

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



28 July 2024
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Collect for this Sunday

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 145: The Greatness and the Goodness of God

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfils the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

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 Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please pray for...

Anthony Andrews , 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, 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

Please pray for Natasha Daniel Green, and Emma and Paul Taylor as they embark on married life.

Weddings: Kari and James Parrott, Georgina and Daniel Day, Abigail and Thomas Knott (2 years)

Funeral anniversaries: Peter Chubbuck, Shirley Dawson (6 months); Fred Hall, Alan Rock (1 year); Margaret Andrews (2 years).

From today's Gospel reading

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also, as much of the fish as they wanted.

Reflection:

After Jesus multiplies the food, he himself distributes it. He is our host, the one whom we can trust to feed our hungers. He will be with us to nourish us at each stage of life's journey until, at last, we arrive safely home for the everlasting banquet with him and each other.

So we ask ourselves:

- ✚ What hungers are we experiencing today as we gather around the Eucharistic table?
- ✚ Who are the hungry we are called by Christ to feed? Where? How?

PCC meeting

Tuesday 30 July 4pm Kirby Underwood



Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

28 July	11am	Eucharist	Kirkby Underwood
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
4 August	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Kirkby Underwood
11 August	9am	Eucharist	Haconby
	6pm	Evening Prayer	Morton
18 August	11am	Eucharist	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



Readings for this Sunday

2 Kings 4.42-44; Ephesians 3.14-21; John 6.1-21



Safeguarding & Contact Information

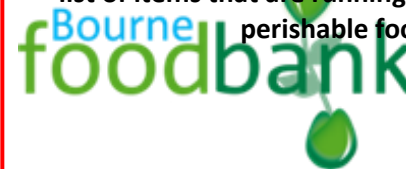
Safeguarding: We take your welfare and safety very seriously!

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Group Administrator and for entries to news sheet (by Tuesday please)
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.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.