

East Loveden Churches

And Parish News

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FROM THE RECTORY

Renewed in Spirit

As February unfolds, we find ourselves in the heart of winter still wrapped in the chill of the season but with glimpses of spring stirring on the horizon. This transitional time offers a unique opportunity for reflection, growth, and hope as we begin to sense God's hand moving in creation and in our lives.

For many, February is associated with Valentine's Day, a celebration of love. It is a time to reflect on the relationships we hold dear and the ways we show care and affection to one another. Yet as Christians, we are reminded that love extends far beyond the romantic it is at the very heart of God's character.

In 1 John 4:7-8, we are called to a love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

This divine love is selfless, sacrificial, and transformative. It invites us to look beyond ourselves and into the lives of others, offering encouragement, kindness, and forgiveness. It challenges us to see the image of God in everyone we meet, even in those who are difficult to love. February, then, becomes not just a month of romantic gestures but a season to recommit ourselves to the radical, inclusive love that Jesus exemplified in His ministry.

February also brings us closer to the season of Lent, which begins later this month. Lent is a time of preparation, repentance, and renewal as we journey toward the cross and the hope of Easter. This sacred season invites us to pause and reflect on our walk with God. Are we allowing space for Him to work in our hearts? Are there areas of sin or distraction that need to be surrendered?

In the stillness of winter, God whispers an invitation to draw near.

In Psalm 51:10, David prays: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

This verse offers a powerful reminder that renewal begins when we bring our brokenness before the Lord, trusting in His grace to restore and renew us. Just as the trees prepare to bud and the earth begins to awaken, we, too, are called to step into the newness of life that God offers.

As we move through this month, may we take time to embrace the love of Christ and reflect that love in our interactions with others. Let us also prepare our hearts for the Lenten season, asking God to create in us clean hearts and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Whether in acts of kindness, moments of prayer, or quiet reflection, February offers a beautiful opportunity to grow in faith and be renewed in spirit.

Let us walk forward in hope, knowing that even in the quiet and cold of winter, God is at work, bringing about new life within us and in the world around us.

Rev Georgie

Prayer for FEBRUARY

Heavenly Father

Blessings abound in February - if we look for them: more daylight, flowering bulbs, birds singing, lacy trees and occasional sparkling frosty mornings.

The eternal blessing is Your presence with us through Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit who reveals to us the magnitude of Your faithful love, renewing us each day, each month, each year.

By your grace, Lord, warm our hearts and open our minds to the little joys and the eternal truth of Your merciful love for each one of us.

Amen

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

1st Friday AND 3rd every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.

Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a

Prayer Breakfast on:

Saturday 15th FEBRUARY at 9.00am.

Come and share croissants and cereal, tea and coffee followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT

If you would like to come, please leave a message on 01400 269940 or text Robert on 07491 711112



Prayer 
Breakfast

East Loveden Group of Parishes

Community

Praise

at The Village Hall, Ermine Street, Ancaster

Sundays at 5pm. on

12th January 2025

16th February 2025

A time of Christian worship and exploring faith.

All are welcome.

If transport is required, phone 01400 269940.

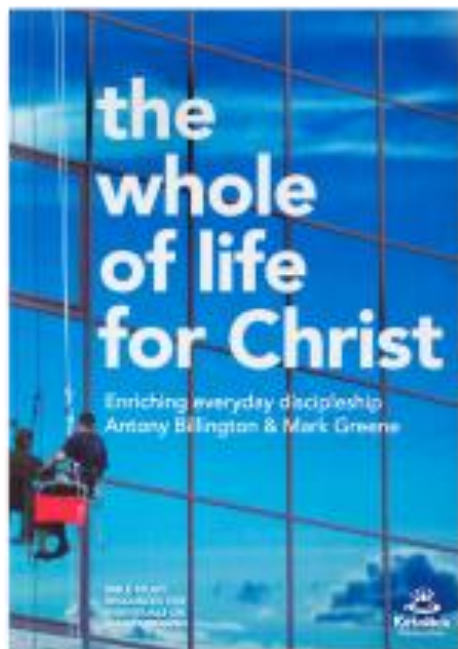
Suppose for a moment that Jesus really IS interested in every aspect of your life.....

Everything - the dishes and the dog and the day job and the drudgery of some of the stuff you just have to do, the TV programme you love, the staff in your local supermarket as well as the homeless in the local shelter, your boss as well as your vicar, helping a shopper find the ketchup as well as brewing the tea for the life group, the well-being of your town and the well-being of your neighbour ...

Suppose the truth that every Christian is a new creature in Christ, empowered by the Spirit to do his will, means that Christ is with you everywhere you go, in every task you do, with every person you meet ...

Suppose God wants to involve you in what he's doing in the places you spend your time day by day ...

Suppose your whole life is important to Christ ...He does.



Join us for a Bible Study as we study the seven studies to explore and live out the marvellous truth the gospel is an invitation into whole-life

discipleship, into a life

following and imitating Jesus.

We meet at Kelby Lodge on Wednesdays in school term time at 10:15am.

Recommended Monthly Tasks

(From SPAB's Faith in Maintenance calendar)

January

Have the electrical systems checked by a qualified person at least once every five years. Smoke alarms should be regularly tested and cleaned. Remember to replace the batteries too! Clear parapet and valley gutters of snow.

February

Clear parapet and valley gutters of snow (see above). Make sure that the tower, roofs and windows are bird-proof before nesting starts.

Do not disturb bats. Check the condition of any ladders in the tower and ask the tower captain to ensure that the bells and bell frame are in good order.

March

Check that eaves, gutters and down pipes have not been damaged by frost. Look for cracks and leaks in rainwater goods. Clear parapet and valley gutters of snow to prevent melt water rising above them and causing damp internally. Take care in icy conditions.

Risk Calendar Taken from *Ecclesiastical Insurance's Church Risk Calendar*, where more information can be found.

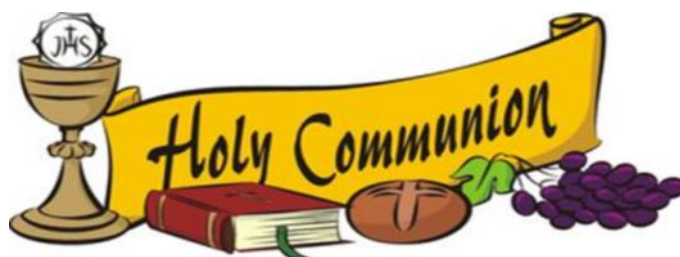
January -

Water pipes and heating An escape of water can cause extensive and lasting damage. Check that your water pipes are lagged, the stopcock is clearly labelled, and your heating system has been serviced by a registered engineer.

February - Security From theft to arson and vandalism, security is key. As every place of worship and its location is unique, a tailored assessment and response, reflecting the individual risks faced, should be undertaken.

March - Ladders If using ladders or stepladders check that they are right for the job, free from defects and used properly, being appropriately positioned and secured. Check out the proformas at Ecclesiastical Insurance.

EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



2nd FEBRUARY

10:00 ANCASTER CANDLEMASS

11:00 BELTON HOLY COMMUNION

9TH FEBRUARY

9:00 SYSTON HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

16TH FEBRUARY

10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

23RD FEBRUARY

10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

ALL WELCOME