

# **All Saint's Church, Goulceby**



## **Service of Harvest Thanksgiving**

**14th Sunday after Trinity**

**Scripture & Notices, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU**

Service leaders: Caroline Taylor, Ann South

Churchwardens: Caroline Taylor

Organist: Ken Shipley

Next Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> September

Harvest Thanksgiving w. Holy Communion

St Helen's Church, Burgh-on-Bain, 10am

# The Word

## Readings

### Old Testament - Psalm 96

- <sup>1</sup> Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Sing to the Lord and bless his name;  
tell out his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup> Declare his glory among the nations  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup> For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the nations are but idols;  
it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup> Honour and majesty are before him;  
power and splendour are in his sanctuary.
- <sup>7</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;  
ascribe to the Lord honour and strength.
- <sup>8</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup> O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

<sup>10</sup> Tell it out among the nations that the Lord is king.

He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity.

<sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it;

<sup>12</sup> Let the fields be joyful and all that is in them;

let all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> For he comes, he comes to judge the earth;

with righteousness he will judge the world

and the peoples with his truth.

## New Testament – **Matthew 13.1-23**

### The Parable of the Sower

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

<sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.

<sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

<sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty,

some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!”

## The Purpose of the Parables

<sup>10</sup>Then the disciples came and asked him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” <sup>11</sup>He answered, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. <sup>12</sup>For to those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>13</sup>The reason I speak to them in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’ <sup>14</sup>With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

‘You will indeed listen, but never understand,  
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

<sup>15</sup>For this people's heart has grown dull,  
and their ears are hard of hearing,  
and they have shut their eyes;  
so that they might not look with their eyes,  
and listen with their ears,  
and understand with their heart and turn—  
and I would heal them.’

<sup>16</sup>But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. <sup>17</sup>Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

## The Parable of the Sower Explained

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”



## A New Festival – ‘Creation in Christ’

This Sunday we find a festival that is new to our calendar. In July, General Synod gave final approval to the Festival of Creation in Christ, to be celebrated each year on the first Sunday in September. It comes to us as an ecumenical gift, shaped by conversation between Anglican, Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches, and it stands at the threshold of **Creationtide**, the season that runs from 1 September to 4 October.

The name is doing careful work. This is not a festival of creation alone, but of creation *in Christ*. Introducing it at Synod, the Bishop of Lichfield spoke of creation made through Christ, held together in Christ, and destined for renewal in Christ — language drawn from Colossians, where Paul writes of the one in whom all things hold together. Care for the world is not a cause bolted on to the faith from outside. It belongs near its centre.

That may be easier to see from here than from most places. Across our parishes the turning year is no abstraction. It is drilling and lambing, hedges cut in autumn, the long wait on weather that may not come good. In early September work in the Wolds fields continues. The land is not just scenery to us. It is livelihood, labour, and no small amount of worry.

A festival of creation gives us somewhere to put both halves of that. There is thanksgiving in it — for harvest, and for the ordinary daily mercy of soil and rain and light. There is also honesty about damage done and damage feared. And holding the two together is the promise this new festival exists to name: that the God who made all things in Christ has not finished with them yet.

## ***Oh, when the saints...*5<sup>th</sup> Sept. St Laurence Giustiniani, helping a beggar**

You are walking down the road when a beggar approaches you for money. What do you do? If, instead of giving money, you buy him/her coffee or a meal, then you are in good company: you are following in the steps of the first ever Bishop of Venice.

Laurence Giustiniani (1381 – 1455) was born of a noble Venetian family, but chose the austerity of the Augustinian monastery of San Giorgio on island of Alga. He became a priest in 1406, Prior in 1407, Bishop of Castello in 1433 and then in 1451 the first ever Bishop of Venice.

By then, Laurence had seen a lot of human nature, and was wise as well as good. Frugal in his private life, and happy to help the poor, he made sure that he gave wisely as well as generously. Hence the poor who came to him for help were given food and clothing – but only very occasionally small amounts of money. Bishop Laurence also devoted himself to peace-making and other pastoral work, for which his contemporaries held him in high esteem. As he lay dying on a bed of straw, very many clergy, laity, beggars and destitute folk came to grieve: he was greatly respected and loved. Wise giving and peace-making – Laurence's example still shine true today.

### **Confirmation services**

'Confirmation' and 'being confirmed' is a very meaningful service that takes place which can help strengthen and encourage people on their journey of faith as Christians. It is a traditional service that is open to young people and adults of all ages. It is preceded by some sessions of preparation and reflection. Confirmation services take place at intervals throughout the year. If you would like more information please do call Revd. Mark Holden, Rural Dean - 01673 857825.

## Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

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Sun. 6<sup>th</sup> September “Open Churches”  
Lincolnshire Wolds & Coast Churches Festival

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Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> September – Celtic Worship w. Holy Communion – 11am  
St Andrew’s Church, Donington on Bain

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 7pm  
St German’s Church, Ranby

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

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Morning Praise – 10am  
St Andrew’s Church, Donington-on-Bain

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Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 3pm  
St Peter’s Church, Gayton le Wold

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Thanksgiving – 2:30pm  
St Martin’s Church, Scamblesby

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Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Morning Praise – 10am  
All Saint’s Church, Goulceby

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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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