

# Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet

*Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford*

Sunday 28 March 2021: Palm Sunday

## Readings

Mark 11: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19 to end

## Collect

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory. **Amen**

## Specific prayers for this coming week:

- 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
- Preparations for Holy Week
- Those involved in preparing Felthorpe and Horsford churches as services start again
- For the team taking the Easter service at New Dawn on Tuesday
- Those joining the Holy Week and Easter Sunday services

## Reflection by Revd Wendy Saunders

Palm Sunday starts Holy Week when our focus changes from self-examination to focussing on Jesus' journey to the Cross (and beyond).

Today we hear of crowds cheering Jesus as he enters Jerusalem on a humble donkey. He comes as a prophet, a man of peace and the people scatter palm branches in his path shouting "Hosanna!". Before the week ends though crowds are baying for his blood and shouting "Crucify him!"

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with his friends and Judas leaves that table to betray him. After supper when he goes out to Gethsemane those closest to him are unable to watch and pray with him. Jesus is arrested and put on trial at the High Priest's house during the hours of darkness. As we hear the cock crowing at dawn Peter has denied him three times.

So yet again his disciples let him down and the vested interests of the powerful are protected – just as we see in our own times. The pandemic has starkly revealed the inequalities in our own society and globally. It has taken its greatest toll on those already disadvantaged by the inequality all around us.

For me Jesus shows us *Love's Endeavour, Love's Expense* (a poem by W H Vanstone).

- As we celebrate Easter next weekend will the new life we herald be good news for those who lost so much to Covid-19?
- Will our lives help shape a new normal that treats everyone with respect and justice?

## **Easter Sunday Flowers in All Saints Church**

On Saturday please bring to the church building and place on window sills or the communion table daffodils and other Spring flowers in jars ready for our Easter Sunday service; all signs of life and hope. Thank you.

## **Archdeacon's Visitation 18 April**

Questions needed – I have received one but we need at least another 8 to 10. Karen has agreed to this so here's *your* opportunity to quiz an Archdeacon! Please send any questions to me by **Friday 9 April** via email or on paper through The Rectory door. Thank you

## **Church of England backs VaccinAid campaign to 'Give the World a Shot' to help defeat Covid-19**

This campaign aims to help fund the biggest vaccination drive in history. You can donate at <http://www.vaccinaid.org>

Archbishop Justin said: "The Covid-19 crisis has had a profound impact on people here and around the world, but vaccines offer the hope of a brighter future... There is no better way to show our deep gratitude for the gifts of science and medicine than making sure vulnerable people around the world are also given a shot. At the heart of the Christian faith is Christ's call to love our neighbour: keeping one another safe from this terrible disease is part of living that out. I encourage people to donate whatever they can, so we can build a better world together."

## Returning to Church for Communal Worship

It is with joy we are able to return to communal worship in Felthorpe and Horsford church buildings. There are still Government Restrictions in place which we need to follow as well as being mindful of the need to build confidence with being with others again in a church building and/or outside.

If you come to any of the services, please help the Welcome teams by doing the following:

- Wear your masks
- When you arrive
  - Wait to be guided into the church to where you will sit
  - Keep your social distance when waiting outside & when in the church building
- Where you are guided to sit, please stay there until the service is over
- Anything you need for the service will be on the pew seats
- Wait to be guided out towards the end of service for the final hymn
- Please leave the churchyard within 15 minutes of the service finishing, keeping your social distance and being in groups of no more than 6
- Only those cleaning and clearing away will remain/return to the church building

thank you!

## Holy Week Services: 29 March – 4 April

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

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 an ending, without additions, conversation or noise.

Join Zoom Compline each evening, 9pm:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72819442605?pwd=Zjh2ZDdTakRySDkwRU80b1lIWllwUT09>

Meeting ID: 728 1944 2605

Passcode: dzG8bZ

### 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

**Weekly 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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## Services for April and May 2021

	<b>Horsford</b>	<b>Felthorpe</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>5pm</b>
<b>April</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday	Communion	BCP Communion
11 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Worship <i>Followed by Church Warden Elections</i>	BCP Communion <i>Followed by Church Warden elections for Hevingham and Felthorpe</i>
18 <sup>th</sup> Archdeacons Visit	<b>Benefice</b> Morning Worship <i>Booking essential: maximum of 15 bubbles</i>	-
25 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Worship	BCP Communion
<b>May</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Communion	BCP Evening Prayer
9 <sup>th</sup> <i>Christian Aid</i>	All Age Worship	BCP Communion
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Benefice</b> Communion	-
23 <sup>rd</sup> <b>Pentecost</b> <i>Richard Turk's last Sunday</i>	Morning Worship	BCP Communion
30 <sup>th</sup> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> APCM	<b>Benefice</b> Communion with <i>Benefice APCM &amp; 3 Parish PCC elections</i>	-

Everyone welcome

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## Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

There will be a joint APCM the final Sunday of May which will bring us altogether as a Christian community to give thanks for what God has done and we have across the 3 Parishes and to look forward to what is ahead. The celebration will be part of the service which will be followed immediately by the APCM. If it is fine weather, the service will take place in All Saints Churchyard.

The Archdeacons have advised any questions raised at the APCM should be noted and considered at the next PCC meeting. Once the joint APCM news has finished, the meeting continues with those on the Electoral Rolls for each of the Parishes going into 3 different areas (the church building might be one area!), and will then vote for the PCC for the coming year. These meetings will be simultaneous.

Nomination forms for PCC elections and Deanery Synod Reps will be available later in April. Currently the vacancies are:

- Deanery Synod Reps:
  - Felthorpe & Hevingham: 1 each
  - Horsford 2
- PCC members:
  - Felthorpe 6
  - Hevingham 4
  - Horsford 5

The PCCs will meet immediately after these elections to agree their secretary and treasurer. The first PCC meeting will be a joint one with all 3 PCCs in June (date to be confirmed). Any questions, do contact Margaret.

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## Our Benefice Team

<b>Rector:</b>	Rev Margaret McPhee revmargaretmcphee@gmail.com 1B Gordon Godfrey Way, Horsford NR10 3SG <i><b>Margaret's day off is Thursday &amp; also 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday each month</b></i>	01603 893108
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<i><b>Hevingham:</b></i>	Mike Delph	01603 754427
<i><b>Horsford:</b></i>	Vacant: contact Rev Margaret	
<i><b>Benefice Safeguarding Officer:</b></i>	Susan Jarvis	01603 279238
<i><b>Electoral Roll Officers</b></i> <i><b>Felthorpe:</b></i> <i><b>Hevingham:</b></i> <i><b>Horsford:</b></i>	Brian Rowlands Vacant: contact Rev Margaret Rachel Stowell	

**For home communion, christenings, weddings and funerals  
contact Rev Margaret McPhee, [revmargaretmcphee@gmail.com](mailto:revmargaretmcphee@gmail.com)**

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