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The Benefice of the
Billingborough Group



St James the Great, Aslackby | St Andrew's,
Billingborough | St Andrew's, Dowsby |
St Andrew's, Horbling | Christchurch, Pointon |
St Andrew's, Sempringham

This Month's Service Diary

Sunday 29th September: 18th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9. 20-22; James 5.13-end; Mark 9.38-end;

10:00: **Billingborough**: Holy Communion

Sunday 6th October: 19th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Job 1.1; 2.1-10; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; Mark 10.2-16;

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion

10:00 **Pointon**: Café Church

Sunday 13th October: 20th Sunday after Trinity (g)

Job 23.1-9, 16-end; Hebrews 4.12-end; Mark 10.17-31;

09:00 **Pointon**: Said Communion

10:00 **Billingborough**: Joint Harvest Festival with South Lafford

Sunday 20th October: 21st Sunday after Trinity (g)

Job 38.1-7 [34-end]; Hebrews 5.1-10; Mark 10.35-45;

11:00 **Folkingham**: Harvest Festival Communion with Archdeacon Gavin

15:00 **Aslackby**: Harvest Festival

Sunday 27th October: Last Sunday after Trinity (g)

Job 42.1-6; 10-end; Hebrews 7.23-end; Mark 10.46-end;

10:00 **Aslackby**: Holy Communion

Every Tuesday

10:00 Aslackby: CoffeeStop

14.00 Pointon: Cornerstone fellowship

Every Wednesday

10:00 Billingborough Village Hall: Pop-In Too

10:30 Horbling: Morning Coffee and Social

14:00 Horbling: Horbling Craft Group

First Wednesday of the month

12.00 Billingborough Village Hall: Soup, Pudding and fellowship

First Saturday of the month

10:00 Billingborough: Church Cleaning

First Sunday of the month

10.00am Pointon: Café Church

Sunday 29th September 18th Sunday after Trinity

Our Prayers

The prayer of those who are righteous is powerful and effective, so we bring before the God who loves all of creation our concerns for the Church and the world.

* Lord, we commend to you those who are striving to make peace in Ukraine and in Israel-Palestine. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

* We remember all those who live in regions where there is conflict and unrest; those who have been injured; those who have lost loved ones. Grant to them comfort and strength.

* Lord, we pray for those making political and economic policy in our own country. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

* We pray for the health service; for those who fear fuel poverty; for all who are dependent on foodbanks. Embrace each one with your comforting love.

* Help us to be peacemakers. Give us wisdom, mercy and righteousness

* Lord, we pray for our church and the church throughout the world; for all religious leaders and followers. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

* We pray for all congregations and communities of Christians. Give them a desire for unity; a passion for mission and a yearning to make more followers of Christ.

* Lord, we pray for all with particular needs at this time; for those who are sick, *Anne Watson*, for those who grieve; the families of *Shirley Thomas, Frank Houghton and Brian Parrott*, for those who are lonely; for those who are despondent. Give them wisdom in their thinking; mercy in their action; and fairness in all that they do.

* We pray for those who offer counselling, medical care, pastoral support and love. Give them strength, comfort and compassion in all that they are and do.

* May we show the wisdom that comes from heaven - pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Make us peacemakers who sow in peace and reap a harvest of righteousness.

Just and loving God, we thank you that you hear us when we pray in faith. Receive all our prayers in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers...**

Sunday 29th September 2024 – 18th Sunday after Trinity

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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.

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9. 20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same

month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

James 5.13-end

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9.38-end

³⁸ John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' ³⁹ But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the

⁴² 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell., ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

Harvest Festivals
Billingborough Group of Parishes
Sunday 13th October
11.00am Billingborough
Joint Harvest Festival with South Lafford
Sunday 20th October
11.00am Folkingham
Harvest Communion with Archdeacon Gavin
3.00pm Aslackby
All Welcome
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