

## Benefice Noticeboard

~ **Polite Notice** – Please note that intinction, (dipping of wafers into wine) is not permitted. Please refrain from this practice. Thank you, Revd Neil.

~ **Lent Course** – Our Lent course will be “Reflecting on the Psalms” – an introduction in the Context of Lent. The Lent course will be held in **St Peter’s Community Enterprise Centre, 7pm-8:30pm Tuesdays: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Or at

**5 Carlow Road (Sue’s House), 2pm-3:30pm Wednesdays: 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

Everyone welcome.

~**Lent Lunches** – Join us at **St Laurence’s Stanwick** on the following dates : **12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March & 16<sup>th</sup> March** for a short act of worship followed by lunch; soup and roll/bread, fruit, shortbreak/cake. There is no set charge but donations of £5+ would be most welcome as the cost of ingredients has risen a fair bit over the last few years. If you are unable to attend but would like to support these lunches, donations towards costs will be gratefully received. Please could you let Nicki know if you will be attending for catering purposes. Thank you.

~ **Wednesday Worship** – Our next Wednesday Worship will be in **St Mary’s Church, Ringstead** on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.** Our theme this month will be ‘living water’. As usual please feel free to bring along anything that you would like to share. Everyone welcome.

~ **Cursillo AGM** – this year St Peter’s Church, Raunds will be hosting the Cursillo AGM from **12noon-3pm on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.** If you would like to learn a bit more about Cursillo you are very welcome to join us. Everyone welcome.



### Beer and Bacon Butties!!

There will be a clean up of the church yard ready for Easter. Volunteers very welcome. Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 9am start. Teas and coffee, plus bacon rolls and a beer when finished! Thank you.

~ **Hargrave**

### Readings for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March

#### The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

#### Mothering Sunday

Psalms 23

1 Samuel 16: 1--13

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9



## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026 The Third Sunday Of Lent John 4: 5-42

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” <sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?” <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” <sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” <sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

### The Disciples Re-join Jesus

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup> Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” <sup>30</sup> They came out of the town and made their way toward him. <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” <sup>33</sup> Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?” <sup>34</sup> “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. <sup>35</sup> Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. <sup>36</sup> Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. <sup>37</sup> Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labour.”

### Many Samaritans Believe

<sup>39</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. <sup>41</sup> And because of his words many more became believers. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Saviour of the world.”

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## **St Peter, Raunds**

Churchwardens

Mike Turner Tel. 623289, Andrea Haseldine Tel. 07837 619823

**Today: 9am Holy Communion**

### This week

Monday 10:50am Commonwealth Day outside Town Hall

Tuesday 7pm Lent course in Enterprise Centre

Wednesday Experience Easter

Thursday Experience Easter

Friday Experience Easter (10am-11am only)

Saturday

Sunday 11am Sunday Service

3:30pm Evensong

## **All Hallows, Hargrave**

Churchwardens

Savitri Pollard Tel. 626960, Paul Birch Tel. 07885 768763

**Today: 6pm Holy Communion**

### This Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday 9am Church yard clean up

Sunday 9am Holy Communion

## **Nativity of blessed Virgin Mary, Ringstead**

Churchwardens

Rosemarie Coles Tel. 624262

**Today: 11am Holy Communion**

### This week

Monday 1:30pm Little Angels

Tuesday

Wednesday 2pm Lent Course at Sue's House (5 Carlow Road)

7pm Wednesday Worship

Thursday 10:30am Collective Worship in Church

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 11am Sunday Service

## **St Laurence, Stanwick**

Churchwardens

Sam Chambers Tel. 623855

**Today: 9:30am Family Service**

### This Week

Monday

Tuesday 1pm Stanwick Primary School Y4's church visit

4pm- 5:30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Thursday 9:30am Little Treasures

12noon Lent Lunch

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 11am Holy Communion

