



New QR Posters at our Churches and Church Halls

As you visit our churches over the coming days you may notice these "QR Code" posters appearing in porches and on signing in tables.

They help form part of the Government's Test and Trace system which hopes to limit the spread of Covid-19. To be able to be part of the scheme you will need a smartphone (with a working camera and Bluetooth capabilities)

and the **NHS Covid-19 App** which can be downloaded for free from the App Store (Apple) or Google Play (Android).

This measure is in addition to those we already have in place, such as social distancing, hand sanitising, face coverings and signing in sheets.

For those who don't have a smartphone, the official guidance says:

"Even if you do not have a compatible smartphone yourself, you will still benefit from other people downloading the app. This is because even low level use of the app will help us understand more about how the virus spreads and will support the wider NHS Test and Trace programme, which has been designed to fight the virus. The app works in addition to the regular contact tracing that is already taking place throughout the UK."

You are always welcome in our churches, app or no app!

Thinking of and holding in our prayers... Please light a candle as we pray and remember:

Eddie Craig, Reepham, whose funeral will be held on 9th October. Our thoughts are with his wife Denise and those who knew and loved him.



Pew Notes



Sunday 4th October (Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Salle	Holy Communion
10.30am	Elsing	Harvest Celebration
10.30am	Weston Longville	Harvest Celebration
10.30am	Reepham	Harvest Café Church

Thank you to all those who sent donations for the foodbank. At a time when more people are having difficulty putting food on the table, these donations provide comfort, care and dignity as well as a meal to those in need. With the impact of Covid-19 and winter on the horizon, Foodbanks in the UK are predicted to give out an emergency hamper once every 10 seconds this winter.

Here is the current "shopping list" of items they urgently need:

- Long-life puddings/sweet treats
- Tinned meat
- Tinned carrots and peas
- Long-life Fruit Juice
- Nappies (Size 4-6)

Most of our churches have a foodbank drop off point, donations can also be made at Diane's Pantry, Reepham.

Sunday 11th October (Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity)

9am	Thurning	Holy Communion
9am	Bylaugh	Holy Communion
10.30am	Gt Witchingham	Holy Communion
10.30am	Reepham	Holy Communion

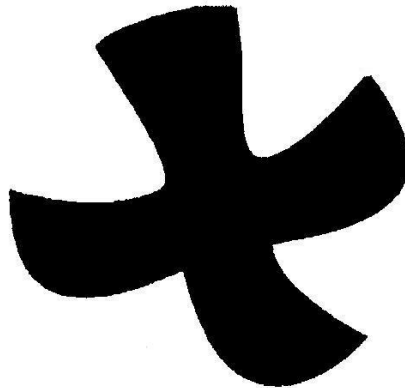
PSALM 121 ¹⁻² I look up to the mountains;
does my strength come from mountains?
No, my strength comes from God,
who made heaven, and earth, and mountains.
³⁻⁴ He won't let you stumble,
your Guardian God won't fall asleep.
Not on your life! Israel's
Guardian will never doze or sleep.
⁵⁻⁶ God's your Guardian,
right at your side to protect you—
Shielding you from sunstroke,
sheltering you from moonstroke.
⁷⁻⁸ God guards you from every evil,
he guards your very life.
He guards you when you leave and when you return,
he guards you now, he guards you always.

**Join us for Taizé Prayer in St Michael's,
Reepham.**

Taizé Prayer originates from the Taizé community, a monastic order founded in 1940 in rural France. Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taizé experience and during our services there is repeated chanting of prayers as well as other phrases from scripture that are sung. The repetition encourages an atmosphere of meditation and prayer. Before our services we have a time of practice, followed by a period of silence and the beginning of the service. The Taizé community has a strong devotion to peace and justice through prayer and meditation.

We will be running two sessions, 2.30pm and 6pm

Booking is essential. To book your place, please contact Sue Page on 01603 870886 or email sue.gislingham@gmail.com



Gospel Matthew 13:1-9 Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

A Harvest Story

At about that same time Jesus left the house and sat on the beach. In no time at all a crowd gathered along the shoreline, forcing him to get into a boat. Using the boat as a pulpit, he addressed his congregation, telling stories.

“What do you make of this? A farmer planted seed. As he scattered the seed, some of it fell on the road, and birds ate it. Some fell in the gravel; it sprouted quickly but didn't put down roots, so when the sun came up it withered just as quickly. Some fell in the weeds; as it came up, it was strangled by the weeds. Some fell on good earth, and produced a harvest beyond his wildest dreams. “Are you listening to this? Really listening?”

“I would like to say a big thank-you for all the lovely messages I received for my reader licensing service last week-end. The contributions and gifts were so generous, that it is as if my robes have really come from the benefice! That makes them more special - thank -you all and God bless, Helena.”



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