



ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
HOLBEACH

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## A Letter from Bishop Nicholas

Earlier in the autumn, I was enjoying my favourite day-off activity, which is to browse in charity and second-hand shops. I came across a slim volume of poetry by a man called Shane Jagger. I would like to share one of his poems with you:

At Christmas  
we give each other  
small gifts  
  
So why at this time?  
  
It  
reminds us  
a child was born  
who would grow up  
amongst ordinary people  
and by his coming into this world  
would bring an extraordinary great gift  
of news  
The  
Real  
could be  
approached  
without intermediary  
by  
all men  
simply by the means of love  
  
*This is why we gift each other at Christmas  
if we remember*

I was – and am – struck by the authenticity of this man’s response to the birth of Jesus. It might be quite possible to debate whether he has got the theology of the incarnation perfectly ‘spot on’. But what I am hearing is a response from the heart that is genuine, and that, to me, gives voice to an instinctive ‘experience’ of Christmas. I do not know his faith background. I do know that he was born in 1960, worked in the fish markets in Hull, and from the late 1970s until his death earlier this year, lived in the Scottish borders.

Reading Shane’s poem, got me to thinking: how would I describe the meaning of Christmas in just a few words? And I wondered whether I should set myself

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the task of trying to write a description, or to draw a picture, or to take a photo (I'm afraid, writing music is beyond me!) as I make my own preparations to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year? And if I set myself this task, would you perhaps like to join me? Wouldn't it be wonderful if, across the Diocese of Lincoln, in our own ways, in our own voices, we were able to express something to ourselves – and to others – of what Christmas really means to us?

For the Feast is a feast for all people; the celebration of the giving of God's very self to the world in love; a giving that invites a response from us all.

May you know God's blessing and love this Christmas, in whatever circumstances you celebrate it!

+ *Nicholas*

P.S. And if you want to send me your words or your picture, or whatever else your response to the birth of Jesus might be, please do!

*We are most grateful to Beshara Publications ([www.besharapublications.org.uk](http://www.besharapublications.org.uk)) for their kind permission to reprint the work of Shane Jagger here*

### Saint of the Month - by Kex Dean

**John of Damascus, monk, Teacher of the Faith, c 749 -  
Feast Day December 4.**

John, born of a noble Arab Christian family, lived under Muslim rule most of his life. He was educated by a Sicilian monk, and held an important position in the court of the Caliph. In 725 when John's relationships with the ruling Islamic court became more difficult he resigned to pursue his vocation as a monk in the monastery of Mar Saba in the Judean desert. There he was ordained priest.



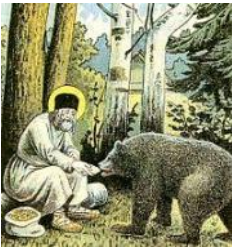
John taught and wrote a great deal, both doctrinal works and popular hymns. He defended the use of images and icons which made him unpopular with the Byzantine Christian emperors, but as he was living outside of their jurisdiction in the Muslim-controlled territory they were unable to exert any influence upon him. John worked to preserve and summarise the teachings of the Fathers of the Church. In his writings he draws on what is best within their work, citing them regularly, often making their sayings clearer. His work is of immense theological note, and influenced both Peter Lombard and Thomas Aquinas. John also sought to explain how Mary could remain free from the 'stain of sin', and in doing so was the first theologian to produce a fully developed theology of the place of Mary in the relation to the divinity of Christ. John's spirituality stressed purity of heart and love, and emphasized the need for preparation in the contemplation of the Divine and also the need to imitate the walk of faith of

those who have gone before, and ultimately to imitate God, as humankind was created in God's image.

His 'Hymn to the life-giving Cross' illustrates John's life of perpetual worship.

