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Pew Sheet - 29th March

Fifth Sunday in Lent

One of the readings set for this week is the vision of the valley of the dry bones, from the prophecy of Ezekiel (37.1-14). The valley is a desolate place, and Ezekiel asks, desperately, can these dry bones live? Yes, says God, if you have faith, and I provide my Spirit. Our world is in a desolate place, but out of sickness, anxiety and fear, good things are arising. Communities are finding new ways of caring and supporting each other. The Spirit of God is visible in this wonderful work. I pray that when we finally reach the other side of this pandemic, we will have carried this love, care and sense of community with us, and be living bones.



DIARY SUSPENDED:

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have recommended that we do not advertise our church buildings as open at this time, and the Diocese of Lincoln is following that advice. Churches that offer other community facilities will still be allowed to do so. So, although the *Church Open* notices have been taken down, not all church buildings are locked. Ingoldsby and Braceby will still be collection points for much needed gifts for the Food Bank, and Ingoldsby is also offering an exchange point for books and DVDs, while our libraries are closed. (Please wash your hands before handling the books and DVDs).

As soon as Morning and Evening prayer can begin again, they will be advertised here in the Pew Sheet.

WORSHIPPING OPPORTUNITIES:

During this uncertain time, prayer is essential. Consider setting aside a short time each day to pray for yourself, your nearest and dearest, the community, the nation and the world.

To assist you in this, the **JOIN THE CELEBRATION** email this week will include a simple order for daily prayer, and the Bible readings for this coming week.

And don't forget that worship is broadcast on radio and television.

Songs of Praise, BBC 1, 13.15, Sundays

Sunday Worship, Radio 4, 08.10, Sundays or on demand at BBC Sounds

Choral Evensong, Radio 3, 15.30, Wednesdays (repeated 15.00

Sundays) or on demand at BBC Sounds

Also check out *The Sunday Service*, a site that brings together videos of worship from around the country and different denominations.

And don't forget ...



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Worshipping together in spirit

This worship resource, for use at home, will be sent out by email each Friday and will include

- The Sunday readings
- Prayers
- A reflection

for the Sunday following.

It will be available by email, and on the Benefice website

<http://www.northbeltisloegroup.org/index.html>

If you do not receive **JOIN THE CELEBRATION** this week, and would like to do so, please email Anna sorensenanna8@gmail.com, indicating in your email that you are happy for your email address to be used for this purpose.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE WORLD:

- That common sense and compassion may be the lead the leaders of the nations to do what is right for the people that they serve.
- The people of the Yemen, for an end to the conflict, and for those trying to combat the growing humanitarian crisis.
- The sharing of scientific knowledge, so that a vaccine for Covid-19 may be found as soon as possible.

IN THE COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY:

- All those who are struggling to cope with isolation, loss of income and inactivity.
- All those who are reaching out to others, especially the isolated and vulnerable.
- All 'front line' workers, in relation to Coronavirus, including those working in the NHS and for other care providers, and for the emergency services.

THE SICK:

Jean Turpin, Muriel Robinson.

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Kenneth Louth (David, Amanda and all the family)

Rest eternal grant to unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

BISHOP RICHARD OF CHICHESTER, 3RD APRIL:

Richard was Bishop of Chichester in the early 13th century. He wrote the following prayer:

*Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ
For all the benefits Thou hast given me,
For all the pains and insults Thou hast borne for me.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
May I know Thee more clearly,
Love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly.*

Please let Anna know if you would like anyone included in the prayers – sorensenanna8@gmail.com



This Pew Sheet and lots of other interesting things can be found on the Group of Parishes website <http://www.northbeltisloegroup.org/index.html>

GOOD NEWS!

FOOD BANK:

The need for support for the homeless and those in acute need is crucial at this time. Keep the gifts of food coming in. Collection points at Ingoldsby and Braceby churches.

COMMUNITY INITIATIVES:

Parishes in the Group are setting up networks, so that people may help and support each other. Facebook pages for the different parishes are a good place to look to find out information, or you can contact the following:

Boothby Pagnell – The Social Club boothbybonzo@hotmail.co.uk

Ingoldsby – Church and Parish Council hilarygilbert@hotmail.co.uk

Lenton – WhatsApp group rdavies2658@gmail.com

Or your Churchwardens.

You can ring Anna on 01476 586991/07793544238/01778422412 at any time.

THE GREEN MAN, ROPSLEY:

Phil & Leanne are offering a free roast dinner each Wednesday for anyone in Ropsley over 70 who is self-isolating. If you know of anyone in this situation, please let them know - 01476 585897.

The Post Office is still functioning on a Wednesday afternoon.

They are also offering a take away menu, for three nights each week.

Check the 'Green Man against the Coronavirus' page of their website for more details.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES will be available through

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