

St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain



Service with Holy Communion

13th Sunday after Trinity

Scripture & Notices, Sunday 30th August 2026

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Minister: Revd Andrew Roberts

Churchwarden: Judith Varley

Service leader: Neil Walker

Organist: Kathy Brayshaw

Next Sunday, 6th September

Harvest Thanksgiving, All Saints Church, Goulceby, 10am

The Word

Psalm 26

- ¹ Give judgement for me, O Lord,
for I have walked with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- ² Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.
- ³ For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked in your truth.
- ⁴ I have not joined the company of the false,
nor consorted with the deceitful.
- ⁵ I hate the gathering of evildoers
and I will not sit down with the wicked.
- ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go about your altar,
- ⁷ To make heard the voice of thanksgiving
and tell of all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ Lord, I love the house of your habitation
and the place where your glory abides.

Old Testament - **Jeremiah 15.15-21**

¹⁵ O Lord, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult.

¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,
O Lord, God of hosts.

¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merry-makers,
nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore, thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

²⁰ And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
says the Lord.
²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

New Testament – **Romans 12.9-21**

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them.

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.'

²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel

Matthew 16.21-28

²¹ From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷ 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'



How can a Christian be a scientist? *by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge.*

I used to ask this question as a student. I wondered what it was like to have a career in science, and how being a Christian might make a difference. Eventually I met a good number of successful scientists who were sincere Christians, and I learned that science and faith are a great combination. Dr Francis Collins, former Director of the project to decode the whole of human DNA, wrote that it is “possible for the scientist-believer to be intellectually fulfilled and spiritually alive, both worshipping God and using the tools of science to uncover some of the awesome mysteries of His creation.” So, what do people like this make of the opportunities and challenges of a life in science?

Although our beliefs may affect what we notice about the world and how we interpret our data, they don’t affect the outcome of the experiments themselves. If a Muslim and a Christian drop the same ball from the same height under identical conditions, it will fall at the same speed. This means that a scientist can be respected by her colleagues for doing good work, regardless of what she believes and what her colleagues think of her worldview.

Science is an exercise in observing and measuring things, and coming up with general principles about the way things are. The world has been declared by God to be ‘very good’ (see chapter one and two of Genesis), and exploring it is a way to express our gratitude to Him. Scientific discoveries can also bring a sense of awe and wonder that feeds into our worship.

Some people don’t want to get involved in certain lines of research because of ethical concerns. On the other hand, there are many issues that make Christians want to get stuck into new research that will help care for people and the rest of creation, such as medical research, ecology or developing appropriate technologies.

Organisations such as Christians in Science and the Faraday Institute gather together scientists who are also people of faith, and others who are interested in the subject. They come from a wide range of backgrounds, and express their beliefs in a variety of different ways. What they have in common is the conviction that you don't have to choose between science and God. As the young people in our churches prepare to return to their studies, online if not in person, let's encourage them that science (along with many other fields) is a great way to serve God.

***Oh, when the saints...* 31st August – Raymond Nonnatus, redeeming slaves from a living death**

Call the Midwife anyone? You may know this saint from this popular TV drama - the fictional name of the order of nuns was "The Order of St. Raymond Nonnatus". Here's a little more about him...

Raymond Nonnatus' (1204 – 40) account of his life begins with the story of how his mother died just before his birth, and of how Raymond was somehow extracted from her dead body just in time to save him. ('Nonnatus' means 'not born').

Raymond grew up in Portello, Catalonia and became a monk, joining the Mercedarian Order. Raymond developed a passionate desire to see other people set free to live the lives God had given them. He made the difficult and dangerous journey out to Algeria in order to redeem many slaves from a living death. So passionate was he to free them, that he even offered himself as a ransom for others' liberation.

While in Algeria, Raymond preached Christianity to the Muslims, and was put into prison, before eventually being sent back to Spain. The Pope sent for him, but Raymond was so weakened by his suffering in Algeria that he died on the way to Rome. But by then Raymond was content. Just as his life had been given back to him, so he had used it to give life back to others.

Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Sat. 5th and Sun. 6th September "Open Churches"
Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival

Sunday 6th September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 10am
All Saints Church, Goulceby

Wed. 9th September – Celtic Worship w. Holy Communion – 11am
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

Friday 11th September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 7pm
St German's Church, Ranby

Sun. 13th Sept. – Harvest Thanksgiving w. Holy Communion – 10am
St Helen's Church, Burgh-on-Bain (jointly w. St Andrew's, Donington)

Sunday 20th September – Morning Praise – 10am
St Andrew's Church, Donington-on-Bain

Sunday 20th September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 3pm
St Peter's Church, Gayton le Wold

Friday 25th September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 2:3pm
St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

The Parish **Prayer Circle** exists to meet some of the prayer needs of the community. You can make a request for prayer (confidential within the Prayer Circle) by contacting Ann South on 01507 313792)



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