an interview. If you've **a question for an Archdeacon**, here's your chance! Please send any questions to me by **Friday 9 April** via email or on paper through The Rectory door.

Holy Week Services: 29 March – 4 April

Monday to Saturday, every evening, 9pm: Compline, on **zoom**

The ancient office of Compline derives its name from a Latin word meaning 'completion' (*completorium*). It is a service of quietness and reflection before rest at the end of the day. It is most effective when the ending is indeed an ending, without additions, conversation or noise.

All Saints, Horsford:

- Tuesday 30 March: 10.30am, mid-week communion
- Good Friday 2 April: 10am, Passion service
- Easter Sunday, 10.30am, Communion Service

St Margaret of Antioch, Felthorpe:

- Easter Sunday, 5pm: Communion

Benefice Prayer will restart the week of the 12 April:

- Tuesday Celtic Morning Prayer, 8.30am, Felthorpe church
- Wednesday prayer for the Benefice, 4pm, Horsford church

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