

The Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney

The 4th Sunday of Easter - Sunday 25th April 2021

Daily Reading Sunday 25th April to Saturday 1st May

Sunday 25th April - (4th Sunday of Easter)

Genesis 7: 1 - 5, 11 - 18, 8: 6 - 18; 9: 8 - 13

Noah follows Gods command to build an ark and fill it with creatures, before God sends a rather lot of rain. Because Noah has been obedient, God establishes a covenant with him and his descendants that there will never again be a flood to destroy the earth.

Acts 4: 5 - 12

Peter and John have been arrested by the Temple authorities for healing the sick in the name of Jesus and preaching to the crowds.

John 10: 11 - 18

This chapter of the Gospel of John uses the imagery of the shepherd and his flock to show that Jesus is the Son of God.

Monday 26th April (St Mark).

Psalm 37:23-end, Isaiah 62: 6-10, Acts 12:25-13:13

Tuesday 27th April (Christina Rossetti).

Psalm 139, Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5, Ephesians 4:17-end

Wednesday 28th April (Peter Chanel).

Psalm 135, Deuteronomy 10:12-end, Ephesians 5:1-14

Thursday 29th April (Catherine of Siena).

Psalm 118, Deuteronomy 11:8-end, Ephesians 5:15-end

Friday 30th April (Pandita Mary Ramabai).

Psalm 33, Deuteronomy 12:1-14, Ephesians 6:1-9

Saturday 1st May (Philip and James).

Psalm 146, Proverbs 4:10-18, James 1:1-12

Next Sunday will celebrate: The 5th Sunday of EASTER



Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered in one flock,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen

FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

May the Joy and Peace of the Risen Lord be with you all this Eastertide

All continuing to provide spiritual and pastoral care to our parishes and those within the wider community during this period of COVID-19.

All our Church, Messy Church and Youth Alpha families that they may continue to deepen their faith.

Those serving God, here and abroad: Nick Parish training for ordination, Sarah Attwood as she continues her ministry with the church in Bosnia.

Those in need of long-term prayerful support: Andrew Pitchford, Lynn Wells, Ian Tennant, Samantha Taylor, Ted Weston, Alf Booth, Kay Howard, Claire Rose, Audrey Morris, Joan Taylor, Robin Nelson, Carl Baker, Shirley Wells, Lorna Griffiths, Karen Perks.

Prayer requests: Nazanin for an end to her sentence and for her family awaiting that day; all affected by the coronavirus and all seeking to contain & combat this pandemic.

Those who have recently died and those known to us, R.I.P., Duncan Hay, "Lily" Smart (Denise Johnson's mother); for their families and friends who mourn them, that they find comfort and strength in God's presence.

BENEFICE SERVICES AT ST WYSTAN'S

10.00 on Sundays

THIS SUNDAY 10.00 CONTINUING BACK IN CHURCH

What follows is slightly adapted [in light of recent changes in Government guidance] advice for those who might be concerned about attending:

12. What about those worshippers who are over 70 or clinically vulnerable, those who may have symptoms, and those wishing to self-isolate?

Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions. Individuals who fall within this group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.

Those who are considered to be clinically vulnerable to COVID-19 have recently had their advice changed. Anyone showing symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend the place of worship due to the risk that they pose to others; they should self-isolate at home immediately with other members of their household. Remote participation should be considered, for example by live streaming.

Where individuals are self-isolating due to a possible or confirmed case of COVID-19 in the household, or because they have been requested to so by NHS Test & Trace, they should participate remotely.

PLEASE NOTE LIVE-STREAMING WILL CONTINUE ON ZOOM

These are the instructions for joining

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7855049461>

Meeting ID: 785 504 9461

Telephone: 0203 901 7895

Enter the Meeting ID: 785 504 9461 when prompted. There is no password required.

The service will be uploaded to YouTube and Facebook afterwards.

OPENING TIMES - OUR CHURCHES CONTINUE TO BE OPEN FOR PRAYER

ST MARY'S [EVERY DAY] 10.00 - 4.00pm.

ST WYSTAN'S [WEEK DAYS] 8.00 - 6.00pm

St Wystan's is open on Saturdays 8.00 - 3.00pm then it will be cleaned and set up ready for Sunday.

On **Sundays** the church will be cleaned after the service and then open for prayer until **6.00pm**.

PRAYER OF PRINCE PHILIP

Roger Kerry from Newton Solney noticed the following in a newspaper article on Prince Philip.

"In the meantime, we might remember him by reading a contribution he made to a book of Prayers in 1998. It distils in a few words much of what he thought about the triangular relationship between man, God and the natural world - a little glimpse into what was whirring away in the private mind of this most public of figures:

*"Oh Lord, the creator of the universe and author of the laws of nature,
inspire in us your servants the will to ensure the survival of all
the species of animals and plants which you have given to share this planet with us.
Help us to understand that we have a responsibility for them,
and that 'having dominion' does not mean that you give us the right to exploit the living world
without thought for the consequences.*

*Through him who taught us that Solomon could not compare
with the beauty of the flowers of the field."*

CANDLE STAND

This Sunday we will dedicate and bless a new candlestand to be in St Wystan's. This will replace the temporary sand tray we have had during lockdown that has been heavily used. The stand has been generously given by Elizabeth and Danny Motley in memory of Elizabeth's parents The Rev'd John and Mrs Eileen Montgomery.

Abigail Johnson our new Organist/Choirmistress writes:

I would like to extend my thanks to you all for the warm welcome you have given to me.

It was wonderful to be able to meet all together back under the hallowed beams of our lovely church, even if there are still restrictions in place.

Thank you too for the offers I have received from people to sing as part of a choir.

You will be aware that we are only allowed to have a small number taking part. I seem to find myself in the fortunate position of having more singers than spaces so I will endeavour to share the opportunities around as repertoire and voicing allows.

If you would like to sing and didn't speak to me on Sunday please get in touch.

My email is johnson.a@nottinghamhigh.co.uk

NEWTON SOLNEY CHURCHYARD

Thank you to all those who turned out last Saturday to help clear some of the excess growth at Newton Solney. As we move towards 'zoned' areas of the Churchyard, keeping some more 'natural' and others 'well groomed' it is good that we can share in making the Churchyard a pleasant place to visit or walk through.

MARRIAGE CHANGES

Basically the system of Church Registers and Marriage Certificates that Parish Priests have been empowered to complete and handout since the early 19th century has been removed and centralised within the system of State Registrars.

This is a further step towards the secularization of society and loses some occasional pastoral contacts.

Instead of completing a Certificate there will be a form that must be lodged with the local Registrar. They will then provide the couple with a Certificate. Couples or individuals needing a replacement certificate will no longer be able to get one from a church.

The current Marriage Registers will be 'closed'. Replacing them will be a Register of Weddings, just as we hold registers of Baptisms, Burials and other Services. This will include more detail than the current Marriage Registers but will not need to be signed during the ceremony.

The change over will take place on May 4th. Marriages continue to take place by Banns, Common or Special Licence. Couples still have to 'Qualify' to marry in a specific church as they have for the last few years.