

# Ángelos

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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### Dear Friends

On Friday of last week, the Bishop of Lincoln, announced his formal retirement from his office with effect from 31st December this year. Bishop Christopher's letter has been circulated widely and indicates he will from October, be on study leave allowing him to reflect on his time as our diocesan bishop. He took up office on the 19th September 2011, at a time when many of us feel we had lost our way. His firm hand at the tiller during the first few years has paved the way for the structural reorganisation that we are now preparing to face. I am hoping that Bishop Christopher will be able to visit the deanery during the next few months to allow us to say a thankyou and farewell.

In front of us now, we have many new and I would say exciting challenges to look forward to, as we start to reorganise and become a church able to grow and be sustainable for the future.

May I ask that you keep the diocese and +Christopher & Susan Lowson in your prayers at this time.

Every blessing

### Collect Prayer:

Risen Christ, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life:  
give us compassion and courage  
to risk ourselves for those we serve,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### Collect Prayer (Traditional):

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life:  
we humbly beseech thee that,  
as by thy grace preceding us thou dost put into our minds good desires,  
so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Post Communion Prayer:

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Acts of the Apostles

### Acts Chapter 8 verses 26-40

**8** <sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip  baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at

Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea

## The New Testament Reading

### 1 John Chapter 4 verses 7-21

**4** <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or

sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

## Psalm 22 verses 25-31

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

<sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.**

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>28</sup> **For the kingdom is the Lord's and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

<sup>30</sup> **He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.**

<sup>31</sup> They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

**Amen**



## The Holy Gospel

### **John Chapter 15 verses 1-18**

**15** 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup> He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to

you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

<sup>18</sup> 'If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to You O Christ**

## Notices for the benefices of the Walesby and Barkwith Groups:

### **This Sunday 2nd May:**

9am	<b>Easter 5 (White/Gold)</b> Normanby le Wold	Holy communion (BCP)
10am	East Barkwith	Holy Communion (CW)
10.45am	Walesby	Holy Communion (CW)
5pm	Tealby	Evening Worship (CW)

### **Sunday 9th May:**

9am	<b>Easter 6 (White/Gold)</b> Stainton le Vale	Holy communion (BCP)
10am (NB Changed Location)	<b>Sixhills</b>	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.45am	Brookenby	Holy Communion (CW)
<b>10.45am</b>	<b>ONLINE WORSHIP</b>	<b>Holy Communion (CW)</b>
5pm	Tealby	Holy Communion (CW)

### **Thursday 13th May:**

7pm	<b>Ascension Day</b> Tealby	Holy Communion (CW)
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### **Sunday 16th May:**

9am	<b>Easter 7 (White/Gold)</b> Claxby	Holy communion (BCP)
10am	East Barkwith	Holy Communion (CW)
10.45am	Thoresway	Holy Communion (CW)
5pm	Tealby	Evening Worship (CW)

## Weekday Online Services

**Morning Prayer** This week: Tue - Fri 6.45am, Mon & Sat 8.30am

**Compline** A new service available each Mon, Wed, and Sat evening

**Monday Evening Fellowship** Every Mon 7 to 7.15pm. Room open at 6.45pm

Links for **ALL** online services are found at [www.walesbychurches.org](http://www.walesbychurches.org)

**Date for your diaries: Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am to 3pm Tealby Village Hall**  
All PCC Members (Walesby & Barkwith) are invited to a 'Vision Day'. This is an opportunity to explore what it means to be church in your communities. As we move forward into new times, we need to plan for sustainable and effective ministry. Revd Annabel will lead the day. (Please note this is a date change previously 25th Sept)

**Annual Meetings 2021** - The following dates and locations have been set.

19th May	7pm	Walesby	(Church)
20th May	11.30am	Claxby	(Church)
20th May	7pm	Thoresway	(Church)
23rd May	8.30am	Croxby	(Church)
23rd May	12pm	Brookenby	(Church)
23rd May	6pm	Tealby	(Church)
25th May	7pm	Barkwith	(EB Church - Revd Annabel to chair)
25th May	7pm	N. Willingham	(Ice Cream Parlour)
26th May	11.30am	Kirmond	(Church)
27th May	5pm	Normanby	(Church)

Stainton le Vale, delayed with the consent of +Christopher (Latest date Jul 31st)

## Notices for the next pew sheet to Fr Chris by Wed 5th May

The Rector's normal day off is Saturday