

St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain



Service of Morning Praise

11th Sunday after Trinity

Scripture & Notices, Sunday 16th August 2026

PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU

Service leader: Ann South

Churchwardens: Lynne Parkinson, Graham Parkinson

Organist: Kathy Brayshaw

Next Sunday, 23rd August

Lammastide service, St Martin's Church, Scamblesby, 10am

The Word

Psalm 133

- ¹ Behold how good and pleasant it is
to dwell together in unity.
- ² It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,
- ³ Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.
- ⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon
running down upon the hills of Zion.
- ⁵ For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

Old Testament - **Genesis 45.1-15**

¹ Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, ‘Send everyone away from me.’ So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, ‘I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?’ But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, ‘Come closer to me.’ And they came closer. He said, ‘I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, “Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.” ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.’ ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept,

while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

New Testament – **Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32**

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel?

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy.

³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all..



The Gospel

Matthew 15.10-28

¹⁰ Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³ He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶ Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

Prayer Points

Have you heard of Lectio-365? It is a free daily prayer guide with morning, midday & night devotionals to help you experience God's presence in your life through regular prayer.

You can find it online at lectio365.com, or as an app for your smartphone at the Apple store or Google Play.

BOOK REVIEW

Stories of the Saints

By Margaret McAllister, SPCK

A beautifully illustrated children's book featuring 12 inspiring stories of Christian saints, ideal for ages 7 to 11. From Saint Peter and Saint Paul to Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Bernadette, Padre Pio, and more, each story brings to life the courage, faith, and compassion of these beloved saints.

Lively and vivid, some tales are told in the first person, others through onlookers' eyes, with each story including extra information about the saint's life. Graceful illustrations, inspired by ancient art and architecture, make every page a visual delight. Perfect for young readers, families, and Sunday schools, this faith-based collection inspires children with stories of heroism, kindness, and devotion.

Oh, when the saints... 15th August – ‘Shall we not love thee, Mother dear?’

The Church responds with a resounding ‘Yes’ to that question, as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August. An ancient name for this day is the transition of Mary – her crossing over to eternal life – or the assumption of Mary. But her story begins in the Gospels, in Nazareth and Bethlehem.

At the Annunciation, Gabriel announces the good news to Mary. She becomes a mother and embarks on a journey that takes her to the temple in Jerusalem, a wedding feast at Cana, the Cross of Calvary, and the upper room of Pentecost. Through Christian history her story has spoken to people in every age and culture and land.

As we look at her life now, there are two qualities that stand out. The first is thanksgiving. Mary came from a people that realised the importance of thanking God, and her response to the good news is to raise her heart in the words of the Magnificat. ‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour.’

The second quality is trust. Rowan Williams has written that despite the years of controversy about the place of our Lady, we still need to hold out our hands to her for guidance and succour. “For at the very least she is the first person to put her trust in God who is shown in Jesus.” Through all that happened to her – the amazing news of Gabriel, no room at the inn, the worry over wine at the wedding – Mary ponders and trusts. To the servants at Cana, she says, “Do whatever Jesus tells you. It will be all right. You will see.”

Thanksgiving and trust: easy enough to see in our Lady, but perhaps more difficult to own for ourselves. Yet Mary assures us that with God all things are possible. Holding on to that faith, we can journey with her Son through life and death to eternal life.

Notices

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 23rd August – Lammastide service – 10am
St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

Sunday 30th August – Morning Praise – 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

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

Sun. 13th September – Harvest Thanksgiving w. Communion – 10am
St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain (with St Andrew's congregation)

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

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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