

# Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet

*Parishes of Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford*

Sunday 11 April 2021: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Readings

Acts 4: 32-45; 1 John 1: 1-22; Psalm 133: 1-2, 14-24; John 20: 19 -31

## Collect

Risen Christ,  
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father. **Amen.**

## Specific prayers for this coming week:

- Children and staff returning to Horsford C of E and Hevingham Primary Schools
- The Archdeacon's Visitation next Sunday and her meeting with Church Wardens on the 19 April
- The couples whose Banns for Marriage are currently being read
- All Saints Toddler Group starting again on Thursday
- Those whose funerals are taking place shortly:
  - Geoffrey Bell, All Saints, Horsford, 19 April
  - Tracey Guyner-Davies, St Margaret's, Felthorpe, 23 April

## **Archdeacon's Visitation 18 April, 10.30am Morning Worship service**

If you wish to come to this service **booking is essential**. There are 4 bubbles left! If the weather is fine and warm, (current forecast sunny but only 10 degrees!) we'll be outside for this special service so enabling more of you to come along. During the service, the Archdeacon will be interviewed. Thank you all for the questions, there are plenty covering quite a variety of topics.

The Church Wardens and I will separately be meeting Karen during the following week.

## **PCC Elections**

Next week all the information for the PCC elections together with nomination forms will be included in the news sheet. These take place on Sunday 30 May as part of our 10.30am Benefice service and APCM. Do continue to pray all the roles will be filled and whether you will be fulfilling one of the roles!

## **Our Future**

As you have read in this news sheet previously, over the coming year the PCCs will be working together on how we become a single PCC.

Alongside these discussions will be 3 groups considering our Christian worship, prayer and how we learn more about our faith. If you are interested in being involved in one of these groups, please let Margaret know.

## HRH Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh

With great sadness we heard the news of Prince Philip's death on Friday. Our thoughts and prayers, I know, will be with HM the Queen and the rest of the Royal Family at this time.

There are a number of things planned during this National Period of Mourning; some will be finalised once Prince Philip's funeral arrangements have been confirmed. They are:

- A condolence sign with prayers and picture of Prince Philip at each of the churches.
- In Horsford church candles can be lit in his memory.
- On Tuesday, 10.30am, in All Saints, Horsford, is a special mid-week communion. I'm hoping to arrange a recording of this service for our You Tube channel and website.
- On the eve of the funeral (time to be confirmed) there will be a Benefice service held at All Saints Church, using the special Church of England liturgy for this occasion. Parish Councils and our local District and County Councillors will be invited to attend.
- On Friday Felthorpe's bell was tolled 99 times and it will be so again the morning of the Duke's funeral in tribute to him.
- Areas in our churchyards for floral tributes are currently being finalised. These will remain in place until the day after the funeral.
- To leave a message of condolence, you can do so on the Church of England website at:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/remembering-his-royal-highness-prince-philip>
- There will be no Book of Condolence in the churches. I will be writing a letter on behalf of the Benefice to HM the Queen. Do give me 1 or 2 words to describe Prince Philip which I can include in a paragraph within it so recognising our collective condolences.

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## **The Bishop of Norwich's tribute to H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh:**

Reacting on behalf of the Diocese of Norwich, the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher said:

“There is deep sadness at the news of the death of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, particularly in this Diocese of Norwich in which he often stayed and spent many happy times. We offer our deepest condolences to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and all the royal family.

“The Duke of Edinburgh has been a tireless source of support and strength to the Queen through the 73 years of their marriage and the 69 years of her reign. He has also been an inspiration to very many people in this country and across the Commonwealth through his own charities and organisations.

Over seven decades, millions of young lives have been helped and shaped through the establishment of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. I benefitted from the scheme as a young person and being a Gold Award holder set me up with many important skills for life.

The Duke of Edinburgh had a great love of Sandringham and Norfolk and his commitment to the area meant that he was held in high esteem and affection by the people of this Diocese. We join with all those who will give thanks to God for such a full and distinguished life of service.”

## **A prayer for the Duke of Edinburgh**

Heavenly Father,  
into whose hands Jesus Christ commended his spirit at the last  
hour:  
into those same hands we now commend your servant Philip,  
that death may be for him the gate to life  
and to eternal fellowship with you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **A prayer for the Royal Family**

Most merciful God,  
whose wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love,  
that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss,  
but have confidence in your goodness,  
and strength to meet the days to come.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Services for April and May 2021: Everyone welcome

April	Horsford	Felthorpe
	10.30am	5pm
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 17 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>	-

### Mid-Week Communion

Every Tuesday, 10.30am, All Saints, Horsford

### Weekly Benefice Prayer

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

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## Returning to Church for Communal Worship

When you come to our services, please help the Welcome teams by:

- Wearing 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/after the blessing
- 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 into the church building

thank you!

## 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
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Richard McPhee	01603 893108
<b>Home Communion Team:</b>	Rev Margaret McPhee  Richard McPhee  Brian Rowlands	01603 893108  01603 893108  01603 754763
<b>Toddler Group Leader:</b>	Lizzie Baker	01603 893824
<b>Church Wardens:</b> <i><b>Felthorpe</b></i>	Brian Rowlands	01603 754763
<i><b>Hevingham:</b></i>	Mike Delph	01603 754427
<i><b>Horsford:</b></i>	Currently Vacant	
<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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