

# HUNDRED RIVER & WAINFORD BENEFICE

Brampton, Ilketshall St Andrew, Redisham, Ringsfield, Shadingfield, Sotterley, Stoven, Westhall, Weston



## Sunday 3rd October 2021—Trinity 18



### COLLECT FOR TRINITY 18

Almighty and everlasting God,  
increase in us Your gift of faith  
that, forsaking what lies behind  
and reaching out to that which is before,  
we may run the way of Your commandments  
and win the crown of everlasting joy;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with You,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

8:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Holy Communion
9:30am	St Peter, Brampton	Morning Worship
	St Margaret, Sotterley	Morning Prayer
10:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	<b>Harvest Worship</b>
11:00am	St John Baptist, Shadingfield	<b>Harvest Worship</b>
	St Andrew, Ilketshall	<b>Harvest Worship</b>
11:15am	St Andrew, Westhall	Holy Communion
6:30pm	St Peter, Weston	<b>Harvest Worship</b>

### SUNDAY READINGS

#### Morning

Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12;  
Mark 10.2-16

#### Evening

Psalms 125, 126; Joshua 3.7-17; Matthew 10.1-22

### REFLECTION FOR TRINITY 18

A recent post on our Facebook page caused a flurry of comments. It was an image of a mother and young child holding a message board which read:

*'Give me a church filled with noisy kids over empty pews filled with silence'*

Whilst amongst the comments there were some who took issue with this, the majority whole-heartedly supported the statement.

And I'm sure that Jesus would agree. When the disciples tried to stop the children from getting to Jesus, He rebuked them:

*"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10: 14-15*

It is interesting that Jesus uses the present tense; 'the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.' Children are not the church of the future but the church of today, of now. And we need to be ready to welcome them as such.

But Jesus goes on to say that we need to receive the kingdom of God 'like a little child'. Children are full of curiosity, a sense of wonder, eager to learn, playful, trusting, honest, loving. As I sit in my study, I can hear the children playing in the school next door; I can see the way in which the older children look after and look out for the younger children.

This is surely a picture of how church should be; a people who are full of curiosity, a sense of wonder, eager to learn, playful, trusting, honest, loving, looking after and out for one another; a people of all ages; the people of the kingdom.

*God loves everyone He's made.*

*God loves each of us, in a special way...*

*That's you and you.*

*God loves you! God loves you!*

*That's you and you.*

*We're part of the big family of God!*

*Rev Phil*

**WORSHIP NEXT WEEK****Wednesday 6th October**

10:00am St Andrew, Ilketshall Holy Communion

**Sunday 10th October—Trinity 19**

9:30am St Peter, Redisham Holy Communion

10:00am All Saints, Ringsfield Holy Communion

11:00am St John Baptist, Shadingfield Holy Communion

11:15am St Andrew, Westhall **Harvest Worship**6:30pm St Margaret, Stoven **Harvest Worship****READINGS—Sunday 10th October—Trinity 19***Morning*Job 23.1-9,16,17; Psalm 22.1-15; Hebrews 4.12-16;  
Mark 10.17-31*Evening*

Psalm 127, 128; Joshua 5.13 - 6.20; Matthew 11.20-30

**SERVICE OF LIGHT FOR ALL SOULS**

Our annual Service of Light for All Souls will be held on Saturday 30th October, 3:00pm at St John Baptist, Shadingfield. We will be remembering loved ones who have died over the last few years and welcoming their friends and families. If you would like someone in particular to be remembered please let Rev Phil know and/or come along to this service.



On Wednesday 6th October we will be starting session 1 of a series of discussions around "Grandparenting – Loving our children's children". We use a booklet as a guide (a copy can be provided) but it's very relaxed and we cover all sorts of things along the way. We'll be meeting at the Benefice Rectory (27 School Road) from 7.30 to 9pm. We can arrange lifts if required. Everyone, Grandparent or not, is welcome for chat and refreshments. Please contact Natalie Miller [01502 714786] if you'd like to come along or to would like some more information.



Feast on Friday will be starting up on Friday November 5th. This is a service for all ages and includes worship, activities, play, Bible stories, and refreshments. There is a planning meeting on Thursday 7th October 1:30pm at the Rectory for all who would like to help and be involved. Otherwise, do come along on November 5th 3:15pm at Ringsfield Village Hall and find out what Feast on Friday is all about.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

For Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, this year we will be holding three special services all starting at 10:45am. The services will be held at St John Baptist, Shadingfield, St Andrew, Westhall, and Ringsfield Village Green. There will also be an Act of Remembrance at Sotterley Chapel on Saturday 13th at 10:50am.

**COFFEE MORNING**

St Peter, Redisham will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 20th November starting at 10:00am—tea, coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac, and a natter!

*Test me, O Lord, and try me, examine my heart and my mind; for  
Your love is ever before me, and I walk continually in Your truth.  
Psalm 26: 2-3*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- God's vision for us as a Benefice
- Our Harvest Worship, a chance to invite friends and neighbours
- Red Roof Club and Feast on Friday as they plan to re-start
- The Westhall Apple and Pumpkin Festival
- Black History Month
- Those affected by the La Palma volcano eruption
- Those recently bereaved: the families of Teresa Kent, John Foster, Denise 'Penny' Parsons, Julie Self, Gladys Molloy, Jane Hall

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