

# ST MARGARET'S VOICES

St Margaret of Antioch Church ~ Crick

## Thought for the Week

What a world of contrasts we live in! Scientists sending satellites further and further into space exploring the nature of planets and, on the other hand, nations fighting bitter protracted wars over land ownership. As the world population continues to expand we see curtailment of the natural world in order to accommodate this expansion. With our voracious appetite for more energy we covered the earth with smoking power stations, and now wind turbines/solar panels. How does Almighty God view his creation - are we heading for the endgame? Trusting in his only Son, Jesus, is surely the only sensible option.

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH SERVICES

**Every Wednesday** ~ Holy Communion (BCP) **10.30am**

**Sun Oct 20th** - SHINE family service **3pm**

**Mon 21st Oct** Little Saints- **2.15-3.30pm**

**Sun 27th Oct** Songs of Praise **9.45am**

**COME AND JOIN US. OUR DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN AND OUR WELCOME ASSURED**

## A BEAUTIFUL AND REFLECTIVE CANDLELIT EVENING SERVICE IN LILBOURNE CHURCH

All residents of Lilbourne, Yelvertoft and Crick are invited to light a candle and remember their loved ones and friends

**ALL SOULS SERVICE**

at 6.00PM ON

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024**



## WELCOME

All Souls Day is the time when the Church invites us to remember in prayer the names of those we love who have died. It is a time when we can express our love for them through prayer and hold them before God. It's a benefice service which this year will be held at All Saints', Lilbourne on Sunday 27th October at 6pm. It will be a beautiful reflective candlelit service when the names of those who we want to remember will be read out. Please contact Jany's Alexander on 01788 860742 or [jkalexander51@gmail.com](mailto:jkalexander51@gmail.com) with the name/s of the people to be remembered. If you would like a lift, please speak to John or Kent.

**Last week our Music group** was introduced to Spirituals as sung by the enslaved people of South America. Christianity being the main religion of the South, slaves were introduced to the Bible stories in which they compared their lives to the Israelites and the suffering of Jesus Christ. So began the singing and making music in their hearts to the Lord, communicating to one another in the sounds of their homeland. In all the pain expressed in these songs was a message of faith and hope of a Promised Land. I am amazed by the resilience of the human heart. It will endure so much with faith and hope.

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## Prayer for the Week

Lord, we pray for all who are affected by natural disasters and issues of climate change that are having such a detrimental effect on people's livelihoods and putting many lives at risk. We pray that people living through such difficult times would find comfort and hope in you. Please provide the practical aid people need in times of emergency. Help those amongst us who have plentiful material resources to be generous in sharing what we have with others, and to be mindful of how our actions have an impact on the environment and on creating fair societies. Amen.

## Baby Loss Awareness Week

This week it was announced that all parents who have experienced losing a pregnancy can apply for a certificate recognising their loss. My mother lost her first child and, despite having three living children, mourned the loss of her stillborn son. In another family a brother and a sister were simultaneously due to be parents. The sister and sister-in-law went into labour within 24 hours of each other. The sister-in-law left hospital with a healthy son and the sister left with an empty cradle! Her son had lived only a few short minutes and now, 45 years later, she is still mourning his loss, annually leaving flowers in his memory. A terrible family tragedy.

It's obvious that the loss of a child can't be replaced with a certificate, but *'Losing a pregnancy can be deeply distressing - there is so much love and so many dreams for the future wrapped up in a tiny life. That's why it is important for bereaved parents to have the option to officially recognise the existence of their babies and how much they matter.'* (Wes Streeting)

**Rugby food bank** sent me an email this week about our recent donation and they are pleased that their harvest collection has been bountiful. Unfortunately this stock won't last long so we must continue to donate, if we can. Hopefully we can now turn our attention to Christmas and maybe create a reverse advent calendar. We donated 130kg of food and £14 from our normal collection and harvest donations from across the benefice. **This week they need tinned custard and rice pudding, tinned vegetables and good quality carrier bags.** Thank you for generous donations!

**Acts 4: 1-13** Intimidation or what! They were thrown in prison and faced... "priests", "the captain of the temple", "the Sadducees", "rulers", "elders", "scribes", "Annas the high priest", "Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family". Now that is serious intimidation! Just being a Christian is so offensive to some, that we will face people who are so unfairly against us. So we should not be surprised, even in England. But being faithful to Jesus, our Lord and Saviour is the way to go.

**FACT FILE-Crick Village Trail.** Among the various booklets and Crick-related items in our Post Office, I noticed a tri-fold leaflet. It contains information provided by Crick History Society and was compiled by Jim Goodger. Whilst realising what a lovely village we live in, I learned a lot more about many of the buildings. (It is also interesting to Google Listed Buildings in Crick, which even include a tombstone or two). My favourite reference is to Box Cottage on Main Road. I had always imagined it was named for its hedges but at one time, coffins were made there. Get it?

**John 14: 1-15** It was a troubling time for Jesus's disciples. Jesus had tried to prepare them for what lay ahead but things were now coming to a head. He told them that although He would be leaving them, He would return and take them back with Him, but Thomas, ever-doubtful, asked how they would know the way when they didn't know where Christ was going. Philip, meanwhile, said "show us the Father". Once again, Jesus explained that He and the Father were inextricably linked. To see one is to see the other. He then urged them to keep His commandments.