

# LIGHT *At The* DOOR

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

## Mother's Union Midweek Eucharist

9.30am St Peter's 4<sup>th</sup> March

## Services on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March

9.30am Eucharist Holy Trinity Tattershall Revd Michael

9.30am Eucharist All Saints Horsington Revd Sall

11am Morning Prayer Woodhall Spa with Paul

## Collect for 2nd Sunday in Lent

*Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

## Benefice Lent Course

What did Christ do on the cross?

Thursday Afternoons at the Rectory

from 2pm for about an hour

Tea, Cake & Lively Conversation

February 26<sup>th</sup> March 5<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

Prayer and Reflection on Salvation,

Is the cross a symbol of

Victory Justice Atonement Love

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## SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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Dear Friends,

We wanted to write to you as soon as we could after the announcement of Bishop Stephen's suspension on Friday 20th February 2026. We both wish to assure you of our commitment to you over the next weeks and months, as your bishops. We cannot say any more about the circumstances

of Bishop Stephen's suspension, but we are able to say that he is being pastorally supported. We are committed to the pastoral care and support of victims and complainants when safeguarding allegations are brought forward. Such support is being given by the National Safeguarding Team in connection with the allegation against Bishop Stephen. With the Archdeacons of Lincoln and Stow & Lindsey, Gavin Kirk and Eleanor Robertshaw, and the Dean of Lincoln, Simon Jones, alongside our Assistant Bishops, we will work to serve you, God's people in Greater Lincolnshire, and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, with our utmost commitment and to the best of our ability.

Today we gather for worship. It is the first Sunday of Lent. These forty days are days for reflection, fasting, penitence and service. During Lent it is the Christian's faith that we will be restored, ultimately through the sacrificial grace that is found in the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day. There is always hope. Lent can be a hard time, during which we are tested, and it seems that for God's people in the Diocese of Lincoln this year that will indeed be the case. But, together, as we love and serve, we believe that God will not abandon us. Indeed, it is perhaps in the most difficult of times that we will most assuredly find His mercy and His strength. So, dear friends, may we all pray for each other, stand alongside each other, and embody, therefore, the compassionate heart of Christ for the communities that we love and serve in this beautiful Diocese of Lincoln.

With our prayers and best wishes,

Bishop Nicholas and Bishop Jean

## Genesis 12.1-4a

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

## Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

## John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

"I will give you rest"

Our sisters in Nigeria invite us to join them for the World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March 2026.

2pm

St Margaret's Church Langrick

Bucknall

Village Hall

25<sup>th</sup> Feb Men's Shed

March

4<sup>TH</sup> MEN'S SHED

6<sup>TH</sup> BINGO

12<sup>TH</sup> MEN'S SHED

20<sup>TH</sup> QUIZ

25<sup>TH</sup> MEN'S SHED

27<sup>TH</sup> MAT YOGA

MAT YOGA 6.30 - 7.30PM

MEN'S SHED 6.30 - 9PM (FREE)

BINGO 6.30 / 7PM EYES DOWN

QUIZ 6.30 / 7PM START

SEE INDIVIDUAL POSTERS FOR ANY ENTRANCE FEES AND FURTHER