

East Loveden Churches And Parish News APRIL 2024

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FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

A Reflection on the period between Easter and Ascension

April is upon us and spring is here; new life is everywhere, in the trees and hedgerows, and in the fields around our villages. In the church calendar we are now in that amazing period between Easter, the death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and Ascension, when Jesus left His disciples and returned to heaven.

The Bible tells us that within that time, Jesus had appeared to His followers on at least ten occasions. He appeared to individuals, to the disciples in the upper room and on a beach, and to a large crowd of some five hundred people. The most intriguing encounter, to my mind, is His appearance to two people on their way to Emmaus, a town seven miles from Jerusalem (read Luke 24: 13-35).

Tom Wright in his book *Luke for Everyone* wrote: 'It is a wonderful, unique, spellbinding tale, and also a model for a great deal of what a Christian, from that day to this, is all about. The slow, sad dismay at the failure of human hopes; the turning to someone who might or might not help; the discovery that in Scripture, all unexpected, there lay keys which might unlock the central mysteries and enable us to find the truth; the sudden realisation of Jesus Himself, present with us, warming our hearts with His truth, showing us Himself as bread is broken. This describes the experience of innumerable Christians, and indeed goes quite a long way to explaining what it is about Christianity that grasps us and holds us in the face of so much that is wrong with the world, with the church, and with ourselves.'

The Emmaus Road is a good story to think about when life is difficult. If you have a problem, bring it on the Emmaus Road with Cleopas and his companion; be prepared to share it in prayer with the stranger who approaches; and learn to listen to His voice, explaining, leading forwards, warming your heart by applying Scripture to what is going on. Learn to live inside this story and you will find a great supply of help whatever your circumstances. If you are a follower of Jesus, you are on a journey, a journey of faith, faith that will take us through anxiety and sorrow, as well as joys and wonders, to meet the Jesus who has accomplished His Father's work, and longs to share the gift of His own presence with us.

Rev Robert.

Prayer for APRIL

Heavenly Father

Awaken us to make the most of the beautiful April Spring days, rejoicing in all the new life around us.

Grant us the grace to humbly acknowledge your love and faithfulness to us and, we pray, give us thankful hearts. Draw our hearts and minds to reflect on the wonder of our New Life in Christ Jesus our Risen Lord.

Amen

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

First Friday every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. In Ancaster Village Hall.

**PC & PCSOs for North and South Rural and Earlesfield,
Barrowby Gate & St John's Ward**

PC Mark Barr 07973 845 128

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PCSO Stuart Bowden 07973 844 861

PCSO Courtney Denton 07973 847 061

For Culverthorpe, Kelby, Rauceby & Wilsford PCSO

Colin Ironmonger 07973 845 622

PCSO Nic Woolerton 07973 842 786

Please note that police mobiles are not manned 24 hours a day.

In an emergency continue to ring 999 or to report crime and less urgent

matters dial 101 or

e-mail www.lincs.police.uk.

Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a


**Prayer Breakfast
on Saturday 20th
APRIL at 9.00am.**

Come and share croissants and cereal, tea and coffee
followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT

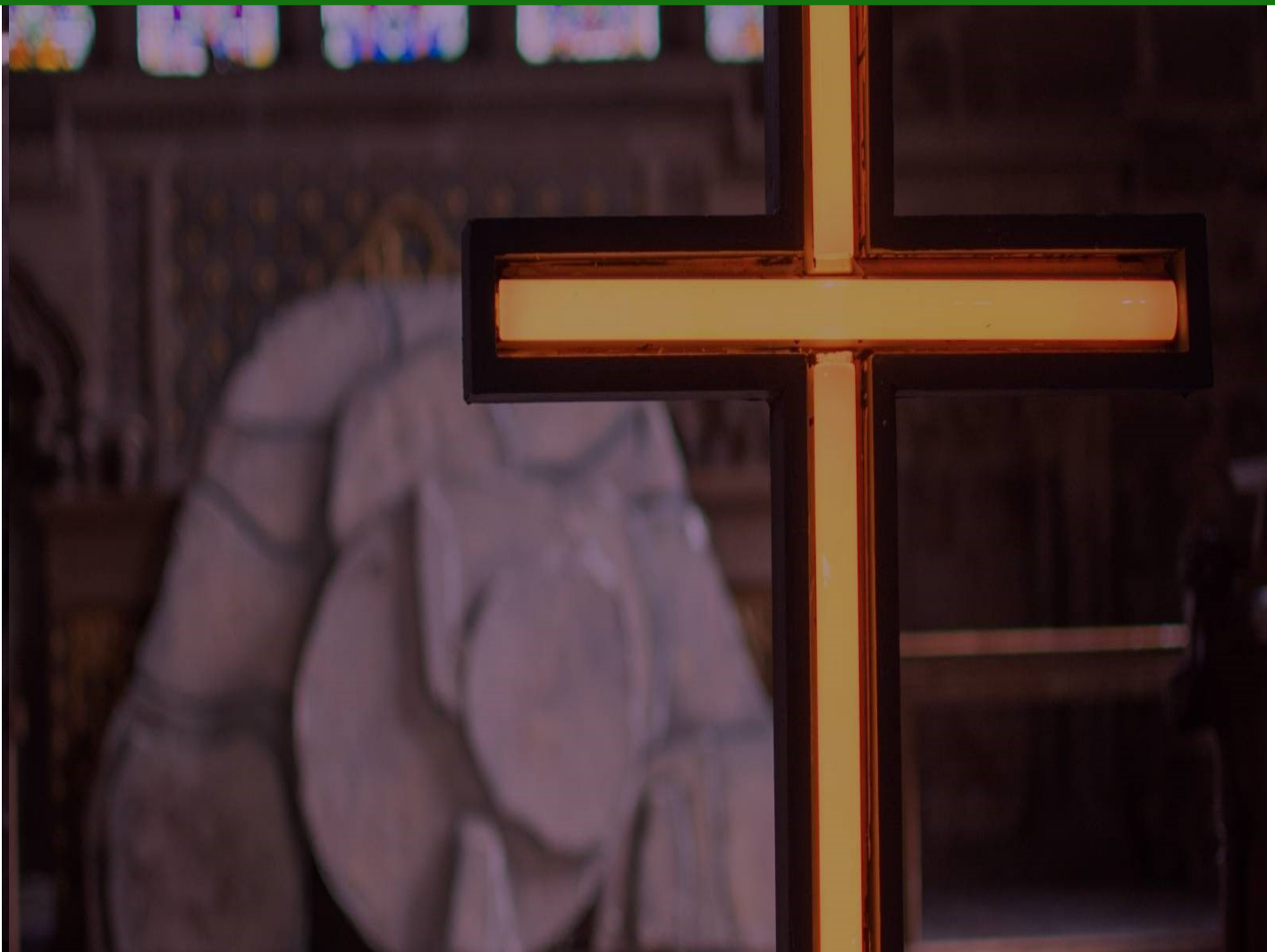


Prayer 
Breakfast



Join the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Pentecost and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ.

Whether you have joined in with Thy Kingdom Come before or not, we invite you to take part from 9th-19th May 2024 – along with churches from over 80 different denominations and traditions in over 170 countries around the world.



What we believe

We believe and trust in one God,
Father Son and Holy Spirit

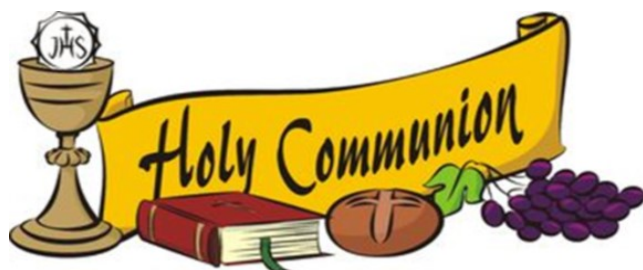
Belief in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit is at the heart of our faith. Christians believe that Jesus is God's Son.

Jesus reveals to us that God is our Father, and that God is available to us through the Holy Spirit.

You won't ever be asked if you completely understand all this. But you are asked whether you believe and trust. This is called faith. It is a different sort of knowledge. It is the knowledge of being known and loved, and of loving in return.

The Christian faith is not a human invention. There are signs of God's existence and handiwork in creation for anyone to read (Acts 14.15–17). But we believe in the way we do because God has come to seek us out and has made himself known to us.

EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



7th APRIL

10:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER

11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION

14TH APRIL – GROUP SERVICE

10:00 SYSTON HOLY COMMUNION

WITH BISHOP NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL VISIT

21ST APRIL

9:00 BARKSTON HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

28TH APRIL

10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

ALL WELCOME