

HUNDRED RIVER & WAINFORD BENEFICE

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



Sunday 24th October 2021—Bible Sunday



COLLECT FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that,
through patience, and the comfort of Your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

9:30am	St Peter, Redisham	Morning Worship
	St Peter, Brampton	Holy Communion
10:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Holy Communion
11:00am	St John Baptist, Shadingfield	Holy Communion
6:30pm	St Peter, Weston	Orante

SUNDAY READINGS

Morning

Isaiah 55.1-11; Psalm 19.7-14; 2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5
John 5.36b-47

Evening

Psalm 119.1-16; 2 Kings 22; Colossians 3.12-17;
Luke 4.14-30

REFLECTION FOR BIBLE SUNDAY

There is a modern 'curse' which one writer described as 'complacent stupidity.' You see it on TV quiz shows where the contestant smiles slightly inanely, shrugs their shoulders, and thinks that the answer to 'which river runs through Norwich?' is 'the river Severn?'

It seems that people have forgotten the art of memory, of holding onto facts. What's the point when you can always Google the information through your phone or computer.

When I was growing up I can remember going to church and sitting with my Dad while Mum was on the choir. I'd open the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and try to follow the beautiful, mystical, but to a ten-year old completely unintelligible, words of Morning Prayer. Dad wouldn't even have taken the book off the shelf. He was word perfect and knew which was the correct Collect for that particular Sunday.

As a teenager I felt that this was just repeating words parrot fashion – how could you really engage with the words without looking at them. So I was, and still am, a fan of Common Worship when it arrived in the year 2000 with its contemporary language and flexibility of structure.

Over recent years I've come to not only appreciate and love the words of the 1662 edition of BCP but also understand how deeply rooted they have become in me. I find that I can recite the General Confession, the Apostles Creed, and the Nicene Creed – whole parts of the liturgy that have been, unknowingly, absorbed into my psyche.

And I've also come to understand how deeply rooted they were in my Dad's life. He wasn't just repeating parrot fashion, these were words that had engrained themselves into his soul.

It's that sense of rootedness that gives support to daily prayer – having a resource bank for when you can't think of what to pray or how to phrase your prayer.

Paul writes 'Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...' God's word ought to be deeply rooted in us, engrained, etched onto our very being. Like the BCP liturgy was in my Dad.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

Rev Phil

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**Wednesday 27th October**

10:00am St Margaret, Stoven

Holy Communion

Sunday 31st October—All Saints

10:45am All Saints, Ringsfield

Benefice Communion

READINGS: Sunday 31st October—All Saints*Morning*Isaiah 25.6-9; Psalm 24.1-6; Revelation 21.1-6a;
John 11.32-44*Evening*

Isaiah 65.17-25; Hebrews 11.32 - 12.2; Psalms 148, 150

ORANTE

Orante is the Latin for 'prayerful' and this evening our service will be specifically to pray for our Benefice and our mission and outreach. As with all our evening services, everyone is welcome to come along and share in this time of prayer and worship.

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.



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. Do come along on November 5th 3:15pm at Ringsfield Village Hall and find out what Feast on Friday is all about.

BENEFICE COUNCIL

Our Benefice Council will be meeting on Thursday 11th November, 7:30pm at Ringsfield Village Hall. Please prayer for us as we gather to perceive where God is calling us, and what He is calling us to be and do.

DEANERY NEWS

On Tuesday 9th November there is 'Growing Younger Forum' at St Luke, Beccles where we will be discussing our work with young people.

And on Tuesday 16th, 7:30pm at St Luke, Beccles there is a full Deanery Synod at which we will welcoming members of the WITH Community based at Ditchingham. WITH is UK's first bespoke ecumenical Christian community serving young people.

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!

ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

On Sunday 28th November we will be celebrating the beginning of Advent with our Advent Evening Prayer when we will bless the Advent wreaths from across the Benefice.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- God's vision for us as a Benefice
- Our local church governance: PCC's, Benefice Council, Deanery Synod
- Rev Rich Henderson, our Rural Dean; Rev Dominic Doble and Rev Josh Bailey as they settle into their new ministries
- Our schools on half term
- World leaders as they prepare for COP 26. Pray that they will understand the need for immediate and radical action to prevent further global warming.
- Those recently bereaved: the families of Teresa Kent, John Foster, Denise 'Penny' Parsons, Julie Self, Gladys Molloy, Jane Hall, Russell Ulph, Pat Foat

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