



The Link



in The United Benefice of THE CLAYS Retford

Incorporating

The Leverton Group of Churches. St Martin's Bole, St Peter & St Paul, Sturton le Steeple Church in Wheatley (N Wheatley Methodist Church & St Peter & St Paul.)

St John the Baptist Clarborough & Welham, St Peter's Hayton

Sunday 28th February 2021



Readings

Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

Psalms 22.23-end

Romans 4.13-end

Mark 8.31-end

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The Church in the Clays for Sunday Worship**

Collect Almighty God, by the prayer & discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, & by following in his way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

People who especially need our prayers this week

Bob Holden, Jane Nicholls, Paul Schofield, Broderick Thompson,
David Houghton, Mary Edwards, Josephine Walker, Pauline Kemp, Bridget Storrs
& Norma Naisbitt.

Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 The Sign of the Covenant

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'



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Don't forget the Lent course "**Live Lent**" each Thursday 7/8pm
until 25th March.

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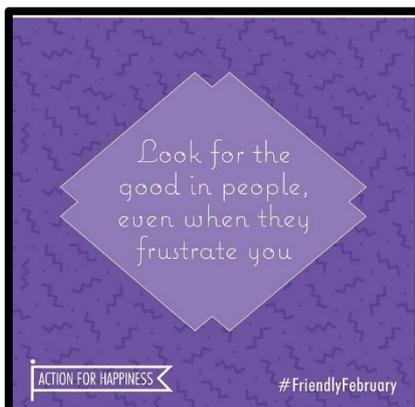
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Lord, grant us simplicity of faith
And a generosity of service
That gives without counting cost
A life overflowing with Grace
Poured out from the One
Who gave everything
That we might show
The power of love
To a broken world
And share the truth
From a living Word
Lord, grant us simplicity of faith
And a yearning to share it. **Amen**



Psalm 22:23-31

²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of



Israel! ²⁴ For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide

his face from me, but heard when I cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him

²⁸ For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

³⁰ Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, ³¹ and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.