

Rutland Water Parishes Benefice
Third Sunday of Easter
15th April 2018

SERVICES IN OUR BENEFICE

Sunday 15th April

9.30am Benefice Family Service Nth Luffenham

11.00am Benefice Eucharist. North Luffenham

Hymns:

Ga: 94 *Come let us hear our joyful songs*

Gr: 540 *Were you there?*

Off: 287 *Just as I am*

Rec: 81 *Christ triumphant ever reigning*

Sunday 22nd April

9.30am Empingham. Holy Communion

9.30am Ridlington. Morning Prayer

9.30am Wing. Holy Communion

9.30am Lyndon. Morning Prayer

11.00am Manton. Holy Communion

Collect for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,

who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:

give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by
his risen life and serve you continually in
righteousness and truth;

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.

or

Risen Christ,

you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh
hope:

strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill
us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Cycle of Prayer

*The Porvoo Churches: Derby, Clogher, Aalborg Pray
for The Church of Ireland The Most Revd Richard
Lionel Clarke Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of
All Ireland and Metropolitan*

First Reading: Acts 3. 12-19

²When Peter saw it, he addressed the people,
'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why
do you stare at us, as though by our own power or
piety we had made him walk?' ¹³The God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,
the God of our ancestors has glorified his
servant Jesus, whom you handed over and
rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had
decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the
Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a
murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the
Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To
this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name,
his name itself has made this man strong, whom
you see and know; and the faith that is through
Jesus has given him this perfect health in the
presence of all of you.

¹⁷'And now, friends, I know that you acted in
ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way
God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the
prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent
therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may
be wiped out,

Second Reading: 1 John 3. 1- 7

3 ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God; and that is what
we are. The reason the world does not know us is
that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's
children now; what we will be has not yet been
revealed. What we do know is this: when he is
revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him
as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify
themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of
lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he
was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is
no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one
who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little
children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who
does what is right is righteous, just as he is
righteous.

Psalm: 4

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

² How long, you people, shall my honour suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? *Selah*

³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. *Selah*

⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶ There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!

⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Gospel: Luke 24. 36b-48

³⁶ While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still

wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be

proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Post Communion

Living God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Suggested Bible readings for the coming week

16th. John 6. 22-29

19th. John 6. 44-51

17th. John 6. 30-35

20th. John 6. 52-59

18th. John 6. 35-40

21st. John 6. 60-69

SPECIAL NOTICES

Many people will be so sad to know that John Ervin, of Preston, died peacefully during the week in Glenfield hospital.

Please remember Sheila and her family in your prayers.



We're wondering about the possibility of setting up a music group to play and lead worship at the All Age Services at Manton and North Luffenham. Also to play for occasional Taize style services.

It doesn't matter how old or young you are, if you can play an instrument to around Grade 4 or above, or can sing, and would be interested in playing with others, please let Graham Madgwick know via email: g.madgwick@btinternet.com.



The Diocese is looking to appoint a Giving Officer to work alongside the Stewardship Officer.

Could you be the new Giving Officer for the Diocese? – Pippa has details: 01780 721286



Sunday 20th May 2018

Choral Evensong

celebrating

The Feast of Pentecost

St Peter's Empingham, 6.00pm

Preacher: The Bishop of Peterborough