

HUNDRED RIVER & WAINFORD BENEFICE

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



Sunday 1st August 2021—Trinity 9



COLLECT FOR TRINITY 9

Almighty God,
 who sent Your Holy Spirit
 to be the life and light of Your Church:
 open our hearts to the riches of Your grace,
 that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
 in love and joy 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.

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

8:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Holy Communion
9:30am	St Margaret, Sotterley	Morning Prayer
10:00am	All Saints, Ringsfield	Family Worship
11:00am	St John Baptist, Shadingfield	Worship for All
11:15am	St Andrew, Westhall	Holy Communion
6:30pm	St Peter, Weston	Evening Worship for Lammas

SUNDAY READINGS

Morning
 2 Samuel 11.26 - 12.13a; Psalm 51.1-13; Ephesians 4.1-16
 John 6.24-35
Evening—Lammas
 Exodus 16.11-15; Psalm 104.10-15; 2 Corinthians 9.6-11;
 John 6.28-35

REFLECTION FOR TRINITY 8

It is three and a half weeks since I was licensed as Associate Priest in the Hundred River and Wainford Benefice. Rev Phil has invited me to give an update on how I am settling in and what my hopes and dreams are. It feels like I have been here for a very long time, I am still on the edge looking in – it takes quite a while getting to know the villages, people are scattered and live busy lives. I am keen to meet with people to find out what it is they love about their village, church, and community.

Each village is unique and I believe it is important for each to keep their own identity as well as finding a way to 'be' as a benefice. I wonder how God is calling us to 'be' as a benefice. To discern God's activity all we do must be rooted in prayer and we must pay attention to where the Holy Spirit is leading us. Each village has its own traditions and it is good to consider how these traditions can be a missional tool for us. We must also be brave and let some things go and entrust all that is to come to God. For us to proclaim the Gospel in this generation and in this place we are required to step out in faith.

In all our relationships communication is key. First and foremost talking to God in prayer and then with one another. One of my most delightful conversations this week was with a little boy in Brampton Church who excitedly told me about the spiders he had found under the altar rail. I don't think he was convinced that I was quite as excited about them as he was, maybe he didn't think I believed him because he then said, 'do you want me to show you the spiders, come and see, one of them is huge'!

Jesus invited His first disciples to 'come and see'. This is the invitation we extend to people today, to come and see Jesus. I pray that God will equip us with all we need to make Jesus visible in our village communities and that we have the grace to accept that God has given us all we need to proclaim the Gospel. It takes a huge leap of faith to believe that, when we feel bowed down by the responsibility of our church buildings, dwindling congregations and large bills to pay but it is true.

So come and see me, talk to me, tell me about yourself, your faith, your village and help me to move from the edge to belonging. But please note, for now I have seen enough spiders!

Revd Claire

WORSHIP NEXT WEEK**Wednesday 4th August**

10:00am St Andrew, Ilketshall Mid-week Communion

Sunday 8th August—Trinity 10

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 Worship

READINGS—Sunday 8th August - Trinity 10*Morning*

2 Samuel 18.5-9,15,31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4.25 - 5.2; John 6.35,41-51

Evening

Psalm 91*; Job 39.1 - 40.4; Hebrews 12.1-17; Luke 12.32-40

JOHN FOSTER

John Foster's funeral will be taking place on Wednesday 4th August, 2:00pm at St Peter, Redisham. The service is being held outside to allow as many as possible to attend. Revd Norman Simister will be officiating. Please continue to pray for Brenda and her family.

PICNIC ON THE PLAYING FIELD

Every Wednesday in August, between 11:00am and 2:00pm there will be family activities on the playing field at Brampton & Stoven Village Hall. St Peter's will be offering refreshments—tea, coffee, cakes etc. For more information and/or to offer help please contact Revd Claire on 07469 718695

WESTHALL MESSY MORNING

On Tuesday 24th August we will be holding a Messy Morning for families and children (of all ages!). If you would like to be involved with this, please contact Revd Claire.

BRAMPTON PLOUGH DAY

Brampton Plough Day will be happening this year! Sunday 5th September is the date for your diaries. More details to follow.

REDISHAM ROUND-UP

There is to be a Country & Western afternoon on Sunday 12th September, midday onwards, at The Old Vicarage in Redisham. 'An afternoon of BBQ food and live Country & Western music. Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 children under 12, under 5's free. Tickets are available from Terry Seaman 01502 575282

BAPTISMS

We will be welcoming a number of children into God's family over the next couple of months.

Sunday 29th August Amelia Rose Leggett All Saints, Ringsfield

Please hold Amelia and her family in your prayers.

WEDDINGS 2021

We're beginning the wedding season. Please pray for the couples getting married across our Benefice.

Saturday 31st July Thomas Fleming & Kay Fleming All Saints, Ringsfield

Friday 13th August George Viner & Megan Price St Peter, Weston

Saturday 14th August Mark Jermy & Alison Davidson St John Baptist, Shadingfield

Saturday 21st August Simon Moore & Stephanie Scott Sotterley Chapel (*Blessing*)

Saturday 28th August Robert Jackson & Samantha Dole St Peter, Weston

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4: 2-3

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- God's vision for us as a Benefice
- All who visit our church buildings
- Picnic on the Playing Field—for good conversations
- Westhall Messy Morning as we engage with families and children
- Our day-to-day conversations with the people each of us meet
- The parishes and congregations of Waveney and Blyth Deanery
- Farmers and farm workers as the harvesting season begins
- Those recently bereaved: the families of Teresa Kent, John Foster, Denise 'Penny' Parsons, Julie Self

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