



Parish Newsletter

November 2020



Letter from the Rector

This letter has been produced to keep you informed about what is happening within the United Benefice of Carlton in Lindrick and Langold with Oldcotes.

At the time of writing this letter, it appears that our area of Nottinghamshire will be in COVID Tier 3 by the time the letter is published. Some people in our community will see this as a necessary precaution against the Corona Virus. Others will see this as more restrictions that could have a devastating effect on individuals, families, and communities. No matter what perspective we may have on our current situation, the opportunities for anxiety and/or fear to bubble up within us all is manifold.

Anxiety can affect anyone at any time, in the right place and time it can be useful because it raises our awareness to a particularly difficult situation. However, on the other hand anxiety can become overwhelming and seriously affect our lives.

Therefore, I thought it may be useful for us to consider what God says about fear and anxiety.

- “Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.” —**Matt 6:34**
- “We can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’” —**Heb 13:6**
- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” —**Phil 4:6-7**
- “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed.” —**2 Corin 4:8-9**
- “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” —**1 Pet 5:5-7**
- “He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” —**Rev 21:4**
- “I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” —**Psalms 34:4**

- “Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God.” —**Psalm 42:5**

In our modern world, society has become accustomed to a feeling of security and reliance on experts, science, institutions, and governments. Then comes something as small as a virus and those former feelings of security are shaken. When we have time to look back and assess this period, there will be many lessons we can all learn. Maybe we will also learn the old lessons, many of us have forgotten, as Psalm 118:8 reminds us ‘It is better to take refuge in the Lord, than to put confidence in mortals.’

Rev Mark

Remembrance Sunday 8th November 2020.

St John’s Church will be holding a Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at 8:15am and a Common Worship Holy Communion with an Act of Remembrance at 9:45am.

Please adhere to the current COVID-19 guidance and assess your own risk if you attend any of these services. [Also note that there could be changes to these planned events]

Advent.

Advent starts on Sunday 29th November. St John’s Church will be conducting ‘Compline’ (Night Prayer) at 7:30pm on Wednesday 9th and 16th December.

Christmas.

The ministry team is looking at ways to deliver Christmas services under the current restrictions and will endeavour to keep you informed as our plans develop.

How you can support your church?

You can support our churches by donating your time, skills, talents, and prayers. You can also give financial support through regular giving by joining our Promise Programme.

Gift Aid.

If you pay tax, the Inland Revenue will add 25% to your gift. This tax refund costs you nothing, provided you pay as much tax as the church claims on your gift.

Standing Orders.

Bank Standing Order is a secure and efficient method to give regularly. If you would like to contribute to your church regularly in this way, please complete a *Promise Form*, these are available on request from the Rector or your church wardens.

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Useful websites.

Church of England website - <https://www.churchofengland.org>

C of E Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/thechurchofengland>

C of E Daily Prayer - <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>

C of E guidance COVID-19 - <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>

Southwell & Nottingham Diocese - <https://southwell.anglican.org>

Diocesan YouTube account - <https://www.youtube.com/user/diocesefsofsouthwell>

Benefice website - <http://www.stjohncil.org.uk/home>

Online Bible recuses - <https://www.biblegateway.com>

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; (Psalm 46:2)



Here are a few inspirational and comforting scripture references for those who are interested.

- *Palms 23, 91, 103, 121.*
- *Isaiah 6:8, Jeremiah 29:11,*
- *Matthew 11:28-30, John 3:16,*
- *John 14:1-6,*
- *Romans 8: 38-39 & 10: 9-11.*
- *Hebrews 11:1,2.*

If you would like more, just open the bible on any page and you are likely to find something useful.

A Blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace