

# The Lighthouse



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Scripture Reading: John 12 v 20 – 33.  
‘When I need you.’ – Leo Sayer

Dear Friends, Greetings! Trusting that these few jottings find you in good spirits. As a man who knows the wisdom of not arguing with a woman, I have rushed home from our allotment having been told by Phyllis in no uncertain terms to get on with this week’s Lighthouse letter! I am in a reflective mood, with a couple of thoughts to share.

You may recall that I wrote about Tranmere Rovers football team playing Sunderland at Wembley on Mothering Sunday. Tranmere’s home ground is called Prenton Park. Fans call Wembley *Prenton Park South*, we’ve been there for so many finals – and won a couple of cups. Reflecting on the game last Sunday, it is a case of “We was robbed” losing 1 – 0. The Times newspaper gave an accurate report, saying that Sunderland “had the edge”. We’ll leave it at that. I felt proud of my sons buying mother a virtual ticket. I also bought one, so did many others. Both sets of fans paid good money for a ‘ticket’, raising over £250,000 for the NHS and foodbanks around Tranmere and Sunderland. Isn’t it encouraging when you read of people who give in this way. There are many crowdfunding examples. Sir Tom Moore leads the way on that one. Whilst the amounts raised are amazing – whether large or small – it is the fact that people give without expecting anything back that is so wonderful. They give because they see a need and want to identify with it. I read of a guy in the till queue of a supermarket who felt so sorry for a pensioner who was reducing what she had bought because she hadn’t enough money in her purse, he paid for the lot.

We enter Passiontide, walking with Jesus to the cross. Here we see real giving. “Though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor.” It cost Jesus to give, not in financial terms, but in separation from God, to become like us, so that we could be forgiven for our sins. Ever thought what ‘grace’ means? – God’s riches at Christ’s expense.

Well Phyllis, there we go. Letter done – just off to the allotment again.

Every blessing, Derek the Cleric.

My suggestions are:

Remember to keep your distance – hands – face – space.

If you are offered a vaccine jab, take it, and be thankful.



*Tranmere Rovers commemoratives!*

*Photo: Walker family*

# Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services

Dear Friends,

As we draw closer to Holy Week and Easter Sunday, we are now able to share the adapted worship plans, utilising a variety of ways of worshipping. We have tried to adapt plans to offer wider opportunities in view of the guidance that we are currently aware of. Part of the planning is the consideration that, currently, singing is not allowed as a congregation. This is different to Christmas and it is worth noting that the guidance as of today (Thursday) is that there is a limit of three singers leading worship. We hope the different worship options will offer opportunities to reflect upon the life-changing impact of Jesus' crucifixion and for us to encounter the Risen Lord.

- + Holy Week will begin with compline (a short evening service) on Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st March starting at 7pm via Zoom.
- + On Maundy Thursday at 7pm there will be a live evening worship via Zoom which will include hymns, songs, scripture and prayer.
- + On Good Friday there will be a worship service called 'A Time at the Cross'. This will be an online worship available from [Dersingham online worship – Connecting the church at home](#) or direct from the YouTube channel. On this important day, the service will include the scripture readings leading up to Jesus' crucifixion, and a number of hymns and songs by local musicians and singers, along with a time of prayer and reflection.
- + Walk of Witness on Good Friday. This year we will be providing the opportunity of individual or bubble walk of witness around Dersingham, including the symbolic Green Hill (the Common). There will be a document available nearer the time to download and print or to view on a smartphone. This will provide scriptures, prayers and a route to walk with maps included. The aim is to provide a safe option for people to walk at a time that suits you, whilst considering the impact of Jesus' sacrifice for you and me.
- + Easter Sunday. On this day of celebration of Jesus' Resurrection there will be the first service in church after lockdown. This will be Holy Communion in St Nicholas Church Dersingham at 10am. In addition, this service will also be live-streamed (please email [secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stnicholasdersingham.org.uk) for details). The in-church service will need to be booked in advance as part of the track and trace scheme. Face masks are still required, as is sitting in 'bubbles'.
- + There will also be a Bible Bites Easter Special and, in addition, the Church at Home crafts available.
- + There will also be a pre-recorded Easter Day Service online. This will be available from [Dersingham online worship – Connecting the church at home](#) or direct from the YouTube channel. This online worship will enable you to sing the wonderful Easter Hymns and Songs.

With my continued prayers

Rev Mark



## Daily Walks – 11

*Thanks to Allan Coleby for this local walk. This week we continue towards Ingoldisthorpe and Snettisham.*

Having left Life Wood at Sandy Lane, if you wish to proceed to Ingoldisthorpe, you need to take a left-hand dog-leg and you will be on the old railway path again. It is narrower now, and full of interest. There is a field of horses on the left, and on the right-hand side, a number of allotments. On each side there are also small compounds containing poultry, domestic geese in pens, and even a few ducks. Soon, you will come to the road leading from the Ingoldisthorpe crossroads and down to one of Ingoldisthorpe's old halls, which is strictly private.

Walkers need to go to the right for a few yards, and then turn left along a narrow public footpath across a field. If you follow the well-worn path, you soon come to a clearly visible arched gap in the hedge. At this point, a path from the rail track joins this path. Go through and straight across to an obvious exit: this is the official footpath. It brings you unexpectedly into another world: the lovely, soothing sound of rushing water as the River Ingol skirts round an old water mill with the original wheel, which looks in good condition but now stands still.

Mallards lead a peaceful life on the green bank of a small water feature which runs past the back gardens of some of the properties in Snettisham. There is a substantial bridge and a notice about the mill, which was built and opened in 1800, and it is possible to walk into Snettisham from here past the old coal yard.

However, there is a footpath winding along the banks of the Ingol. At present, there are daffodils, crocuses, winter aconites, and a gently babbling stream. Peace is all around, and an octagonal lodge, usually associated with the ends of toll roads, adds to the old-world feeling.

The path leads to the main road at the bridge, which signals the beginning of Snettisham, just before the Factory Shop. There is a paved footpath from here back to Dersingham, but if you would like to cross the road, the Parish Council have made a feature of this lovely spot, with a seat, cultivated daffodils, winter aconites and polyanthus. As I write, there is no traffic at all on this road because of the major roadworks/Water Company work going on along it further into Ingoldisthorpe. From here, the River Ingol winds away through the trees towards that water purification arrangement that achieved national publicity two years ago.

To complete the idyll, there are always sheep, with lambs at present, in the large field behind the trees. In fact, a pretty cottage by the roadside is named 'Sheep View'.

–Allan Coleby



*Old Railway track, Ingoldisthorpe*

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## Spring Harvest

Spring Harvest's annual Easter Break festival goes online again this year. It runs from 4th to 8th April. To find out more and to subscribe for access, visit their website at [Spring Harvest | Homepage](#).

–Rev Mark

## A Lenten Blessing

May God bless us,  
that in us may be found love and humility,  
obedience and thanksgiving,  
discipline, gentleness and peace.

— from *Common Worship*



## We give thanks for:

- + Lent and time to reflect on God's presence in our lives
- + our church community and our families and friendships
- + progress being made in treating coronavirus
- + God's grace, love and forgiveness
- + God's word and help for our own situations
- + acts of kindness, courage and selflessness
- + the comfort and reassurance of the Holy Spirit
- + that we can take our worries to Jesus in prayer
- + spring and time spent outside in nature
- + the continuing success of the vaccines rollout



We pray for all Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith.

### MYANMAR

**Population 54.8 million. 4.4 million Christians (8%).**

On 1 February 2021, the military seized power in Myanmar, claiming Aung San Suu Kyi's National League of Democracy (NLD) landslide election victory in November 2020 was fraudulent. The coup threatens to undo the promising steps made towards democratic rule in the past decade. The political upheaval has magnified the vulnerabilities of Christians in Myanmar, and there is deep concern that the military's renewed hold on the country could exacerbate these further.

### Prayer points

- Pray that displaced Christians living in camps will have protection, health and hope for the future.
- Pray for the government to be empowered in opposing radical Buddhist monks.
- Pray that training run by Open Doors partners will encourage believers.

If you'd like to know more about the situation for Christians in Myanmar, do take a look at Open Doors' website and watch list: [Serving Persecuted Christians Worldwide - Myanmar - Open Doors UK & Ireland](#)

### A prayer for Myanmar from Open Doors

Lord Jesus, bring peace to the ongoing conflict impacting parts of the country, and provide ways for Christians who've been internally displaced to return home. Comfort, strengthen and heal all believers affected by violence. Thank You for the many people who've boldly given their lives to You, despite opposition from their family and local community. Help them to stand strong and grow in their faith, and may their transformation touch the lives of their loved ones. Amen

*Thanks to Revd Adrian for providing these prayers for the persecuted church.*

# Wordsearch – Jesus predicts his death

Thanks to Carol for this week's puzzle. All the words can be found in John chapter 12 verses 20 to 33.

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PHILIP  
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SERVANT  
SAVE  
FOLLOW  
GREEKS

## Ideas for prayer

- + all those affected by the coronavirus
- + our NHS workers and those in care homes
- + key workers and those in essential services
- + our GPs, surgeries and staff tasked with caring for us and rolling out the new vaccines
- + people waiting to be called for the vaccine and those going for their jobs
- + our teachers and school staff, and for safety in the return of everyone to the classroom
- + our collective health and welfare
- + our nation and community life; our Government and its advisors
- + for wisdom and patience in dealing with the many changes to our ways of life
- + our children and young people, their parents and caregivers
- + our young adults; our elderly neighbours and family members

Stopwatch: how quickly can you solve these anagrams?

DOMO                      GEAR C                      CRIES H  
RAN METRE                      NO DISSIPATE

(All are words found in Derek's letter. Answers, last page.)

## Census Day 2021

This Sunday, 21 March, is the day the nation is asked to complete the UK's Census. You can do this by logging on to [Census 2021](https://census.gov.uk/) (the url is <https://census.gov.uk/>) and filling in the form online or by requesting a paper census form be sent to you in the post.

## Role of Dersingham Church Secretary

Pauline Martin has served as Dersingham church secretary for about 15 years but now has decided to step down. I personally am very grateful for Pauline's commitment and organisation for the Dersingham PCCs and APCMs. This now means as a PCC we are looking for someone to take on this role, and with it we are looking beyond the current PCC to the worshipping community.

The role of the PCC secretary involves liaising with the Rector in the preparation for both PCC meetings and occasional standing committee meetings. The standing committee encompasses Dersingham churchwardens, Rector and Treasurer. The main part of the Secretary role is the preparation and co-ordination of documents required for meetings, and then the accurate taking of minutes for subsequent electronic distribution.

If you feel you potentially have the skills required and would like to consider this voluntary role for the church, please pray about it first and then have an initial conversation with me on 297293 to explore it further.

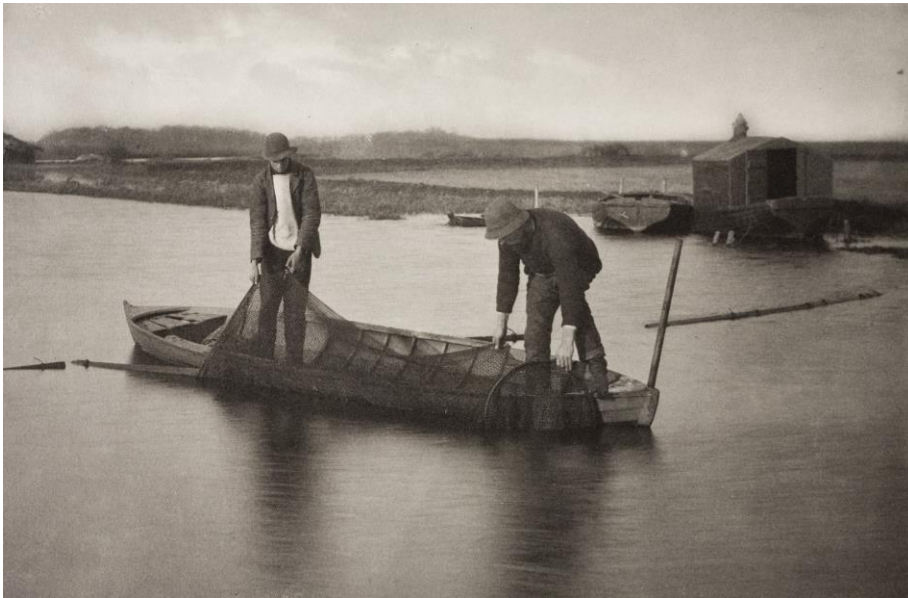
Thank you  
Mark

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*“And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all people  
to myself.”*

– Jesus' words in John 12:32

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## Ideas for prayer

- + all who are worried about, or who have lost, their jobs, livelihoods and businesses
- + all who are homeless
- + all who are suffering any injustice – racial, social, economic
- + anyone facing illness or medical treatment
- + all who feel isolated and those who cannot be with their families
- + that people will respond to the call by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to pray daily for the nation and those who have died
- + all who make our worship services possible and all who attend, in church or online
- + all who are visiting the church via our Facebook pages
- + families bereaved at this time and those not able to use the church as they would wish to
- + hope, encouragement and peace during this time of continuing restrictions

*Anagrams: mood, grace,  
riches, Tranmere, Passiontide*

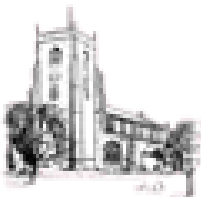
*With help from: [anagrammaker.com](http://anagrammaker.com)*

This 1886 photograph by Peter Henry Emerson is titled “*Taking up the Eel net*”.

It's part of a collection of images about life on the Norfolk Broads curated by the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

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