

LIGHT *At The* DOOR

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

Sunday 8th March

9.30am Eucharist

St Mary's Kirkby On Bain Revd Sall

11am Eucharist St Peter's

Woodhall Spa Revds Sall & Michael

Midweek Eucharist 11 March 9.30am St
Peter's @ The Spa

Collect for 3rd Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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?

This Thursday Afternoon at the Rectory

from 2pm for about an hour

Tea, Cake & Lively Conversation

March 5th 11th, 18th

Prayer and Reflection on Salvation,

Is the cross a symbol of

Justice Atonement Love ?

Prayer for when conflict is escalating

God of peace,

as tensions rise and violence spreads,

we bring you a world that feels too easily set alight.

We pray for all who are caught in the crossfire -

for children woken by fear,

for families holding one another through the night,

for those grieving, injured, displaced,

and for all whose fear is growing

because of what may come next,

as the future feels increasingly unsafe.

Break the cycle of retaliation.

Disarm the hands that reach for vengeance.

Silence the voices that profit from hatred.

Give wisdom and courage to those with power to pause this -

to choose restraint, protection, and dialogue,

to seek justice without crushing the vulnerable. _

Make us people who do not look away.

Teach us to pray with honesty,

to act with compassion,

and to keep refusing despair. Amen.

With Thanks to Gary Hopkins

Ministry Development Officer Methodist Church

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

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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

Langrick Village Hall

next to

St Margaret's Church Langrick

Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent 8th March

Exodus 17.1–7 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Psalm 95

Romans 5.1–11 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 9 Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.[e] 10 For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. 11 But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



After the great success of the Woodhall Spa Village Christmas Celebrations including our own contribution, the Christmas Tree Festival, the local businesses are planning to celebrate our village this spring/summer with a Woodhall Spa in Bloom event. Plans are evolving and Paul and I think it would be a lovely idea if we were able to support this initiative. Paul will have some information and will share it with you on Sunday in the notices before the service and if you would like to volunteer to help with this event then please talk to us when we enjoy coffee and fellowship after the service.

ROUGHTON KNIT and NATTER

Plans are also afoot to try to make St Margaret's Church at Roughton more cosy, comfortable and welcoming. To this end, we plan to knit pew runners.

A group of us are meeting at 2pm on 11th March at 74 Horncastle Road, Roughton Moor. If you would like to join us please let Jean Hill or Ann Pickup know. If you can't knit or crochet, but have lots of wool you no longer need we would be very grateful for any donations. Please call Revd Sall 07949 556494 if you know of anyone who knits or does crochet, could you pass the word round



Community Events in Bucknall Village Hall in March

Men's Shed on 4th 12th 25th 6.30-9pm

Bingo 6th Doors Open 6.30pm

Quiz 20th Doors Open 6.30pm

Games Night 26th March 7-9pm

Community Hub

Monday and Wednesday Mornings

Refreshments Good Conversation and a Book Swap Service

CONINGSBY YOUNG FARMERS

15 **BINGO** 21

5 **NIGHT** 5

23RD JANUARY 7-9PM

£10 A BOOK

BAR & BAKE SALE/SNACKS
CONINGSBY COMMUNITY HALL

7 **BINGO**

5	18	29	46	52
11	39	46	52	60

Gospel for the third Sunday in Lent

John 4:5–425 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.' Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'