



St Mary's Church, Tickhill

Notice and message sheet, week beginning

Sunday 19th September 2021 The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

"Caring for God's Creation"

Whilst the course is running we hope a resumé of each week's content may be helpful in keeping everyone abreast of some of the issues.

John Hoare has already drawn our attention to the Genesis concept of "dominion" suggesting that the word "responsibility" would be better. The Message translation emphasises our responsibility and accountability for creation. We are all aware through media coverage that many finely-balanced ecosystems are very fragile and are being irreparably damaged by human impact on the earth. The issues are stark including deforestation, growth and sustainability of population, our over-use and disposal of plastic, to name a few.

We are fortunate in that where we live is surrounded by crops and countryside, although the thoughtlessness of some people who engage in activities such as fly tipping has a great local impact. How can we care better for our environment? During the recent pandemic many folk have opened eyes and ears to the wonder of creation. Can we continue to build on this as a society? Can we make the most of our opportunities in worship to focus on the environment? What can we do to encourage wildlife/biodiversity? Whatever the size of our plot, do we garden organically, avoiding pesticides?

These, and many other issues, are all food for thought and action.

The Churchwardens

Services on Facebook

This Sunday's 9.00 am Facebook service of Holy Communion is led by the Revd. Canon Ian Smith, the Area Dean of West Doncaster. The preacher is John Hosker, recorded at "Virtual St Mary's", Tickhill.

The four Readers continue to lead 9.00 am Morning Prayer on Facebook daily with the innovation of a different Morning Prayer pattern of service specific to each day of the week - with thanks to Michael Harker.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.30 am Service of Morning Prayer led by Noreen Sweed

Hymns 580, 77, 590

Readings

First Reading : James 3: 13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Second Reading: Mark 9: 30-37

Collect

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
of your people who call upon you;
and grant that they may both perceive and know
what things they ought to do,
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
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.

Amen



**Please remember in your prayers
those families who mourn the death of**
Mark Davies, David Beedall, Colin Richardson

**and all those who mourn.
May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.**

Tower "Thank you" Day - Saturday 25 September 10am -4pm

An Open Day when we can mingle more freely in church (see below) and say thank you for completion of the Tower work. There will also be displays about church life, harvest, the earth, refreshments and a treasure trail (for children).

We are also holding a Photographic Competition. Please submit your photo of the church tower, mounted and no larger than A5, taken at any time, in any season, past or present. The competition is open to adults and children (aged up to 12). Please write your name, address and telephone number the back of each photograph and bring your entries to St Mary's on Saturday, 18 September between 10.00 am - 12 noon, where Elaine Millard will be waiting to receive them.

If you can help with the provision of cakes/availability to serve refreshments/stewarding at this event please sign the sheet at the back of church or contact Eluned (742963).

Covid safety- next steps

Following our gradual path towards "normality" the PCC proposes the removal of the pew ribbons from the "Tower Thankyou/Harvest" weekend at the end of September (25th/26th) onwards. We are very conscious that people are at different stages in their journey back into enclosed spaces and when the ribbons are removed it will be important that people are seated where they and others feel safe. Please be aware of the wishes of people who are already seated.

From 25th/26th Sept we plan to have the church open daily as before COVID. Current arrangements for the use of hand sanitiser, wearing of masks, exchanging the Peace and receiving Communion will continue. On Wednesdays from the 6th of October, a weekly service of Morning Prayer will be held at 10:00 am in St. Luke's Chapel. This will be led by our Readers in rotation.

As always, this guidance may alter with changes in government guidelines. **The Churchwardens**



Next weekend is the Church Open Day, when we will have a Mothers' Union display in St Helen's Chapel. This will show the work MU do throughout the world and will include what we do here in Tickhill. An example of fresh start basket that we send to the Doncaster Women's Refuge will be there and some background about the beginnings of the refuges in this country.

Another car load of towels, bedding and men's clothing is ready to be delivered to GFFG at Balby this week. If anyone has anything to donate please let either Margaret or myself know.

After next week, we will be again collecting things for fresh start baskets the refuge so again let us know if you have anything to donate so that they can be collected or delivered here to me. We will be sorting the week beginning 27th September after the Open day and Harvest weekend.

Helen Curtis

Caring for Creation

The very welcome, but suspiciously hot, weather this week, together with the upcoming COP26 climate change conference remind us all of the impact that humans are having on our small planet. "Caring for Creation" is an ecumenical 5 week "York course" exploring the Christian positions and views on how God intends people to take care of his creation. The second of the five weekly sessions is at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd September in the Parish Room. Everyone is welcome, and a wide range of views will be encouraged and listened to, with reference to key Bible passages.



For an advance copy of the course booklet, please contact John Marsden (744142) or John Hosker (751132, j.hosker@btinternet.com)

Interregnum
Enquiries concerning the church can be made
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**Please give any notices for next week's sheet, by 12 noon
on Thursday please, to John Horrigan (01302 743583)**