

Team News

4th March 2018

No. 266

The Third Sunday of Lent

for the parishes of
Bressingham, Diss
Fersfield, North Lopham,
Roydon, South Lopham



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Services today: The Third Sunday of Lent

The Liturgical Colour is Purple

8:00 AM	Diss	Eucharist	The Rector
9:30 AM	N Lopham	Eucharist inc. Election of churchwardens	The Rector
10:30 AM	Diss	Sung Eucharist	The Vicar
11:00 AM	Roydon	Eucharist	The Rector
11:00 AM	N Lopham	Family Service	Home Team
6:00 PM	Diss	Evening Service in Lent	The Vicar / The Rector

Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent

Principal Service:

Exodus 20.1-17; Psalm 19*; 1 Corinthians 1.18-25; John 2.13-22;

Evening Service:

Exodus 5.1 – 6.1; Philippians 3.4b-14 or Matthew 10.16-22;

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Please note that our Team Vicar, The Revd Wendy Evans' working days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (and of course Sunday!)

Please send future notices to Neal and Yvonne at news@dissteamministry.org.uk by midday on Wednesday

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Church Diary

Morning Prayer this week Mon –Friday in Diss at 8.30am; The Team Office is open Mon– Friday 9.00am -12noon

- Mon 5th 2.00 PM Holy Bingo at Lophams Village Hall
 2.00 PM Lent Group Meeting in St Mary's hall, Diss
 7.30 PM Bell ringing (Diss)
- Tue 6th 9.30 AM Edward Bear Club
 12.00 PM Funeral of Michael Marsh at West Suffolk Crematorium
 12.00 PM Lent Lunches in North Lopham, see notices for more details.
 5.30 PM Silent Prayer in St Mary's Hall, Diss
 7.15 PM Lophams' Ladies meet at the Village Hall: 'Architectural Follies'
- Wed 7th 10.30 AM Eucharist - Common Worship (Diss)
- Thu 8th 7.15 PM Choir Practice (St Mary's)
- Fri 9th 9.30 AM Mini-Market
 10.00 AM FoodBank until noon
 12.00 PM Stations of the Cross, St Mary's, Diss
 12.30 PM Christian Aid Lunch at Salvation Army Hall, Sunnyside
- Sat 10th
- Sun 11th 12.15 PM Baptism at Roydon for Niamh Farrell

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10:30 AM	Diss	Mothering Sunday Service
11:00 AM	Roydon	Mothering Sunday Service
11:00 AM	N Lopham	Mothering Sunday Service
6:00 PM	Diss	Evening Service in Lent

Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Principal Service:

Numbers 21.4-9; Psalm 107.1-3,17-22*; Ephesians 2.1-10; John 3.14-21;

Evening Service:

Exodus 6.2-13; Romans 5.1-11;

Notices

BRESSINGHAM CHURCH SPRING PASTORAL CARE CLEAN

Due to the weather we had to cancel the annual Spring Clean. This will now take place this Saturday 10th March from 9.30am - 12.00 noon. We would really appreciate any help you can give us. If you can bring some old dusters it would really help as we have so much polishing to do! We will provide the polish. Refreshments will be served.

LENT DISCOVER GROUPS – WEEK 3

Mon 2pm, Mon 7.30, Wed 2pm, Thu 2pm

- Inviting questions is more valuable than supplying answers.
- Encouraging the personal search is more important than group uniformity

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCHES

Thank you to all those who supported the Lent Lunch at St Mary's - soup-makers, kitchen and serving helpers and donors. A total of £120 was raised for this interdenominational charity which promotes sustainable development, strives for social justice and pursues a vision of a world without poverty.

The next three lunches - free but donations welcome - are at 12.30 on 9 March (Salvation Army, Sunnyside), 16 March (Methodists, Victoria Road), 23 March (URC, Mere Street. See you there!

All Requests for pastoral care should now be sent to Janet Blight, Churchwarden.

This arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future whilst the Revd. Maggie is on sick leave.

Janet can be contacted by phone on 013769 641946 or 07527 285347 or by email janet.blight@btinternet.com.

MOTHERING SUNDAY MARCH 11TH

We would love you to join us at Fersfield Church for a very informal service which will start at 9.30 and be led by Richard Hewitt.

Do come, you will be made very welcome!

LENT LUNCHES

Come and share bread and cheese, fruit and pickle, in homes round North Lopham, to raise funds for the Bishop's Lent Appeal for Simbai Province, Papua New Guinea, our link diocese in the Pacific Ocean, where the Revd Lyn Fry, from East Harding, and husband Tony are currently serving as missionaries.

The lunch on 6th March will be at Allotment Farm, Thetford Road, S Lopham, the home of Alan and Kate Briggs.

Venues for the coming weeks are:

March 13th: Southlands, Church Corner, North Lopham

March 20th: Mill House, Thetford Road, S Lopham, home of Irene Bowden.

Please remember in your Prayers this week

The Church:

Bishops: Graham (Norwich), Alan (Thetford) and Jonathan (Lynn)
Pray that our Mission Strategy 2021 may be an effective tool as we seek renewal and fresh inspiration for proclaiming the good news across this diocese.
Pray too for those being installed as Honorary Canons at the Cathedral this afternoon: Paul Cubitt, Eleanor Langan and Adrian Ling.

Pray for the Anglican Church of the Congo and the leadership of Archbishop Zacharie Masimango Katanda.

Our Parochial Church Council officers: Treasurers: Richard Vere, Terry Gilbert, Sarah Martin, Keith Rackham, Paul Sumpter. Planned Giving Officer: Sally Arnold. Secretaries: Sarah Briscoe, Jill Brundell, Jackie Burroughes, Sylvia Grace, Jan Sumpter, Jennie Vere. Our Electoral Roll Officers: Maggie Swayze, Monica Reeder, Gill Partridge and Jan Sumpter

The World:

Peace in the world

Our neighbours:

Our children: Diss Infant and Nursery School: children, parents, governors, the Headteacher, the teachers, administrative and support staff.

All who are ill or in special need:

We pray for all who work to help the suffering. You, Lord, fed the hungry, healed the sick and restored sight to the blind. Be with them, uphold and guide them whatever their needs. Amen.

Those who have died:

Michael Marsh, Funeral at West Suffolk Crematorium, Tue 6th 12pm

Joan Ravenscroft, Funeral at North Lopham church Mon 12th 11am

Vera Coleman, Funeral at Diss church Wed 14th 1.30pm

Jessie Lansdell, Funeral at Bressingham church Thurs 15th 11.30am

Edward Logsdail, Funeral at South Lopham church Fri 16th 10.30am

The Saints:

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672 (2nd)

Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203 (7th)

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910 (8th)

The Shorter Collect for The Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.