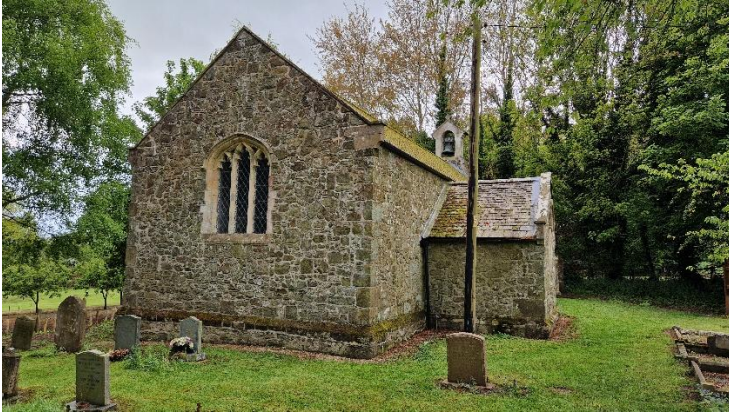


All Saint's Church, Goulceby
United Parish of the Asterby Group



Order of Service for Morning Praise
27th September 2026
17th Sunday after Trinity

Please take this booklet with you after the service

Service leaders: Caroline Taylor, Neil Walker
Churchwarden: Caroline Taylor

Next Sunday, 4th October
St Julian's Church, Benniworth, Harvest Thanksgiving – 6pm

Gathering & Welcome

(**Notices** can be found on the last page of this booklet)

*Let us worship God: Father, Son
& Holy Spirit*

Amen

*The Lord be with you
and also with you.*

Unless otherwise noted, words in *italics* are spoken by the service leader, words in ***bold italics*** are spoken by the congregation.

Father God, we have come together here before you, in the name of Christ, to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive your holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek forgiveness that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to your Kingdom.

Amen

Lord, direct our thoughts and teach us to pray. Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn

67 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Prayer of Penitence

Silence is kept in preparation for the prayer of penitence

God of grace, we're sorry. We admit we've messed up in how we think, speak, and act—both the things we've done and the things we should have done. We haven't fully loved you, and we haven't always genuinely cared for our neighbours. Please forgive us for failing. Help us to start afresh, Lord, giving us clean hearts and renewing a right spirit within us, so we can genuinely serve you, through Jesus Christ.

Hear our prayer and in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

Amen.

May God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive us and make us holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Word

Each week, we share Scripture from the Lectionary. The service leader may choose not to use all of this Scripture in the service itself, so be guided by them. But, please take this notice sheet with you and (re)read the Scripture during the week, and the chapters around it for context.

Psalm 25

(from the Common Worship Psalter)

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust;

let me not be put to shame;

let not my enemies triumph over me.

² Let none who look to you be put to shame,

but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

³ Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

⁴ Lead me in your truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

for you have I hoped all the day long.

⁵ Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,

for they are from everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth

or my transgressions,

but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,

according to your steadfast love.

⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord;

therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

⁸ He will guide the humble in doing right

and teach his way to the lowly.

Readings

Reading - Old Testament - Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32 (NRSV)

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die.

²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life.

²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet

the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Reading - New Testament – Philippians 2.1-13 (NRSV)

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only
in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own
salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: *This is the word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice (Once again)

Verse 1

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice;
you became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at your gift of life,
and I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Chorus

*And once again I look upon the cross where you died.
I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you,
once again I pour out my life.*

Repeat verse 1 and Chorus

Verse 3

Now you are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now I marvel at this saving grace,
and I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Chorus

Bridge (x2)

Thank you for the cross.
Thank you for the cross.
Thank you for the cross my friend.

Chorus

I'm in that place once again.

The Gospel

Some people choose to stand for the Gospel reading, but please feel free to do whatever allows you to listen and take in the words.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 21.23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Response to God's Word

Reflection

Hymn

10000 Reasons (Bless the Lord O my soul)

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul

Worship his holy name

Sing like never before, O my soul

I'll worship your holy name

Verse 1 The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

Verse 2 You're rich in love and you're slow to anger
Your name is great and your heart is kind
For all your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

Verse 3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forever more

Chorus (x2)

The Apostles Creed

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

Amen

Prayers

Intercessor: *Lord, in your mercy*

All: Hear our prayer

Intercessor: *Merciful father*

All: Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray, today in the traditional form, with confidence as our Saviour taught us:

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.***

Amen

The Collect

*Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Conclusion

The Peace

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Amen

*The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.*

Amen

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

177 For all the saints

The Blessing

*The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us.
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us His
peace.*

Amen

*Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ. Amen*



27th September – St Vincent de Paul, patron of all charitable societies

Very few people stand out as being incredibly good, but Vincent de Paul was one of them. His life touched thousands of people, who were helped and inspired by his love and kindness.

