

Horsford Benefice Weekly News Sheet



Parishes of
Felthorpe, Hevingham & Horsford



Sunday 17 March 2024: 5th Sunday of Lent

Readings:

Felthorpe: Psalm 37: 16, 18; Zechariah 4: 6, 10a; 1 John 5: 3

Horsford: John 12: 20 - 33

Collect for the Day

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Brian Rowlands

As was announced last Sunday at both services, Brian is standing down as Church Warden in Felthorpe Church after almost 25 years. His meticulous dedication, commitment and energy for Felthorpe church speaks of his resolute Christian faith and service to God. Do pray for him, and for Ann, giving thanks for all they've done to ensure Felthorpe Church remains open for worship. Do also pray for the congregation of Felthorpe as they discern who the next Church Warden will be.

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Church Warden Elections

These take place on Sunday 14 April:

- Horsford, 11.30am, directly after the All Age Worship Service
- Felthorpe and Hevingham: 5.45pm, both at St Margaret's Church

What is a Church Warden?

- “Churchwardens are the great unsung heroes of the Church of England” writes Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, Bishop of Lichfield.

This sounds like a big ask, to be a hero in the church, but in reality it's not quite as demanding as all that!

There are a few things that are mandatory in the role;

- maintaining the Log Book and updating the Inventory,
- taking responsibility for organising routine maintenance and repairs,
- working with the incumbent and PCC to ensure that the church is able to operate within the Church Representation Rules.

This sounds very general, but in practice means providing reports to the PCC and congregation, and ensuring that there are rotas for things like cleaning and flowers. This doesn't mean that you have to actually do them, but just to know there is provision for these things to be done.

- Churchwardens are officers of the Bishop, and as such can, and are required, to report to them any concerns they have about

the running of the church, and indeed the behaviour of the incumbent!

- Churchwardens are required “to maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service.” Sadly, I haven’t had the chance to yell “Oy!” at rowdy parishioners yet, or defend the church with the rod of office, but who knows how eventful the next couple of months may be!

In all honesty, the rest of the things you may have seen Churchwardens doing is by negotiation with the incumbent and the PCC, and there is always support offered either from the congregation, the PCC, incumbent or the Diocese. Aside from the responsibilities, the role of Churchwarden allows you many opportunities to deepen your faith, foster relationships with other people in the church and find more ways to serve our community which is very rewarding. If you feel that you could take on this role, please come and have an informal conversation with myself or Rev Margaret.

Isi Saunders – Churchwarden

Nomination Forms for Church Wardens are available in
Felthorpe and Horsford churches from today

Annual Parochial Church Meeting: Sunday 19 May

during the 10.30am Benefice service, All Saints Church,
Horsford

Being a PCC member enables you to

- contribute to the running of the church,
- be part of the discussion and decisions affecting the fabric of the church building and maintenance of the churchyard
- be part of the discussions around the work and service to the local community
- discerning our future mission priorities

If you are interested, these are the following vacancies:

For both Felthorpe and Hevingham PCCs:

- 3 vacancies
- Treasurer
- Deanery Synod Rep

Horsford PCC

- 2 vacancies
- PCC Secretary

One Big Day Conference, Saturday 27 April, 9am to 4.30pm

2 spaces left! Do let Margaret know if you'd like to come along.

Easter Activity Morning, Horsford: Saturday 30 March:

10am to 12 noon, All Saints Church, Horsford: volunteers to oversee activities and help with refreshments. Please sign up today!

Dates for Your Diary!

- Saturday 6 April, churchyard tidy up, Horsford
- Sunday 14 April, Church Warden Elections
- Sunday 28 April, Bishop Graham's Pilgrimage to Norwich North Deanery, culminating with a Deanery Service, St Faith's Church, 6pm
- Thursday 9 May, Deanery Ascension Day Service, St Luke's Church, Alysham Road, Norwich
- Sunday 12 May, Rogation Day services including prayer walk
- Friday 17 May, Quiz night in support of the Church Roof Repairs, Horsford, 7pm, Horsford Church Room
- Sunday 2 June, 10.30am service, speaker from The Children's Society, one of Felthorpe and Horsford Parishes Mission Partners

Specific prayers for this coming week

- Margaret taking Vision & Values session, Friday afternoon, Horsford Mill Lane site
- All Age Worship team service planning, Thursday evening
- Margaret chairing Ethos Committee, Nebula Federation of Schools, Tuesday afternoon
- The Easter Service at New Dawn Residential Home, Friday morning
- For the family of John Morrison whose ashes are being buried on the 22 March, All Saints, Horsford
- For the family and friends of those whose funerals take place on the 28 March
 - Charles Hamlin, St. Faith's Crematorium
 - Ros Whiley, All Saints Church & to St Faith's Crematorium
- Vacancies at New Dawn residential home to be filled

Next Week's Services:

Tuesday: Mid-Week Communion, 10.30am, Horsford

Next Sunday:

- 10.30am: Morning Worship Communion, Horsford
- 3pm: BCP Holy Communion, Felthorpe

Transformed by Christ

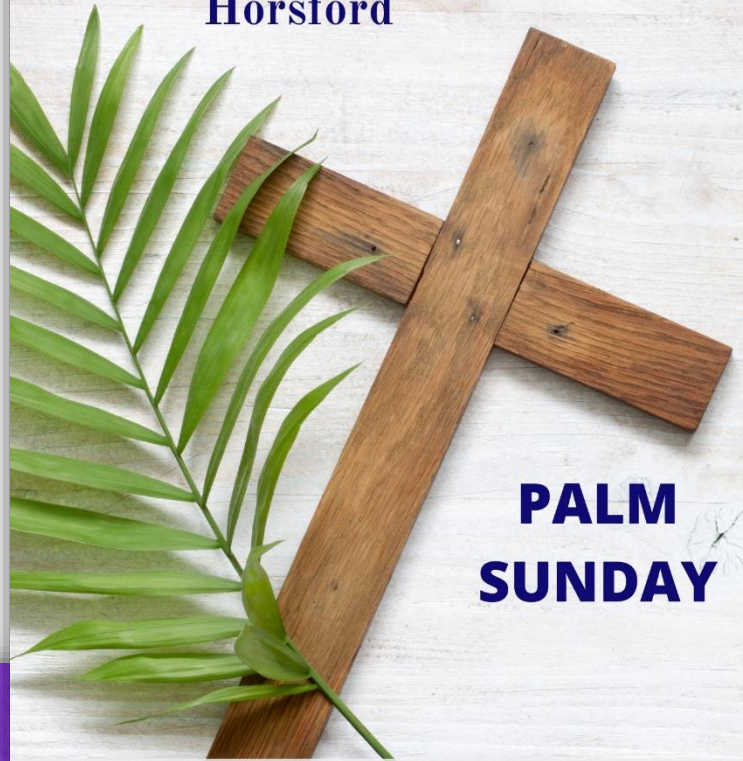
Prayerful

Pastoral

Prophetic

Morning Worship
March 24th, 10.30am
All Saints Church
Horsford

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**PALM
SUNDAY**

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Parking at the Spice of India

Holy Communion

24th March, 3pm
St. Margaret's Church
Felthorpe

Palm Sunday



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