



## The Link



in The United Benefice of THE CLAYS Retford

*Incorporating*

*The Leverton Group of Churches. St Martin's Bole, St Peter & St Paul, Sturton le Steeple Church in Wheatley (N Wheatley Methodist Church & St Peter & St Paul.)*

*St John the Baptist Claborough & Welham, St Peter's Hayton*

# Sunday 19th September 2021

## Trinity 16

**Leverton** 9/11am Breakfast LA

**Wheatley Parish Church** 10.30am HC Rev. Mark Cantrill

**Sturton** 10.30am LA

**Hayton** 4pm Pet Service Rev. Mark Cantrill

**Bole** 6pm Harvest Festival Rev. Mark Cantrill

### Readings

Proverbs 31.10-end

Psalm 1

James 3.13-4,3,7-8a

Mark 9.30-37

**Collect:** Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen**

### People who especially need our prayers this week

Jane Nicholls, Paul Schofield, Broderick Thompson, David Houghton, Mary Edwards, Pauline Kemp, Norma Naisbitt, Eileen & Tony Kennedy, Nigel Emery, Rita Divine, Peter Dadd, Leah Wilcox, Kathy Griffiths & Marjorie Barthorpe.

Proverbs 31.10-end

### The Wife of Noble Character

**A WIFE OF NOBLE CHARACTER  
WHO CAN FIND? SHE IS WORTH  
FAR MORE THAN RUBIES.**

*Proverbs 31:10*

<sup>10</sup>A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.<sup>11</sup> Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.<sup>12</sup> She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.<sup>13</sup> She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.<sup>14</sup> She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.<sup>15</sup> She gets up while it is still night;

she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.<sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.<sup>17</sup> She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.<sup>18</sup> She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.<sup>19</sup> In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.<sup>20</sup> She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.

<sup>21</sup> When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.  
<sup>22</sup> She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.<sup>23</sup> Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. <sup>25</sup> She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.<sup>26</sup> She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. <sup>27</sup> She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.<sup>31</sup> Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

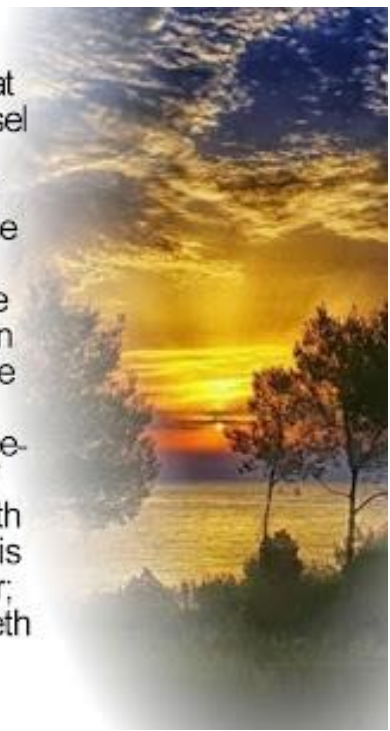
**SERVICES NEXT WEEK**  
**26th September**

**Levertons 10.30am SLPC HC**  
 Rev. Mark Cantrill

**Wheatley 10.30am HF**  
 Rev. Andrew Letby

**Clarborough 10.30am LA**

Psalms 1:1-3  
 Blessed is the man- that  
 walketh not- in the counsel  
 of the ungodly,- nor  
 standeth in the way of  
 sinners,- nor sitteth in the  
 seat of the scornful.  
 But his delight- is in the  
 law of the LORD;- and in  
 his law- doth he meditate  
 day and night.  
 And he shall be like a tree-  
 planted by the rivers of  
 water, that - bringeth forth  
 his fruit- in his season; his  
 leaf also shall not wither;  
 and, whatsoever he...doeth  
 shall prosper.



**Psalm 1**

The Message

**1** How well God must like you—  
 you don't walk in the ruts of those blind-  
 as-bats, you don't stand with the good-for-  
 nothings, you don't take your seat among  
 the know-it-all's. <sup>2-3</sup> Instead you thrill  
 to GOD's Word, you chew on Scripture day  
 and night. You're a tree replanted in  
 Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month,  
 Never dropping a leaf, always in blossom.  
<sup>4-5</sup> You're not at all like the wicked, who  
 are mere windblown dust— Without  
 defence in court, unfit company for  
 innocent people.<sup>6</sup> GOD charts the road you  
 take. The road *they* take leads to nowhere.

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