

HUNDRED RIVER & WAINFORD BENEFICE

Brampton, Ilketshall St Andrew, Redisham, Ringsfield, Shadingfield, Sotterley, Stoven, Westhall, Weston



Sunday 2nd May 2021 — Easter 5



COLLECT FOR EASTER 5

Almighty God,
who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by Your grace going before us
You put into our minds good desires,
so by Your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with You,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

8:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Holy Communion
9:30am	St Margaret, Sotterley	Morning Worship
10:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Family Worship
11:00am	St John Baptist, Shadingfield	Worship 4 All
6:30pm	St Peter, Weston	Evening Prayer

SUNDAY READINGS

Morning
Acts 8.26-40; Psalm 22.25-31; 1 John 4.7-21; John 15.1-8

Evening
Psalm 96; Isaiah 60.1-14; Revelation 3.1-13

REFLECTION FOR EASTER 5

As many of you will know, we have a quince and an apple tree in the Rectory garden.

In previous years we've had a glut of quinces and cooking apples. So there were Saturdays of making quince jelly and quince brandy, apple pies, and apple crumbles. Apples and quinces were shared with neighbours and friends.

Last year the trees were pruned, and dead wood cut out. And now new buds are bursting into life, along with the promise of another bumper harvest.

Jesus describes the Father as the gardener, cutting away the unproductive branches and pruning the fruitful so that they may be even more productive.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

And He has the eye of a master gardener, knowing exactly what to cut out, where to prune and how far to prune back to.

Many churches and individuals, as they plan for life after lockdown, are taking this as an opportunity to review what they are doing and looking for signs of new growth. It's a chance to not go back to the 'old normal' but to look forward to a 'new normal'.

As we look forward, Jesus reminds us that He is the essential, He is the centre of our lives and our worship.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

*You are the Vine,
We are the branches,
Keep us abiding in You.*

*Then we'll grow in Your love,
Then we'll go in Your name,
That the world will surely know
That You have power to heal and to save.*

Rev Phil

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 9th May - Easter 6

9:30am St Peter, Redisham	Morning Worship
10:00am All Saints, Ringsfield	Holy Communion
11:00am St John Baptist, Shadingfield	Holy Communion
6:30pm St Margaret, Stoven	Evening Prayer

READINGS FOR SUNDAY 2nd MAY*Morning*

Acts 10.44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5.1-6; John 15.9-17;
Isaiah 55.1-11

Evening

Psalm 45; Song of Solomon 4.16 - 5.2; 8.6,7;
Revelation 3.14-22

RETREAT

Rev Phil will be on retreat from Friday 14th to Monday 17th May, reflecting on Brother Lawrence's 'The Practice of the Presence of God'.

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a period of national prayer running from 13th to 23rd May, Ascension to Pentecost. It is a time to specifically pray for family, friends, neighbours and our communities. On Monday 17th May at 7:00pm, there will be a time of prayer in St Michael, Beccles to pray for our villages and communities.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS (APCM's)

It's the season for Annual Church meetings!

Wednesday 5th May Ilketshall St Andrew	10:00am @ St Andrew, Ilketshall
Thursday 20th May Shadingfield	7:30pm @ Shadingfield Village Hall
Wednesday 26th May Stoven & Brampton	10:00am @ Brampton & Stoven Village Hall

Other dates have yet to be set.

BENEFICE SERVICE

On next full Benefice service will be on Sunday 30th May, which is Trinity Sunday. We will be gathering at St Andrew, Westhall with it's new chancel roof and car parking facilities.

PCC TREASURER

We are looking for a PCC Treasurer for St Margaret, Sotterley. If you feel able to help or know of someone who would be willing to take on this role, please contact Rev Phil.

'God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and
God in him. In this way, love is made complete among
us ...'
1 John 4: 16-17

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- God's vision for us as a Benefice
- During the period 'Thy Kingdom Come' to pray for family, friends and neighbours
- Rev Dominic Doble coming to the Blyth Valley Team, and Rev Josh Bailey coming to Bungay
- Plans to mark the end of lockdown restrictions in June
- Wedding Couples: James Hamilton & Rosie Yates, Ian Cutts & Catherine Youngs, Harry Gowers & Megan Rigby
- Tess Blower, Gloria Kidner, Ann Boulton, Christine Knights
- Those recently bereaved: Carol Bromley, Pat Fearn, the families of Bob Peck, Iris Ball, William Knox, Penny Ling, Penny Mills, Hazel Marshall, Brian Blowers

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