

East Loveden Church and Parish News

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Kelby, Rauceby,
Welby and Wilsford

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FEBRUARY REFLECTION

LOVING BY SERVING

There is much anticipation in the air as we begin this year despite the sadness in the air caused by so many loved ones' lives lost to this Covid-19 pandemic.

The vaccination being rolled out has given us a 'life-line' and hope that we will get back to some sort of 'normalcy'.

Whatever the case, putting the past behind us and stepping boldly into the future is an exercise of hope. The past cannot be changed except in our minds. The present is fleeting and only for a moment. The future is filled with much promise, but few absolute certainties. We are able to impact the future only by what we do in the present.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we find ourselves looking for ways to show others that we love them. But how do we show God that we love him?

Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love me?" Three times Peter responded, "Yes Lord, you know I love you." To each of his responses Jesus replied, "Feed my sheep." Jesus was showing Peter that an outpour of our love for Jesus is by caring for his children.

In Matthew 20: 28 Jesus said of himself that "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life for many." One of the simplest expressions of Love in Scripture is sharing with others. One of the most valuable things we can share is ourselves: our talents and energies in serving others.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748) was an English hymn writer. One of Watt's greatest hymns, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," is a magnificent work that helps the singer to meditate on the saving work of Jesus Christ. Lent is a perfect time to reflect on the words of this masterful hymn.

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died.
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contentment on all my pride.
Forbid it Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

Take an opportunity today to serve.

Rev Georgie



FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS:

A six-session study course for the period of Lent

Exploring ecological justice.

Before embarking on this six-week journey, let us spend some time contemplating the following questions:

- How do we value our common home, the Earth?
- In what ways do we value - or not value - all parts of Creation, including other human beings?

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY @ 2:00PM

WHERE: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6616090923>

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PRAYER for FEBRUARY

Heavenly Father

During the coming holy weeks of Lent, we pray that You will help us to remember the sacrifice and courage of Your Son as He endured His time in the wilderness and to recall Your promise, in the Book of Isaiah, that You will provide a way through the desert.

We trust You to guide us even though we may feel weary and afraid.

Renew in us, we pray, hope for a brighter future and strengthen us by the power of Your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Saviour.

Amen

Psalm 100

A psalm of thanksgiving

Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

Worship the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy.

Acknowledge that the LORD is God! He made us, and we are his.[a] We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.

PC & PCSOs for

Neighbourhood Watch and Lincs Alert schemes has discontinued and is now replaced by a scheme called Next door.

You can register for free on nextdoor.co.uk and receive community/ crime updates and alerts for your village.

Crime stats for your village and crime prevention advice can be found on POLICE.UK.

Type your village/street name to find reported crime states for your community you can view this as much as you wish.

PCSO Colin Ironmonger 07973 845 622

PCSO Nic Woolerton 007973842786

Please note that police mobiles are not manned 24 hours a day.

**In an emergency continue to ring 999
or to report crime and less urgent matters dial 101.**

Sleafordruralsouth@lincs.pnn.police.uk

Coronavirus Update

In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic we have opened our church buildings with COVID-19 guidance rules, keeping everyone 2 metres apart. We have a Holy Communion service every Sunday, please see Rota on the back page of this newsletter.

We will be working out creative ways to keeping doing church together throughout this time. If you would like to join our **WHATSAPP GROUP** please contact our vicar, Revd Georgie (rectoreastloveden19@gmail.com).

This is a difficult time for many people. There is a lot of anxiety, fear and panic. We want our community to know that they are not alone and we are here to help in any way we can.

So, if there is anything we can do for you or a neighbour, we would like you to know that you can call on us at any time.

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church will be open for private prayer or contemplation from **14:00 to 15:00**

on Thursday February 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

Subject to government Covid regulation changes

Please would you continue to leave any donations for the Food Bank at the door of **17 Ermine Street** and they will be taken to the Food Bank on days when it is open or if not to a donation box at one of the supermarkets.

Thank you.

WILSFORD

St. Mary's Church, Wilsford is pleased to be open for Private Prayer every Wednesday between 9.30am – 10.30am. The usual rules of social distancing, the wearing of masks and sanitising hands on arrival and departure will be in place. Everyone is welcome to attend who wishes for a peaceful time for prayer and contemplation.

	FROM THE REGISTERS	
FUNERALS		
ANCASTER	JOHN RICHARD HAWES	11th January
ANCASTER	DOROTHY HATTON	13th January
WELBY	CAROL ANNE MACHIN	12th January
BAPTISMS		
ANCASTER	MAGGIE KATE POINTING	13th December
	Please remember them in your prayers	

EAST LOVEDEN BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2021

[SERVICES MAYBE AFFECTED BY COVID REGULATIONS SO PLEASE
CHECK THE PARISH WEBSITE www.eastlovedenchurches.co.uk]

FEBRUARY

Sun 7th Feb	Holy Communion	10:00	Ancaster
Wed 10th Feb	Holy Communion	09:30	Ancaster
Sun 14th Feb	Holy Communion	10:00	Welby
Sun 21st Feb	Holy Communion	10:00	Wilsford
Sun 28th Feb	Holy Communion	10:00	Heydour

MARCH

Sun 7th Mar	Holy Communion	10:00	Kelby
Wed 10th Mar	Holy Communion	09:30	Ancaster
Sun 14th Mar	Holy Communion	10:00	Rauceby
Sun 21st Mar	Holy Communion	10:00	Ancaster
Sun 28th Mar	Holy Communion	10:00	Welby