

SOUTH LAWRES AND BARLINGS NEWSLETTER No. 131

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Readings: Esther 2:1-18, Psalm 111, Luke 17:11-19

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ESTHER 4:14

On Sunday we kicked off our sermon series on 'women in the Bible' with Revd Aly Buxton who preached on Ruth. She spoke about the bond between Ruth and Naomi, and the love that they shared through a soul friendship; an Anam Cara (a Celtic concept) that describes a deep spiritual connection as two people walk the journey of life together offering encouragement, love, support and prayer.

This week our series continues and Revd Sonia Barron who is the Director of Ordinands for the diocese will be coming to speak to us about Esther. The story of Queen Esther is one without a mention of God and yet his fingerprints are all over it. Her uncle whilst giving her a pep talk uses the phrase "and who

knows, perhaps you were born for such a time as this." What a statement of faith! That God has been working his purposes for good and that even in the moment of despair and seeming defeat there is hope. We aren't all called to be Queen or to save a nation from genocide, but we are all called to be people who love the Lord with all our heart, mind and strength, and who love our neighbours as ourselves. God has a plan for each of us, and as we discover that plan and walk it out we do so knowing that he is right besides us, and if we have the joy of an Anam Cara on that journey then we can count ourselves doubly blessed!

Thankyous

Thankyou to Chris and Eleanor Clarke. Chris and Eleanor left Sudbrooke around 18 months ago to move to York. For years they ran the Tea Service at Sudbrooke and then when COVID came along they mastered the art of Zoom and have run it online ever since, which has been an amazing gift to us. The two of them have become more involved with their Church in York and so feel its now time to move on, and so the last Tea Service will be on the last Thursday in October. I know there is a sadness about that but also a thankfulness for all that Chris and Eleanor have done and given to us. Thankyou.

In light of the above I will be talking to those who have regularly attended Tea Service to see if it's something that folk wish to continue and in what guise!

A huge **thankyou** to all those who continue to donate to the foodbank. We took another car load down last week, and they are so appreciative of all the donations. This week donations have come in from Grand Luce Harvest, and we receive regular donations from the residents of Oxeney Drive in Langworth, all collected by Angela and David Bicknell. The Foodbank currently has plenty of pasta, cereal and sanitary products but are in urgent need of tinned meals, tinned fruit, tinned soup, pasta sauce and rice pudding/custard. If you are able to donate any of those items we will do another run down to the depot in a couple of weeks. PLEASE check the use by dates though and don't hand anything on beyond the date.

Thankyou to all those who came to support the photo art sale at Fiskerton on Sunday, £100 was made for church funds!

Thankyou to those who organised the Harvest Supper in Cherry Willingham Church Hall and for the giving of those who gathered which means that we can add £150 to the FiSH Fund. It was great to gather together again for Harvest.

Thankyou for your support for the St Barnabas Coffee morning on Saturday morning which raised an amazing £537! What a wonderful effort from everyone!

Farewell

Next week we say our farewells to Carole Mackinder who is leaving Fiskerton village to be nearer family. She will be staying in touch with us, which we are very happy about! We wish her well as she moves house.

October Sermon Series

In October we are welcoming a series of guest preachers to our morning services to preach on the theme of 'Women in the Bible'.

October 9th Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Revd Sonia Barron on Esther

October 16th Bishop of Grantham Bishop Nicholas

Please come and join us as they have committed to spend time with us!!

Bible Course

We have had to do a bit of 'jiggling about' on the Bible Course. It will still take place on **Tuesday evenings** but **starting on 18th October** for 8 consecutive weeks and taking place in **Reepham church** because we have too many to fit in the Vicarage! Hurray! An email with the plan for the sessions will be coming soon..

Consultation on the next Bishop of Lincoln

The consultation process on the next Bishop of Lincoln has started again. Go to the Diocese website at www.lincoln.anglican.org **PLEASE GET INVOLVED!!**

Glow Holiday Club and Light Party

It's almost time for our online half term holiday club. If you would like to help pack bags we will be meeting in Reepham church next Friday the 14th at 10am to pack the 150 bags and then deliver them to school for distribution. All help appreciated! Then on Saturday 29th October 4-5:30pm we have our annual light party, a time for games, crafts and food! If you would like to be on team on the day please do contact Revd Jess!

