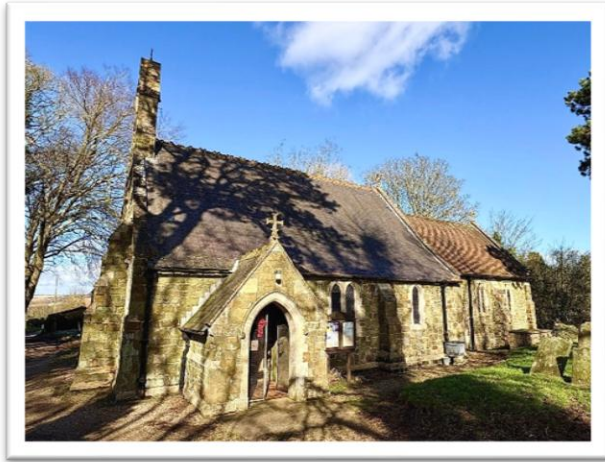


St Martin's Church, Scamblesby



Lammastide service

12th Sunday after Trinity

Order of Service & Notices

Sunday 23rd August 2026

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Service leader: Rev Andrew Roberts

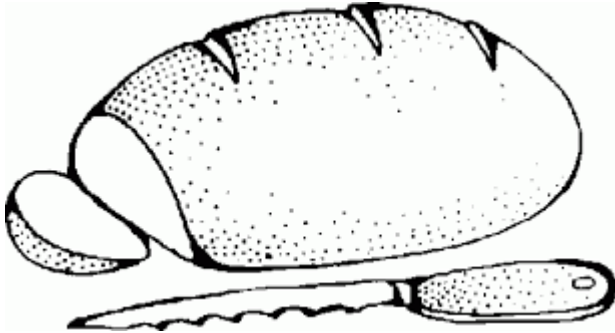
Churchwarden: Derek Elmhirst, Peter Myers

Organist: Kathy Brayshaw

Next Sunday, 30th August

Holy Communion, St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain, 10am

Lammastide Service



Lammastide corresponds to the Hebrew Feast of Weeks when a sheaf of the first of the barley harvest was offered (Leviticus 23: 9ff., Numbers 28: 26 - 31, Deuteronomy 16: 10,16) and Lammas Day itself is August 1st.

The word 'Lammas' first appears in the writings of King Alfred and is thought to be derived from an English word for 'loaf' followed by 'mass'. In the early English church it was customary to consecrate bread made from the first-ripe corn on this day, probably in thanksgiving for the harvest.

Hymn All Things Bright and Beautiful

Reading - Old Testament - Deuteronomy 26: 1-4 (NIV)

When you have entered the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come to the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us'.

Reading - New Testament John 6: 5-12 (NIV)

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each to have a bite!' Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down'. There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to the disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'

The congregation stands

1st Speaker: Let us praise God:
for the rich soil of the countryside,
and drills drawn straight across the field;
for the green corn springing out of the earth,
and the warm sweetness of the rain:
Let us praise God.

For the power of tractors
and for all the machines that ease our labour;
and for the skill of those who gather the harvest:
Let us praise God.

2nd Speaker: Let us praise God:
for all who work on the farm and in the field;
for their hope and courage
in days of difficulty and disappointment:
Let us praise God.

For those who, often unnoticed and unsung,
provide their fellow citizens with the means of life,
for the salvation of town and country:
Let us praise God.

3rd Speaker: For all who take the true craftsman's pride
in the work they do,
and know the satisfaction that comes
from a hard day's work well done:
Let us praise God.

For the bread given us as our daily food,
and for that Bread of Life
which we receive at the Lord's table:
Let us praise God.

All sing **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Hymn Amazing Grace

Talk

Poem

Offering of grain and bread

A farmer and a baker (or their representatives) come up during the hymn carrying a sheaf of corn and a loaf of bread.

Farmer: In the name of the farmers and farm workers of our community, I bring this sheaf of corn, the first-fruits of our harvest. We offer it to Almighty God and pray for his blessing on the ingathering of all our crops.

The farmer presents the sheaf at the altar table.

Baker In the name of the people of our community, I bring this loaf made from the first ears of the ripe corn. We offer it to God, and pray for his blessing on our homes and our families, on the food we eat and the work we do, and on all the daily life of our villages.

The baker presents it at the altar table

All: **All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.**

Leader: The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give you thanks and praise, eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son. We thank you because you have set us in the midst of your bounteous creation and called us to be fellow-workers with you; we thank you because you have ripened our first-fruits with the rain of heaven, and the warmth of the sun.

All: **Glory be to you, O Lord most high. Amen.**

Leader: Let us pray

Prayer

O God, who has made heaven and earth,
and all that is in them,
we pray you to bless these first-fruits of harvest
and to multiply them abundantly.

We pray that the harvest is sufficient for our needs.

We pray for seasonable weather for sowing
to prepare for next year's harvest.

Rejoicing in your gifts, may we offer our thanks
to your divine Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us evermore. Amen.**

All return to their seats.

Hymn

You shall go out with joy

Blessing

Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 30th August – Holy Communion – 10am
St Helen's Church, Burgh-on-Bain

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

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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