

# The Benefice of Foremark and Repton with Newton Solney

## Second Sunday after Trinity - 21st June 2020

### Daily Readings Sunday 21st to Saturday 27th June

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##### Jeremiah 20: 7 – 13

Jeremiah accuses God of filling him with prophecies he is compelled to utter but which cause him strife. In voicing his complaint, however, he finds the strength to remain faithful.

##### Romans 6: 1b – 11

A commitment to following Christ involves dying to the self and its worldly demands, but this is a matter of solemn celebration, not lament.

##### Matthew 10: 24 – 39

Openly, explicitly witnessing to the Gospel will bring profound costs, but Jesus assures us that a deepening relationship with God will provide greater compensation.

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

Psalm 44, Judges 2, Luke 13:1-7

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

Psalm 48, Judges 4:1-23, Luke 13:10-21

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June (Birth of John the Baptist)

Psalm 50, Malachi 3:1-6, Luke 3:1-17

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June

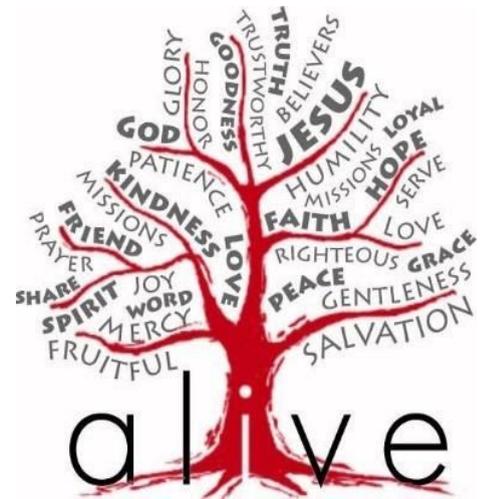
Psalm 57, Judges 6:1-24, Luke 14:1-11

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

Psalm 51, Judges 6:25-40, Luke 14:12-24

#### Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Psalm 68, Judges 7, Luke 14:25-35



#### Collect

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

### FOR OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

All providing spiritual and pastoral care to our parishes and those within the wider community during this period of COVID-19. May we all continue to pray for and support one another in love.

All our Church, Messy Church and Youth Alpha families that they may continue to find faith at home.

Those serving God, here and abroad: Nick Parish training for ordination and Sarah Attwood in Bosnia.

All who are called to our churches for prayer.

Those in need of long-term prayerful support: Andrew Pitchford, Lynn Wells, Ian Tennant, Samantha Taylor, Ted Weston, Alf Booth, Pat Rodgers, Kay Howard, Claire Rose, Audrey Morris, Fleur Samples, Joan Taylor, Colin Campbell, Robin Nelson, Carl Baker, Mark Freestone.

Prayer requests: Nazanin & family, Ursula Hickman (a relative of Hazel Cook's), for all affected by the coronavirus and all seeking to contain & combat this pandemic, for all providing care and support at this time.

Those who have recently died and those known to us, R.I.P. : 'Mike' Wilks and his family and friends who mourn him.

**OUR COMMUNION SERVICE – IS WEEKLY** If you would like to join myself [the Vicar] the staff team and some others from our congregations for a communion service on Sundays at 9.00am – then David Fergus will be celebrating Communion in his home [I am not allowed to as I do not have anyone else in the Vicarage and there has to be another person present]. We will be linking up just before 9.00 so that we can start the service on time. Do remember to ask for a copy of the Order of Service as well.

**DAILY PRAYER** - I and others are committed to saying Daily Prayer on weekday mornings at 9.00 using a Service Order from Iona Abbey. We 'meet' on Zoom and the telephone link works for this as well. If you wish to join us, then you are most welcome. Again, please ask for a copy of the service order. We will not be saying prayers on Saturday mornings as that is my day 'off' for the foreseeable future. Martin

**NOT ON-LINE? YOU CAN STILL WORSHIP WITH US.**

If you do not use a computer or smart phone **then please know** that we are praying each day for you, for the Benefice, for the world.

**FAR BETTER STILL** You may care to join us on the phone. This works for the Communion Service and Daily Prayers.

At 8.55am call **02080806592**

You are then asked to enter a Meeting ID number and to press # - **4042286306 #**

The man then asks for another number and again to press # - **Simply press #**

**From Bishop Libby**

Loneliness is not just about being alone. It is possible to be alone - and feel supported, engaged satisfied, loved: and it is possible to be among many people - and feel disregarded, disconnected, worthless and rejected. And the truth of the promise in Christ, that by the presence of the Holy Spirit, God is with us always – does not mean we don't sometimes *feel* lonely.

Most of us feel lonely sometimes; some of feel lonely most of the time. The past weeks of lockdown will have been painfully difficult for those who are lonely.

As we begin to look towards the gradual reopening of our church buildings, and as more places of social gathering become available - which will offer a welcome opportunity to feel reconnected with significant places and people - let's not lose the imperative to make and maintain connections with one another that the past weeks have encouraged.

I urge you to keep in touch with those who continue housebound and isolated. I encourage you to make the effort to be touch with those who are bereaved, unemployed, away from home. And to look out for those who face loneliness in the midst of other people's sense of belonging.

Be assured of my continuing prayers,

+Libby

**During Loneliness Awareness Week 2020,**

**A prayer for those who are lonely**

O God, our sovereign and our shepherd,  
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from the valley of death,  
comfort us with your protecting presence  
and your angels of goodness and love,  
that we also may come home  
and dwell with him in your house for ever.  
Amen.

**SUNDAY SERMONS**

These are now posted on Facebook for St Wystan's and St Mary's if you wish to catch up.

**24 HOUR BACH-A-THON**

Many will remember Kyoko Canaway playing the organ at Foremark Concerts and on other occasions before she moved on to greater things. She is playing part of a Bach-a-thon to be broadcast on Facebook on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Kyoko recorded her contribution on the Organ of St Wystan's Church.

**LONG STAPLER** – Pre-lockdown I loaned my long-armed stapler to someone – and of course I can't now remember who. If you have it could you please return it or let me know and I can collect it. Thanks Martin.