

## Benefice Noticeboard

~ **Polite Notice** – Please note that intinction, (dipping of wafers into wine) is not permitted. Please refrain from this practice. Thank you, Revd Neil.

~ **Easter Egg Collection** – We are coming up to that time of year again when St Laurence Church start collecting Easter Eggs for children in social care. If you are able to donate any eggs these can be left in St Laurence's Church or Nicki Phillips' porch. Cut off for Easter Eggs is **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Thanking you in advance.

~ **Lent Course** – Our Lent course will be "Reflecting on the Psalms" – an introduction in the Context of Lent. The Lent course will be held in **St Peter's Community Enterprise Centre, 7pm-8:30pm Tuesdays: 24<sup>th</sup> Feb & the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Or at

**5 Carlow Road (Sue's House), 2pm-3:30pm Wednesdays: 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March.** Everyone welcome.

~**Lent Lunches** – Join us at **St Laurence's Stanwick** on the following dates : **5<sup>th</sup> March, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 19<sup>th</sup> March & 16<sup>th</sup> March** for a short act of worship followed by lunch; soup and roll/bread, fruit, shortbreak/cake. There is no set charge but donations of £5+ would be most welcome as the cost of ingredients has risen a fair bit over the last few years. If you are unable to attend but would like to support these lunches, donations towards costs will be gratefully received. Please could you let Nicki know if you will be attending for catering purposes. Thank you.

~**RIP Steve Spence** – Steve's funeral will be held on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm** in **St Peter's Church, Raunds**. Rest in peace Steve.

### Readings for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March The Third Sunday Of Lent

Psalm 95  
Exodus 17: 1-7  
Romans 5: 1-11  
John 4: 5-42



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 The Second Sunday Of Lent John 3: 1-17

### Jesus Teaches Nicodemus

**3** Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. **2** He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." **3** Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." **4** "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" **5** Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. **6** Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. **7** You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' **8** The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."**9** "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. **10** "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? **11** Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. **12** I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? **13** No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. **14** Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, **15** that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." **16** For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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## **St Peter, Raunds**

Churchwardens

Mike Turner Tel. 623289, Andrea Haseldine Tel. 07837 619823

**Today: 11am Sunday Service**

**3:30pm Evensong**

This week

Monday

Tuesday 2pm Funeral – Steve Spence

7pm Lent course in Enterprise Centre

Wednesday 7pm Churchwardens Meeting in Enterprise Centre

Thursday 8:50am Collective Worship in St Peter's Academy

Friday

Saturday 3pm Messy Church

Sunday 9am Holy Communion

## **All Hallows, Hargrave**

Churchwardens

Savitri Pollard Tel. 626960, Paul Birch Tel. 07885 768763

**Today: 11am Holy Communion**

This Week

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday 10:30am Coffee Morning

Friday

Saturday

Sunday 6pm Holy Communion

## **Nativity of blessed Virgin Mary, Ringstead**

Churchwardens

Rosemarie Coles Tel. 624262

**Today: 11am Sunday Service**

This week

Monday 1:30pm Little Angels

Tuesday

Wednesday 2pm Lent Course at Sue's House (5 Carlow Road)

Thursday 10:30am Collective Worship in Church

Friday

Saturday 10am Coffee Morning

Sunday 11am Holy Communion

## **St Laurence, Stanwick**

Churchwardens

Sam Chambers Tel. 623855

**Today: 9:30am Café Church**

This Week

Monday Experience Easter

Tuesday Experience Easter

4pm-5:30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 10am Holy Communion

Thursday 9:30am Little Treasures

12noon Lent Lunch

Friday 7pm Compline via zoom

Saturday

Sunday 9:30am Family Service

