

## 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

**13 October 2024**  
**20th Sunday after Trinity**

*May the beauty of the Lord our God*  
rest upon us;  
*establish* the work of our hands for us,  
yes, establish the *work* of our hands.  
Psalm 90:17

## Collect for this Sunday

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 90.12-17: God's Eternity and Human Frailty

So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

**Turn, O Lord! How long?**

**Have compassion on your servants!**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,**

**and for as many years as we have seen evil.**

Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

**Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!**

**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**

## Readings for this Sunday

**Amos 5.6-7,10-15**

**Hebrews 4.12-16**

**Mark 10.17-31**



## Post Communion Prayer for this Sunday

God our Father, whose Son, the light unailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; 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 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)

### In Loving Memory Service

**3pm on Sunday 3 November at Kirkby Underwood**

You and your family and friends are warmly invited to join us for this service of thanksgiving for the lives of all those who have died.

During the service we shall recall each person by name with suitable commemorations and prayers and the lighting of candles.

If you would like the name or names of your loved ones read out please email details to ringstoneoffice@gmail.com

### From today's Gospel reading

*Jesus, looking [at the rich man], loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."*

#### Reflection:

While our world's wisdom encourages us to grab for the "gold ring;" true wisdom lies in becoming Jesus' followers and putting aside everything else that hinders us from doing that. Today's piece of gospel wisdom reminds us that we need to keep our eyes open for where eternal life waits for us – it's in following Jesus and patterning our lives after his.

#### So, we ask ourselves:

✠ At this Eucharist, do I again hear Jesus' new invitation to follow him?

✠ What obstacle in my life keeps me from being more committed to Christ?

### Sunday and regular weekday Services in the Group

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
3 November	11am	Eucharist	Morton
	6pm	In Loving Memory Service	Kirkby Underwood
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

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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