

## Diocesan Christmas Card competition 2024—a message from the Bishops' Office

Dear Friends,

Whilst your minds will most likely be focused on your summer breaks, we would like to warmly invite you to participate in designing this year's Bishops' Christmas card. The theme of this year's card is the traditional Christmas carol 'The Holly and The Ivy'.

We suspect there are many budding artists, designers and photographers – perhaps even cross- stitchers – amongst you who may be looking for their next project.

The submission date for entries is Friday 6 September. Please ensure that your design is an original piece of work and the size is no larger than 151 mm x 151 mm. Submissions should be posted to: The Bishops' Office, Edward King House, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU. Please include your name, parish, postal address and email address so that we can return your designs and contact the winner.

We look forward to seeing a range of creative and inspirational designs from across the diocese and may we take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and refreshing summer.

### Church Door Challenge: Join in this summer on social media

Join the [#ChurchDoorChallenge](#) on social media this July and August, showcasing the hospitality, history, and diversity of churches across the country.

Every week on the CofE social media accounts, we invite people to visit churches or attend a service. And your photos will help make even more people aware of churches in their area. They will share their favourite pictures and videos with a link to [AChurchNearYou.com!](#)

*Ready to join us in taking up the challenge? Here's how to get involved:*

#### Step one

Take a photo – or even short video – of your church door/entrance. Perhaps it has an interesting design or a fascinating bit of history – you could also share a photo of an interior door.

#### Step two

Upload your photo or video to your social media platform of choice - Facebook/Instagram/X/Threads/TikTok

#### Step three

Accompany your photo or video with the name and location of the church. Maybe even highlight something you offer that gets your local community through the door. P.S. – Important note – if someone else took the photo, be nice and give them credit in your post.

#### Step four (this bit is important!)

Before posting your photo or video – use [#ChurchDoorChallenge](#). If you don't use the hashtag, our team won't see your post.

# Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



4 August 2024  
tenth Sunday after Trinity

### Collect for this Sunday

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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. **Amen**

### Readings for this Sunday

Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35



### Psalm 78.23-29: God's Goodness and Israel's Ingratitude

Yet he commanded the skies above, and opened the doors of heaven;  
**he rained down on them manna to eat, and gave them the grain of heaven.**

Mortals ate of the bread of angels; he sent them food in abundance.

**He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,  
and by his power he led out the south wind;**

he rained flesh upon them like dust, winged birds like the sand of the seas;

**he let them fall within their camp, all around their dwellings.**

And they ate and were well filled, for he gave them what they craved.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the  
beginning, is now and for evermore, Amen**

### Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

### Please pray for...

Eben Atkinson, Sheila Bates, Margaret Brumby, Marie Rose Cubacub, Christine Evans, Sue Grainge, Annie Hall, Clive Hall, Marion Heygate, Robert Hitchens, Jane Knight, Judy Long, Andrew Luck, Imogen Matthews, Pat Reid, John Rowntree, Maggie Sharman, Ivan Spencer, Amanda Thomson, Clive Walker, Kevin Whitfield, King Charles III, and for any others whom we name in the silence of our hearts.

We give thanks for those on the road to recovery.

We also remember the souls of Ernest Michael Appleby, Anthony Andrews, Marie Calvert, Gordon Lack, Tom Rae, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Please include Dylan Seymour in your prayers, as he prepares for his baptism on 4th August

Wedding anniversaries: Ruth and Corie Morgan, Elise and William Stevenette, Tracey and Paul Johnson (2 years)

Baptism anniversaries: Riley Chandler, Eli Chandler, Henry Clare (1 year); Obie Ingram, Henry Kerr (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Isabella Beeken, Fiona Creasey, Derek Bard (6 months); Fred Hall, John Cottingham, Sylvia Booth (1 year).

### A message from Neil

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Anthony Andrews, CBE, on Tuesday 30th July.

Anthony was an ALM, Church Treasurer, Bishops Visitor for Edenham school, and so much more. In these roles, and others, Anthony was a great servant to Kirkby Underwood church, the Ringstone in Aveland Group, and the village of Kirkby Underwood.

I know that Anthony will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

It was my privilege to be with Anthony and his family during his final hours and I ask that you please keep Gillian, Katrine, Joselyn, Melissa and all Anthony's family and friends in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto Anthony O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

*May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace, and rise in Glory.*

~Amen~

Revd Neil Bullen

### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

4 August	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
11 August	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
18 August	11am	Eucharist	Morton
25 August	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
Wednesday	10 am	See below	Morton

Wednesday services will usually be a service of Holy Communion . On occasions this will be replaced by a service of Morning Prayer

***Do you know anyone who is unable to get to church but who would like to receive Holy Communion? Contact Revd Neil on 01778 219626***

### Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

Revd Neil (Rector): revdneil@yahoo.com, 01778 219626 or

Janice Hill (Group Safeguarding Officer): janicethreetuns@hotmail.co.uk,  
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Group Administrator and for entries to news sheet (by Tuesday please)

Sue O'Riordan: ringstoneoffice@gmail.com

### .Can you help?

**The Food Bank relies on food donations to feed local people in crisis. Here is a list of items that are running low, but feel free to donate any in-date, non-perishable food at any of our Donation Points**



Milk (UHT cartons)  
Tinned or Packet Potatoes  
Tinned vegetables  
Tinned Rice Pudding  
Tinned or carton custard  
Tea Bags (80 packs preferred)  
Squash, Pulses, Rice

**There is a collection box in St John the Baptist Church, on the left at the back of the church. Please be as generous as possible.**