NEWS from the Parish church of St. Andrew Witchford for the community

**(May, June and July 2024)**

**Priest-in-charge:** Rev. Canon Mark Haworth, The Rectory, 2 Main St., Little Downham CB6 2ST contact: mhaworth50@hotmail.com,mobile (07932160009)

**Church warden:**

Dr Rosemary Westwell, (01353) 663918 rjwestwell@hotmail.com; mobile: 07432342845 email@ rjwestwell@hotmail.com

SERVICES: Unless stated otherwise, services take place at **10.00** on Sunday mornings every week. Occasionally, there may be changes to services. These will be on our Facebook page (‘St. Andrew’s Church Witchford’) and on the church notice board. Coffee/tea and biscuits are served at the end of services. All welcome.



If you wish to arrange a baptism, wedding, or home communion please contact Denise Youngs rev.den.2009@outlook.com tel: 07951736765 and the church warden. For funerals, please contact Dr Rosemary Westwell, (01353) 663918 rjwestwell@hotmail.com; mobile: 07432342845

SERVICES

May 5 (the sixth Sunday of Easter) Morning Prayer

May 12 (the seventh Sunday of Easter) Morning Prayer

May 19 (The Day of Pentecost; Whit Sunday) Morning Prayer

May 26 (Trinity Sunday) Morning Prayer

June 2 (The first Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

June 9(The second Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

June 16(The third Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

June 23(The fourth Sunday after Trinity) Holy Communion

June 30 (The fifth Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

July 7(The sixth Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

July 14(The seventh Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

July 21 (The eighth Sunday after Trinity) Morning Prayer

July 28 (The ninth Sunday after Trinity) Holy Communion

Message from our priest in charge the Rev Canon Mark Haworth

*We find ourselves in the seven weeks of Eastertide, and heading towards Rogation Sunday (May 5th) when the Church prays (rogare Lat. to pray) for all human endeavour within each parish, agricultural, industrial and domestic, where “beating the bounds” by walking or running the perimeter is a physical reminder of the importance of place and God’s good providence in the promise of a harvest in our lives, real and metaphorical…and perhaps in Easter particularly metaphysical. For those not donning their boots or running shoes, the prayer itself is sufficient. …*

*Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) walking along the N.African coast was chiding a child for wasting his time throwing hundreds of starfish back into the Mediterranean, beached by the receding tide. The child turned to this philosopher, theologian and bishop, holding a single starfish in his hand and simply retorted “it matters to this one!”. May we also remember the importance of each and every person we encounter, seeing in them the image of the risen Christ, while we also see the hand of God at work in the glory of the created order in the natural world in which we exercise crucial stewardship. Every blessing Mark*  Rev Canon Mark Haworth

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

From 1st May, Rev Jill Stimpson will be Chaplain at the Diocesan of Ely's new offices at Lancaster Way Business Park. She will also continue as  Assistant priest. contact details: revjillstimp@gmail.com tel: 01353 740451 mobile 07867 980718.

**BAPTISMS, WEDDING, FUNERALS, BURIALS:**

Burial of ashes Barbara Rawes

Please contact Dr Westwell if you can help,01353)663918 rjwestwell@hotmail.com

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**PCC VACANCIES:**

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Secretary

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**FRIENDS VACANCIES**

Secretary

Book keeper

**COFFEE MORNINGS** take place on the first and third Wednesdays of the month

1000 -1130 in St Andrew’s Hall Witchford. Cost: minimum £5 for coffee, cake and a

raffle strip. The next one is on Wednesday 1st May.

**CRAFT MORNINGS:** on the second Thursday of the month. 10.30 -12.30 in St Andrew’s Hall. The next one is on the 9th May: susanmaud.sm@gmail.com 07954 178560

**VILLAGE LUNCH CLUB** usually takes place on the first Friday of the month at 12.30 in the Village Inn or in St. Andrew’s Hall eating from the village take-away in Witchford. Contact Gill Brand to pay in advance (01353) 662073 mobile: 07786142289 gill.brand007@btinternet.com. The next one will be on Friday 3rd May 2024.

**FREE FOOD** is available at the **FOODSWAP** on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 1130 a.m. overnight in St Andrew’s Hall porch in Witchford. Please feel welcome to bring or take food. Ideally, the food will be in-date and sealed.

**ST. ANDREW’S HALL** may be hired at £12 per hour for locals, £15 per hour for others. Please contact the Church Hall caretaker, Jan King (01353) 658621 M:07761341325 rule.king.uk@gmail.com

**200 CLUB** The Friend’s 200 club welcomes new members. It costs £12 a year and you can win £20 a month (£100 in December) while supporting a good cause. In addition, if you would like to join the Friends, Contact Dr Westwell

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

**4-6th May flower Festival** contact: Caroline Hammill 07985574258

15th May closing date for poems on ‘Aftermath’ to be entered into the Tedora Cup competition. Entries with contact details and age (or ‘adult) to rjwestwell@hotmail.com

**2nd June Cream Teas 3 p.m.** in the afternoon contact Gill Brand. 07786142289

**11th June 7 p.m. Evening of Music and Poetry,** featuring a Lute player, an alto soloist and the Isle Singers announcement of poetry winners contact Rosemary Westwell 07432342845 rjwestwell@hotmail.com free entry (retiring collection)