

# **St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain**

United Parish of the Asterby Group



## **Service with Holy Communion**

20th Sunday after Trinity

**Scripture & Notices for  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**PLEASE TAKE THIS NOTICE SHEET WITH YOU**

Service leader: Revd Mark Holden

Churchwardens: Lynne Parkinson, Graham Parkinson

Organist: Kathy Brayshaw

Next Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> October

Holy Communion, All Saints' Church, Goulceby, 10am

# The Word

## **Psalm 147.1-7** (from the Common Worship Psalter)

<sup>1</sup> Alleluia.

How good it is to make music for our God,  
how joyful to honour him with praise.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> He heals the brokenhearted  
and binds up all their wounds.

<sup>4</sup> He counts the number of the stars  
and calls them all by their names.

<sup>5</sup> Great is our Lord and mighty in power;  
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord lifts up the poor,  
but casts down the wicked to the ground.

<sup>7</sup> Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make music to our God upon the lyre;

**Old Testament - Isaiah 35.3-6 (NRSV)**

<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands,  
and make firm the feeble knees.

<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart,  
‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;

New Testament – **2 Timothy 4.5-17** (NRSV)

<sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup> I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

<sup>9</sup> Do your best to come to me soon, <sup>10</sup> for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. <sup>11</sup> Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. <sup>12</sup> I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. <sup>13</sup> When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. <sup>14</sup> Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. <sup>15</sup> You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message.

<sup>16</sup> At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

## The Gospel

**Luke 10.1-9 (NRSV)**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."



**Oh, when the saints...**

## **18th October – St Luke the Evangelist, linking the sacred and the profane**

To St Luke, a Gentile, we owe the beautifully written Gospel of Luke, and the Book of Acts. He was a Greek physician, a disciple of St Paul, a companion on some of his missionary journeys, and an inspired writer.

Luke's gospel focuses on the compassion of Christ. His gospel contains some of the most moving parables, such as the Good Samaritan and Prodigal Son. This, with his emphasis on poverty, prayer and purity of heart, make up much of his appeal to the Gentiles, for whom he wrote.

Women figure more prominently in Luke's gospel than any other: look out for the extended story of the Virgin Birth, and stories of Mary, Elizabeth, and the woman who was a sinner.

In Acts, Luke is remarkably good at linking sacred and profane history, as subsequent archaeology has shown. A principal theme of his Acts is how the early Christians moved away from Jerusalem into the pagan world, and especially on to Rome.

Luke is the patron saint of doctors, surgeons and artists (due to his picturesque style of writing). His symbol is an ox, sometimes explained by reference to the sacrifice in the Temple at the beginning of his Gospel. In England 28 ancient churches were dedicated to him.

## **22nd October – Donatus, and the danger of exploring an unfamiliar church**

When you are out and about on the road far from home, ever feel tempted to pop in and explore an unfamiliar church? If so, think of

Donatus as your patron saint – and beware. You don't know what you may be letting yourself in for....

In 829 Donatus, an Irish monk, had completed a prayerful pilgrimage to Rome, and thought his adventures were over. Now there only remained the long road home to Ireland. He had got as far as the beautiful little town of Fiesole, which sits high above Florence in Tuscany, when he saw a lot of people milling about the cathedral. Curious, he decided to look in.... as he entered the cathedral, the bells rang, the lamps were lit and wham! Without any diocesan paperwork at all, he was acclaimed to be the new bishop the people had been praying for.

Donatus was very surprised, but accepted that this turn of events must be God's will for his life. So he became bishop, in a time when bishops did even more dangerous things than they do nowadays. Instead of verbal forays into the national press, Donatus was given the job of leading Pope Louis the Pious' troops against the Saracens. Safely back in Fiesole, Donatus settled down as a scholar and teacher of his new flock. But he never forgot his native Ireland, and so did the 9<sup>th</sup> century equivalent of 'twinning' his diocese, for he opened a little hospice where any Irish pilgrims passing through Tuscany could stay in safety. He died in 876, and 12 centuries later, his relics lie in the present cathedral of Fiesole.

### **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.

---

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

---

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Holy Communion, All Saints Day – 10am  
St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

---

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday – 10:30am  
St Helen's Church, Burgh on Bain

---

Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. – Remembrance service  
with Donington Primary School – 10:45am  
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

---

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Communion – 9:30am  
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

---

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Morning Praise – 10am  
St Martin's Church, Scamblesby

---

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Holy Communion – 9:30am  
St Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain

---

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Taizé service – 6pm  
St Helen's Church, Burgh 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)

---



Asterby Group website: [www.asterbygroup.org](http://www.asterbygroup.org)



[www.facebook.com/groups/asterbygroup](https://www.facebook.com/groups/asterbygroup)