

## A Christian Aid Prayer for Afghanistan

O God of mercy and of peace,  
We hold before you the peoples of Afghanistan.  
Be living bread to those who are hungry each day  
Be healing and wholeness to those who have no access to health  
care amidst the ravages of pandemic  
Be their true home to all who have been displaced  
Be open arms of loving acceptance to those who fear because of  
their gender, ethnicity, religious or political views  
Be peace to those engaged in armed conflict and those who live  
within its shadow.  
Turn our hearts and minds to your ways of just and gentle peace,  
Open our eyes to see you in all acts of compassionate care  
Strengthen our hearts to step out in solidarity with your suffering  
people and hold us all in your unfailing love.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who emptied himself of all but  
love in order to bring life in all its fullness.  
Amen

You can donate to Christian Aid by following this link:

[https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1?ApproachCode=A002958&\\_ga=2.130568143.1125483472.1629834348-1811588454.1620204242](https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/Step/1?ApproachCode=A002958&_ga=2.130568143.1125483472.1629834348-1811588454.1620204242)

Sleaford Islamic Community have been collecting items to donate to the 64 families from Afghanistan who have been relocated to Scarborough. They currently have enough items but have asked for the people of Sleaford to keep an eye on social media where they will put information if more items are needed.

### *Book Group*

*Jennifer Forrester is thinking of setting  
up a book group*

*Interested?*

*Join Jennifer in the church room on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm to  
arrange dates, times, books etc.*

## St. Botolph's Church, Quarrington Notices 29<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Church Services – August/September 2021

Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival – All Age Service
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Climate Sunday Service
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Communion
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion

### Upcoming Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept at 2pm – Mission and Ministry meeting  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm – Meeting in Hall for all the church family to discuss our response to Resourcing Sustainable Church  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept Wedding of Curtis Turner & Abigail Kelly  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept at 7pm – PCC meeting **NB change of date**

### Sunday Evening Worship

Many people seem to be busy during August, so there will be no Zoom Sunday evening services. We encourage you to take your prayers with you on holiday or to continue to pray at home. You can find the Church of England services for each day at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>.

### Daily Church Opening

The church is usually open from 10am to 4pm daily

### Booking a Church Place for Sundays

You no longer need to book a place for Sunday services unless you would like to sit in a more physically distanced area of church so we can keep a space free for you.

To book a place please contact Maria on 07837 666 114 or emailing [stbquarrington890@gmail.com](mailto:stbquarrington890@gmail.com)

### Morning Prayer

Join Morning Prayer every day from Monday to Friday at 9am via Zoom. It's great to start the day praising God  
Contact Maria for the link.

## Coffee and Chat

This meets on Tuesdays via Zoom. Contact Maria for the link.

## Pam Graham

As some of you may know, Pam has had a fall and is recuperating in a care home in Waddington. Please pray for a quick recovery and a speedy return home.

## Easing of Lockdown – Sunday Services

After taking advice from the Diocese, the PCC has decided to ease some of the lockdown restrictions at church but also to maintain some of the practices so that vulnerable people are able to feel safe whilst worshipping at church.

- Please now enter and leave through the South (front) door unless you wish to sit on the north aisle for distancing reasons.
- Please wear a facemask in church if at all possible.
- You are free to sit where you wish but please leave the front pews for those who are less mobile.
- Only sit in the north aisle if you wish to remain physically distanced from others.
- We will continue to celebrate Holy Communion in one kind, so you will be offered the bread.
- We can now sing so please make a joyful sound through your masks.
- We will serve tea and coffee after the service. Please remain in your place until you have been brought a drink. This will give people time to leave church if they aren't staying for tea or coffee. Once you have your drink, you may then mingle as you wish.

## Resourcing Sustainable Churches – A Time to Change

We are holding a meeting on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in St. Botolph's Community Hall on Grantham Road. This is an important meeting to discuss our parish's response to the Diocesan plans for change. It would be great to see as many people there as possible as we have to make important decisions about our parish. Please come along and join in the discussions about the future of our church.

**There will be cake!**

To help with catering, please let Maria know if you are able to attend.

## Harvest Trail

The Harvest Trail is now on. Please encourage families to take part, although, it is not exclusively for families! You may wish to follow the trail and find part of our parish that you haven't visited before. Perhaps you could pray for the people who live in the places you visit. The trail runs from Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## Getting Involved – Dates for your diaries

We are planning on holding:

A Tea Dance on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November (**note change of date**)  
Messy Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Can you help in any way? Please let Mark or Rebecca know.

## Contacts

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Rebecca is on leave until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

## Notices

Please send all information for the weekly notice sheet to Maria by Wednesday

