

Liturgical Colour is Red or White for Sunday 23rd November in Kingdom Season

LIGHT *At The* DOOR

Welcome to the Weekly Newsletter for The Bain Valley & Woodhall Spa Group of Churches

Horncastle Deanery Synod

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Strategy Development Engagement Events

Discover more about our long-term strategy. We're delighted to announce that strategy creation engagement events will be taking place across Greater Lincolnshire in November and December. You'll hear from senior diocesan leadership about the development of a long term strategy for our diocese. These are information sharing as well as listening events, and some pre-reading will be sent out one week prior to the events so you can have a grounding in the development of the strategy so far.

Engagements events will last about 90 minutes. It will an opportunity for you to comment on the priorities being put forward, find out what is most important to you, and there will be prayerful opportunities for us to ask 'Lord, show us the way'.

Lord, Lord, Show Us The Way At the centre of this journey is 'Lord, Show Us The Way' – a year of shared reflection, prayer and honest conversation across our Diocese. Together, we are asking: "What is God's call to us – not just in theory, but practically, in this time and in this place?". This process is an invitation for every church, group and person to listen first, before planning or acting. We want to honour the wisdom from every corner of the diocese, shaped by scripture and the Spirit. We need to hear your voice, in order to ground our strategy in the reality of our shared experiences. Sign up to an engagement event We warmly encourage everyone with an interest in seeing God's kingdom fully realised in our diocese to sign up today.

<https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/strategy-development-engagement-events-announced-sign-up-today/>

Well Done and Thank You to everyone who worked so hard at the joint coffee morning on Saturday 15th November for St Mary's Kirkby on Bain and St Margaret's Roughton, hosted by St Mary's.

You were a spot of warmth and joy on an otherwise dismal day.

PATCH
MEN'S SHED
BUCKNALL

VILLAGE
HALL
6.30 - 9pm

Tuesday 18 November
Thursday 27 November
Thursday 11 December
Tuesday 16 December



Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things
as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order
to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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Bucknall Village Hall Monday Community Hub

9:30am - 11am All welcome It's just £1 for tea & cake

Monday's Community Hub raises funds for St. Margaret's Church

The Feast of Christ the King

This coming Sunday our churches celebrate in communion with churches all over the world, the Feast of Christ the King. The feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI after the upheavals of the First World War, and the resultant rise of atheism and secularization. First celebrated on the 31 October 1926, it reminds the world of the kingship of Christ over all dominions in heaven and on earth. In 1970, its observance was moved from end of October to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and thus to the end of the liturgical year. The Anglican, Communion often observe this as part of the liturgical season of Kingdomtide. In the Church of England calendar, the earliest date on which the Feast of Christ the King can occur is 20 November and the latest is 26 November. This feast falls on the Sunday before Advent heralding the end of Ordinary Time. Next Sunday is Advent Sunday which is the start of the new liturgical year and brings with it the hope of the coming Messiah. The year ends with the Feast of Christ the King and proclaims the universal sovereignty of Jesus Christ.

It is also traditionally known as 'Stir up Sunday' for the words of the post communion prayer which says 'Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plentifully bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plentifully rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.'



Woodhall Spa & Kirkby on Bain Food Bank

will be delivering Christmas food parcels including grocery essentials, a turkey joint and fresh produce, to families and individuals in our community on **Monday December 22nd**.

If you'd like a delivery, please pop us a message here on Facebook

or call/text/Whatsapp on 07375 761039 before Wednesday December 3rd.

It can feel hard to ask for help, but there's no paperwork and your parcel will be discreetly delivered to your door by a friendly volunteer.

Don't need a hand right now? Please consider a like & share to spread the word!

ADVENT SUNDAY
30th November 11am
All Churches Meet
at St Peter's
Woodhall Spa

Jeremiah 23.1-6 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalms 46

Colossians 1.11-20 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23.33-43 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'