Notices

The Home Group is currently studying the Diocesan Advent/Lent course on Wednesdays, 'Set Your Hearts On Fire'. If you would like to join us please speak to Marion or Carol.

All Saints APCM will be held on Weds 18th March at 7.30pm in the Reading Rooms. Nomination forms for Church Warden and PCC Members are now in church. Please return to Gill Graper by 15th March.

Lent Lunches are being served every Saturday to 28th March (except 14th March) from 12—1pm. Come and enjoy soup, bread, cheese and hot drinks. Suggested donation £5 to go to the church.

Coffee, Cake and Crochet is on the second Saturday of each month, 10am to 12 noon. Charge is £5.
On 14th March there will be a special coffee morning to raise funds for the **Marie Curie Charity**, There will be cakes and a chance to make decorations for the memorial tree. The theme is **YELLOW**, flowers, cakes, clothes. Please come along, but also please make a cake, especially if it is yellow.

South Holland Singers will be giving a concert in Church on Saturday 14th March at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £12 and £10 available on the door or from Gill Graper

Lay Ministry Support Group - If you are a Reader, ALM or just curious about Lay Ministry, why not come and join us at this new group. Meetings planned for May & September (details to follow) but for more information please contact Maggie Ball 07922 209984 (Deeping St Nicholas Church) or Kate Brown kabstg@btinternet.com (Market Deeping)

Due to antisocial behaviour within the building when it is unattended the PCC regret that the church will now only be open for visitors and private prayer at the following times:
Term Time
Weekdays 9am-3pm
Saturdays 10am-12pm
Sundays for Services Only
We are sorry for any inconvenience that this reluctant decision has caused.

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All Saints Church, Holbeach

Lent 3

8th March 2026

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
HOLBEACH

We are an inspiring and inclusive place of worship at the heart of the community. We hope and pray that you will find this place a blessing to you, a place of worship, a place to encounter God, a place of community and above all,
a place of welcome.
Gluten free wafers available on request.
Do join us for refreshments after the 10.30 service.

Today

11.00am Holy Communion

Leader and Preacher Revd Nick Nawrockyi

Hymns	**149**	Disposer Supreme, And Judge Of The Earth
	718	We Love The Place, O God
	114	Come Down O Love Divine
Anthem		**Wash Me Thoroughly**
Hymns	**611**	Spirit of God, Come Dwell Within Me
	570	Praise The Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him

Please note: This church has a hearing loop installed. Please place any donations to the church in the plate on the way into church.

Banns of Marriage

We publish the Banns of Marriage of Jacob Todd & Chloe **Jones** to be married at All Saints, Holbeach on 25th April; ***Third Time of Asking*** **(Re-reading due to error)**

For your Prayers

For the Sick Ruth, Raymond & Anastasia Winter, Matti Corrado, Sarah Abiss, Roger Quested, Harry Pollard, Ann Onyett, John Bambury, Andrew Dean, Nicki Thomson, Revd Barbara Hutchinson, Sallyanne Sudlow, Ingrid Jennings, Janusz Slawinski

The Recently Departed Patricia Robinson, Elizabeth Quested

In Memoriam June Warburton, Rosslyn Froom, Thomas Walker, Joan Diggle

The week ahead

Weds 11th - 09.30am - Holy Communion
Sat 14th - 19.30pm - South Holland Singers Concert

Services for 15th March - Lent 4/Mothering Sunday

10.30am	**Holy Communion - Revd Mike Ongyerth**
18.30pm	**Evensong - Judy Kelly**

Sunday 8th March Lent 3

COLLECT
Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
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.

FIRST READING Exodus 17.1-7
From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

SECOND READING Romans 5.1-11
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL John 4.5-42
So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, "Four months more, then comes the harvest"? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, 'It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.'

POST COMMUNION
Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

PSALM 95

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
3 For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it,
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6 O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
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O that today you would listen to his voice!
8 Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
9 when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
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