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 15th October – Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee morning in the Church Hall.

Saturday 15th October – Christians Together in Reepham are organising a soup and roll lunch for Christian Aid at Reepham Methodist Church 11.30 – 1.30pm

Friday 11th November – Fun Quiz! 7pm for a 7.30pm start in the Church Hall. Entry is £4 per person with teams of 4 or 6 people. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles. To book a table please call Anne on 01522 856588.

Saturday 26th November – Christmas Fair. 10am onwards in the Church Hall.

Tuesday 6th December – Christmas Lunch! From 11.30am – 1.30pm in the Church Hall. Watch this space for more details regarding booking and the tasty menu to be on offer!

Services and Meetings next week

Online Morning Prayer 8am Monday to Friday on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/SLBChurches

Online Compline 7pm Monday to Thursday on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SLBChurches

Sunday 9th October

- 9am Online service www.facebook.com/SLBChurches and on YouTube at SLB Churches
- 9.15am Holy Communion at Barlings with Revd Sonia Barron
- 10.45am Holy Communion at Cherry Willingham with Revd Sonia Barron
- 2.00pm Baptism at Fiskerton

Monday 10th October

- 9.30am School Harvest Service at Fiskerton Church
- 10.30am Singing group at Reepham

Tuesday 11th October

- 10.30am Willow Court Harvest Holy Communion
- 7.00pm Christians together meeting in Cherry Willingham

Wednesday 12th October

- 9.30am Communion at Cherry Willingham

Zoom Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83284918533?pwd=bnVKanhEWmIBNUFESEZvYmxXNjBQdz09>

Meeting ID: 832 8491 8533

Passcode: 916053

Thursday 13th October

- 2.30pm Online Tea Service – Chris and Eleanor will send the link
- 3.00pm Collective Worship at Reepham Primary School

Friday 14th October

- 10am Pack Glow Bags at Reepham

Saturday 15th October

- 10am Childrens' Society Coffee Morning at Cherry Willingham Church Hall
- 11.30am Christian Aid Lunch at Reepham Methodist Church

Sunday 16th October

- 9am Online service www.facebook.com/SLBChurches and on YouTube at SLB Churches
- 9.15am Holy Communion at Fiskerton with Rt Revd Bishop Nicholas of Grantham
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Notices

Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union continues to gather together monthly. The dates and information for the meetings and speakers are as follows:

- 11th October Revd Carolyn Bailey - Diocesan Chaplain.
- 8th November Revd Jackie Calow – Dementia Friends! What does that mean?
- 13th December Christmas Meditation in Cherry Willingham Church with Revd Penny

Prayer

**Eternal Father, who weaves us all into the continuing story of grace: grant that, as we in South Lawres and Barlings continue to place footsteps with faith around our community, we may live our lives in a way that allows your story to shine through, encouraging and challenging others to live their part in it:
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**

Friday 7th October

Pray for our foodbanks, give thanks for the volunteers and staff who help to run the depot, community market and outreach points. Pray that they will receive donations throughout the coming months. Pray for those who receive food that they will be blessed and find support in their time of need.

Saturday 8th October

Pray for our NHS, for staff at the hospital and in the ambulance service as the autumn comes and it brings added challenges to an already burdened system.

Sunday 9th October

Pray for our benefices, for our 8 worshipping communities, pray for a shared vision amongst our churches as we seek to move forward together.

Monday 10th October

Pray today for those walking the journey of grief, for those who are recently bereaved, and those finding bereavement and loss particularly difficult at this time.

Tuesday 11th October

Pray for the churches in our area, give thanks for communities of Christians living their faith out in the villages. Pray for our ecumenical meeting tonight as we plan for joint events in the coming months.

Wednesday 12th October

Pray for social services, for social workers and carers. Pray for staff and residents at Grand Luce and Willow Court.

Thursday 13th October

Pray for those known to us in need of a touch from God at this time. For those who are unwell, those who are lonely or afraid, may they know the God of comfort and peace at this time.

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life;
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen