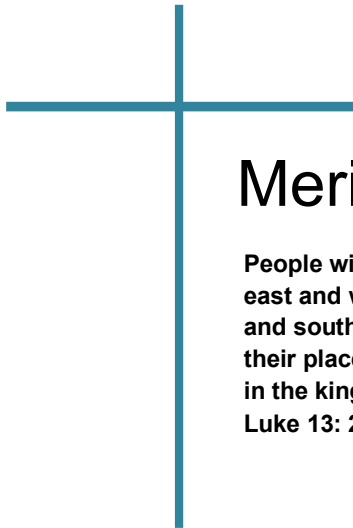


Notices
<b>Clocks go forward, 02:00 25 March</b>
<p><b>'Come and See'</b> Lent Course from Ely Diocese to be held in St Helen's Church, Colne, at 19:30. Thursday 22 March.</p>
<p><b>Electoral Roll Revision – All Churches</b> - Revision will be between 4 and 24 March (7 April for HcN). Only those on the Roll may vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity. Application forms are available at the churches. They are also to be found on the Benefice Website (<a href="http://www.meridianbenefice.org.uk">http://www.meridianbenefice.org.uk</a>).</p>
<p><b>Notice of meetings for the election of churchwardens and APCMs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ St Helen's, Colne, Sunday 8 April 12:30 in the church after the service, followed by APCM</li> <li>▪ St Mary's, BcE, Sunday 15 April at 12:30 in church rooms, followed by APCM and then a bring and share lunch and a Vision Meeting.</li> <li>▪ St John the Baptist, HcN, Sunday 22 April at 14:30 in the church.</li> </ul> <p>(Election of churchwardens open to all entered on church electoral roll of the parish and all residents in parish whose names are entered on register of local government electors by reason of such residence) (APCM open to all persons entered on the church electoral roll of the parish).</p>
<p><b>Kate Baker</b> is coming to the end of her theological training at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and will be ordained deacon on Sunday 1 July. It would be lovely if we could give her a present for her future ministry and I thought a great idea would be to give her a white stole (total cost £150). Final day for contributions for Kate's stole 25 March. <i>Sheila</i></p>
<p><b>HcN Parish Vision Day</b> on 24 March, 2-4.30 pm in Needingworth Village Hall Pavilion. We will be looking at the future of our church, so please do support this.</p>
<p><b>Safari Supper</b> 28 April in Colne, speak to Anne Sharp 842899 if you would like to take part.</p>



# MeridianBenefice

People will come from  
east and west and north  
and south, and will take  
their place at the feast  
in the kingdom of God.  
Luke 13: 29

## WELCOME TO OUR SERVICES

**18 March 2018**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

*Seek first the Kingdom of God*

If you are new to the church, please let us have your details – contact Rev Sheila or the Churchwardens.

**Please join us for coffee afterwards**

**If you use a hearing aid, and are at Colne or Bluntisham please switch to T**



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PLEASE TAKE THIS LEAFLET AWAY WITH YOU

Bible Readings	Collect
Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 51.1-13 or Psalm 119.9-16 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33	<p>Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.</p> <p>Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

**Please pray for these people who need God's healing touch in their lives**

Adrian and Julie, Ali Major, Amanda and Robin, Amelia, Andrew Clarke, Belinda, Beryl Grooms, Bev Silver, Carol, Christopher Brown, Daphne Protheroe, Doreen Taylor, Edward Barrett, Eliza, George, Glyn, Gordon, Jackie Cox, James, Jane, Joan and Neil, Kate, Katie, Kay Rawlinson, Jan B, Lindy, Mark, Matt Brown, Michael Latta, Molly and Robin, Nadine, Neil Bluff, Nick, Oscar, Patrick Grant, Pete B, Peter C, Peter Reason, Phil, Robert George, Ron and Ruth Bradford, Sally, Sharon, Sid Brown, Stephen, Steve Clarke, Kurt and Ionie Fuller, Steggles family

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<p><b>Sunday 18 March</b>  <b>09:30 All Age Service</b>            Holywell, St John the Baptist  <b>11:00 Holy Communion</b>            Bluntisham, St Mary  <b>11:00 Creative Worship</b>            Colne, St Helen  <b>17:00 Compline</b>            Earith, Rector's Hall</p> <p><b>Monday 19 March</b>  <b>19:00 Evening Prayer</b>            HcN, St John the Baptist</p> <p><b>Wednesday 21 March</b>  <b>20:00 HcN PCC Meeting</b>            Bluntisham, Rectory</p>	<p><b>Thursday 22 March</b>  <b>14:15 Holy Communion plus tea</b>            Colne, St Helen  <b>19:30 'Come and See' Lent course</b>            Colne, St Helen</p> <p><b>Saturday 24 March</b>  <b>14:00 – 16:30 HcN Vision Day</b>            Needingworth, Village Hall</p> <p><b>Sunday 25 March</b>  <b>Palm Sunday</b>  <b>08:00 Holy Communion (BCP)</b>            Colne, St. Helen  <b>09:30 Morning Worship</b>            HcN, St John the Baptist  <b>11:00 Café Sunday</b>            BcE, Church Hall  <b>11:00 Holy Communion</b>            Colne, St. Helen  <b>17:00 Compline</b>            Earith, Rector's Hall  <b>19:00 Healing Service</b>            BcE, St Mary</p>
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**Cluster Groups**

<b>Tuesday</b>	19:45 Men's Group	Tim, <a href="mailto:timothydberry@btinternet.com">timothydberry@btinternet.com</a>
<b>Wednesday</b>	20:00 Colne	Wendy, <a href="mailto:wendy.george33@gmail.com">wendy.george33@gmail.com</a>
<b>Thursday</b>	19:30 Fellowship Holywell (2nd and 4th of the month) 19:30 Colne	Isabel, <a href="mailto:mauriarn@aol.com">mauriarn@aol.com</a> Eleanor, <a href="mailto:embryherstones@yahoo.co.uk">embryherstones@yahoo.co.uk</a>
<b>Friday</b>	19:30 Fellowship Earith	Bob, <a href="mailto:bobali102@btinternet.com">bobali102@btinternet.com</a>