

# HUNDRED RIVER & WAINFORD BENEFICE

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



## Sunday 21st February 2021 — Lent 1

Fast



Give



Prepare



Pray



### COLLECT FOR LENT 1

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.

### WORSHIP THIS WEEK

**Sunday 21st February 2021**

10:30am Worship via Zoom

Meeting ID: 854 4574 3292

Passcode: HR&W

### SUNDAY READINGS

*Morning*

Genesis 9.8-17

Psalm 25.1-9

1 Peter 3.18-22

Mark 1.9-15

*Evening*

Psalm 119.17-32

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7

Romans 5.12-19 or

Luke 13.31-35

### REFLECTION FOR LENT 1

Preparation.

We have two seasons of preparation in the church's year; Advent and Lent.

Advent is the joyous preparation for the Incarnation at Bethlehem and looks forward to Christ's second advent.

Lent is a quieter, more reflective time as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week and Easter.

It is an opportunity for us to reflect on our faith, to seek forgiveness, to ask for healing, to become whole.

It does feel as if we have been going through Lent since last year. The first lockdown came into effect on 23rd March 2020, just after we were due to celebrate Mothering Sunday. We've experienced the hardship, the isolation, the loneliness, the frustration, the anxiety without an Easter.

Never have the opening words from Psalm 13 been closer to our lips:

*How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever? How long will you hide your face from me?*

*How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart? Psalms 13:1-2*

So we are either continuing our year long Lent or starting a new Lent. As we prepare and pray, may we offer a fast to help us see and hear Him more clearly, and may we give ourselves to Him and His mission and ministry.

Psalm 13 finishes with words which express the hope that is in our hearts:

*But I trust in Your unfailing love;*

*my heart rejoices in Your salvation.*

*I will sing to the Lord,*

*for He has been good to me. Psalms 13:5-6*

Lent is preparation for Easter. Easter is when we rejoice in God's unfailing love, when we sing to Him because He has been good to us.

*Lord, give me patience to walk with You through Lent,*

*trusting in Your unfailing love,*

*so as to celebrate Easter, rejoicing in Your salvation*

*and singing to You for all Your goodness.*

*Rev Phil*

## WALK THE WAY



Between 19th June and 4th September groups from 'Through Faith Missions' will be walking the 'Via Beata' which passes by Ringsfield Hall. They will be working with local churches along the route. If you would like to be involved as a walker or to pray for their activities along the way you can sign up at <https://throughfaithmissions.org/> . More details will follow as plans are firmed up.

## ROBERT PECK

Robert Peck's funeral is on Wednesday 24th February. The service is at All Saint ,Ringsfield with burial at St Peter, Brampton. Our prayers go out to his family at this time.

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP

The Government are due to make an announcement regarding any changes to lockdown on 22nd February. We know that they would like to re-open schools on 8th March, so using this as a guideline we are planning to re-start in-person worship on Sunday 14th March, Mothering Sunday. We will continue Zoom worship up to and including Sunday 7th March.

## RED ROOF CLUB

The Red Roof Club has successfully continued to meet during the lockdowns via Zoom. The next Zoom meeting is on Thursday 4th March, 7:30pm. The focus will be Psalm 73 'Praying our doubt' which may be particularly apposite given the year that we've been through. For more information please contact Natalie Miller 0502 714786. Meeting ID: 844 7563 8607 Passcode: RRC

*Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Saviour, and my hope is in You all day long.  
Psalm 25: 4-5*

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- God's vision for us as a Benefice
- Blyth Valley Team, giving thanks for the appointment of Revd Dominic Doble as Team Rector
- Our Government, for wisdom and compassion in their decision making
- Our schools: our children and their teachers, for refreshment through the half-term break
- Parents home-schooling their children, many whilst having to balance work demands
- Local businesses
- Farms and farm-workers
- Our own response to the lockdown restrictions
- The continued roll out of the vaccine
- Tess Blower, Gloria Kidner, Ann Boulton, Christine Knights, Tracey Burrows
- Those recently bereaved: Carol Bromley, Pat Fearn, the families of Bob Peck, Iris Ball, William Knox

## CLERGY CONTACTS

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