

Endings and Beginnings

A message from Neil:

"It is with much excitement that I announce that I have been appointed as Rector of The Four Spires Benefice in the Diocese of Peterborough. And with much sadness that my last service in The Ringstone in Aveland Group will be on Sunday 29th December 2024. I will be taking up my new post early in 2025.

Please pray for both benefices and for me and my family, that God will guide and strengthen us through these transitions."

As a result of Neil's impending move to his new parish, all members of the five PCCs were invited to a meeting last Wednesday with Neil and the Rural Dean, Revd Stephen Buckman, where Stephen outlined the impact on the Deanery of Neil's departure, and the process of recruiting a new priest to serve both the Ringstone in Aveland Group, and the wider deanery under Time to Change Together.

Perhaps the most significant change for us will be a re-structuring of the parishes within the Deanery, and the likelihood that the benefices of Ringstone in Aveland and Corby Glen, will merge into a single larger benefice. There are a lot of legal steps before this can happen and a lot of practicalities to be resolved, but it seems very likely that this merge will proceed. One advantage for us is that the recruitment of a new incumbent for the Corby Glen group is already under way and will be extended to include the Ringstone in Aveland Group. This means that the frequently lengthy gap in an interregnum is likely to be much smaller.

We should be encouraged that Stephen spoke with confidence and enthusiasm about the future re-structuring of the Deanery, and the opportunities that this provides for lay ministry and alternative worship patterns. It has certainly given the PCC members a lot to think about.

The key message from the meeting was that while change is always unsettling, all members of the group should consider this an opportunity to explore what rural ministry may look like in the future. It will certainly be different, but not necessarily worse.

The last months of 2024 should be a time to give thanks for the pastoral care that Neil has given us during his time here, and particularly the Herculean work he did during the pandemic in keeping the church alive during lock-down.

We will certainly miss him - the Four Spires Benefice's gain is most certainly our loss.

Ringstone in Aveland News Sheet



6 October 2024
19th Sunday after Trinity

Collect for this Sunday

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

Psalm 8: Divine Majesty and Human Dignity

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 2.18-24
Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12
Mark 10.2-16



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 Frank Bristow, Thomas Perkins, Pete Shaw, and all the faithful departed. May they rest in peace and rise in glory; and we also pray for those who mourn their loss.

Wedding anniversaries: Margaret and Toby Uglow (2 years)

Baptism anniversaries: Michelle Coleman, Zoe Clampin-Kent, Wesley Morgan (1 year); Adrian Bruce, Enya and Nile Trevor, Parker and Miller Leyland (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Nellie Machin, Elsie Perkins (6 months); Peter Ward (1 year)

From today's Gospel reading

Jesus said, "Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.

Reflection:

Jesus not only shows his affection for children, but he takes advantage of the moment to speak on behalf of society's most vulnerable members which, in the light of the context, would not only include children, who had no legal status, but divorced women as well. In Jesus' statement against divorce he followed his usual pattern of protecting the poor and most vulnerable members of society.

So, we ask ourselves:

- ✝ Have I shown compassion and support for those struggling in their marriage?
- ✝ After a divorce, have I let one of the former spouses slip off my radar screen?

Morton book exchange

There is a selection of adult and children's books, and jigsaws at the back of Morton church for you to browse.

To prevent the space from becoming overwhelmed, if you would like to donate any books. please speak with Ann Brown, or contact Abbe on 07792 407 379 Do not leave them at the back of the church.

Morton Harvest Supper - Saturday 19 October

Food, drink, live entertainment. £12 a head. Contact Nick Hall on 09731 709053 to reserve your place.

Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

6 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
13 October	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	3pm	Harvest Festival	Dunsby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
20 October	11am	Eucharist	Morton
27 October	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

Harvest Festivals in the Ringstone in Aveland Group

Friday 11 October at 7pm, Kirkby Underwood

Sunday 13 October at 3pm, Dunsby



.Can you help?

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	Squash
Tinned vegetables	Tinned Rice Pudding	Pulses
Tinned or carton custard	Tea Bags (80 packs preferred)	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.

Safeguarding & Contact Information

Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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