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 to a Gascon peasant family at Ranquine. Educated by the Franciscans and then at Toulouse University, he was ordained a priest very young, at only 19. He became a court chaplain, and then tutor to the children of the Gondi family. In 1617 he was made parish priest of Chatillon-les-Dombes.

From here, Vincent de Paul ministered both to the rich and fashionable, and also to the poor and oppressed. He helped prisoners in the galleys, and even convicts at Bordeaux.

In 1625 Vincent de Paul founded a congregation of priests who renounced all church preferment and instead devoted themselves to the faithful in smaller towns and villages. In 1633 they were given

the Paris priory church of Saint-Lazare, and that same year Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity, the first congregation of ‘unenclosed’ women, whose lives were entirely devoted to the poor and sick, and even providing some hospital care. Rich women helped by raising funds for various projects, which were an immense success.

Even in his lifetime, Vincent became a legend. Clergy and laity, rich and poor, outcasts and convicts all were warmed and enriched by his charisma and selfless devotion. Vincent was simply consumed by the love of God and of his neighbour. His good works seemed innumerable – ranging from helping war-victims in Lorraine, and sending missionaries to Poland, Ireland and Scotland, to advising Anne of Austria at Court during the regency.

No wonder that after his death at nearly 80, the Pope named him as patron of all charitable societies. Even today, the Vincent de Paul Society is working with the poor and oppressed.

The Ministry Team

A reminder that ministry in the Asterby Group is led by a team to ensure that active ministry remains a part of life in the Asterby geographic area now and into the future. The mission of the Ministry Team is *“To encourage and equip believers to serve our brothers and sisters in our communities: to meet their needs, share the Gospel with them, to disciple them, and create the environment for them to meet with God and experience his grace and peace.”*

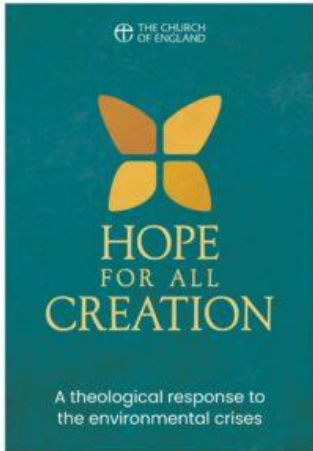
The Ministry Team members are:

- Ann South – Authorised Lay Minister
- Caroline Taylor - Churchwarden, All Saint’s & Authorised Lay Minister
- Derek Elmhirst - Churchwarden, St Martin’s & Locally Recognised Lay Minister
- Lynne Parkinson – Churchwarden, St Andrew’s
- Neil Walker – Ministry Team Coordinator, Locally Recognised Lay Minister St Helen’s & PCC Lay Chair
- Revd Andrew Roberts
- Revd Mark Holden – Rural Dean

If you’d like to know more, please contact the Team Coordinator.

Deanery Taizé service
Tuesday 29th September, 7pm
Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall
...followed by a bring & share
supper.





Hope for All Creation – a theological response to the environmental crises - By House of Bishops, CHP

Hope for All Creation presents a theological vision by which members of the Church of England might think, reflect and act in response to the current environmental crises, in partnership with other denominations and all people of good will. Drawing on a rich history of Anglican theological reflection on the environment, it takes forward this tradition to inform the Church of England's care for creation. It does so at a time when humanity's disruption of the Earth seems on the threshold of the catastrophes earlier reports warned of. It also seeks to deepen the Church's vision of creation and human responsibility and to articulate more fully God's reconciliation of all things in Christ and the hope for the redemption and renewal he provides.

Finally, it offers a vision of how Christians can seek to live in a reconciled relationship with other creatures in the light of this hope and integrate this fully into Christian mission and discipleship. Hope for All Creation is a teaching document from the House of Bishops of the Church of England and features a Foreword by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Tuesday 29th September – Deanery Taizé service – 7pm
(with a bring & share supper to follow)
Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall

Sunday 4th October – Harvest Thanksgiving – 6pm
St Julian's Church, Benniworth

Sunday 11th October – Morning Praise – 10am
St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain

Wednesday 14th October – Celtic worship w Holy Communion – 11am
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

Sunday 18th October – Holy Communion – 9:30am
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

Sunday 25th October – Holy Communion – 10am
All Saint's Church, Goulceby

Sunday 1st November – Holy Communion – 10am
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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