*Ceaselessly we bow O Christ our God before your Cross that gives us life; And glorify your Resurrection, most powerful Lord. When on that third day you made anew the failing nature of mankind showing us so clearly the way back to heaven above; For you alone are good, the lover of mankind.*

### **Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, spiritual guide, 1833 Feast day 2<sup>nd</sup> January**



In an age of industrialization, scientific progress and indifference to Christianity, Seraphim was revered as one who was a vessel of the Holy Spirit, and whose life was fully devoted to God. It was said of him that, 'It is now, when our Spiritual wings have atrophied and we have forgotten what possibilities are concealed in our spirit, that St Seraphim was sent to us... that we might remember our divine sonship and strive towards the limitless perfection of our Heavenly Father'.

Born in Russian city of Kursk in 1759, Seraphim started to live an ascetic life at the age of 19 in a monastery in Sarov, in Russia, sharing in the ordinary life of the community, before living a life of seclusion from 1794. In 1825, Seraphim opened both the door of his cell and of his life and devoted himself to guiding others into the presence of God.

Many stories and myths have grown up surrounding the deeds of this spiritual guide and 'Holy Man' that sometimes it is hard to tell where the truth lies. However, it can be said that he possessed the gifts of healing, discernment and prophecy and would reveal to his visitors the innermost secrets of their hearts.

There is no doubt that Seraphim lived a life fully given to God, and was a living example of the way in which the Holy Spirit lives in and works through those devoted to him. Many thousands of Russians are believed to have come to him for advice and prayer during the last eight years of his life.

It has been said that, 'He proved that the church does not grow old, and that the grace of God is equally effectual in all ages and in all places'. In the Orthodox Church he is recognized as a person who owes his authority to spiritual gifts and is remembered as one who was severe in his personal asceticism, yet was gentle to others, stressing the need for joy in the Christian life.

His teaching is summed up in his exhortation that, '*The purpose of the earthly life is the acquisition of the Holy Spirit*', and in his prayer, '*Warm me with the warmth of your Holy Spirit*'.

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HOLBEACH  
PRIMARY ACADEMY



Our recent Open Morning welcomed prospective parents, visitors and current parents to view our Academy, view our pupils at work and to have a work of our facilities. We would like to thank everyone who joined us.

## **Remembrance Day**

Holbeach Royal British Legion challenged us to a poetry writing competition on the theme of Remembrance. Roger Green kindly came into Y6 to give a talk about WW11 in particular, and how it impacted on his life and career. We based our work on the work of Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen after looking at some of their famous poems.

We were very proud of our winners, Matthew, Katie and Daisy who received a framed certificate from the committee during a special assembly. Daisy also read her poem at the Remembrance Day service in Holbeach, a fitting tribute to the fallen.

## **Year of Investigation**

2017 has been chosen as 'the Year of Investigation'. In order to focus on greater depth thinking and reasoning skills, each class is set an investigative task to complete on a particular day every half term. This term's task was linked to our Lincoln Knight, 'Honour, Pride, Adventure' with pupils measuring, designing and making a new outfit to take him/her forward into the new academic year. Photographs of this project can be seen on our school website.

*Honour Pride Adventure*, our Knight, returned to Holbeach Primary Academy from the exhibition in London. In preparation KS1 decided to create a new outfit design for him using ideas from party clothes. Our children enjoyed an imaginary bus journey to London before enjoying a picnic with the knight. This was an exciting start to our current topic Bright Lights, Big City.

## **Our Special Writing Day**

Thursday 9th November was the first of 3 special writing days to be held throughout this academic year. The whole academy were given the theme of fireworks to focus their writing around, with the different challenges given to each year group.

## **Daily Life**

Our extracurricular life continues with a variety of sporting and cultural activities. Children can take part in Spanish, Cartoon drawing, Chess, Cross - stitch, Football, Choir, Cooking, Multi-skills, Home-work and Film clubs as part of lunch-time and after-school enrichment this term. Staff share their skills and hobbies to broaden the learning experience of pupils and these clubs are an important part of our school life.

In the final few weeks of term, we are looking forward to our Early Years Nativity, our PTFA Christmas Fayre on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, going to the Pantomime to see Cinderella and an extra special art workshop to make ceramic Christmas baubles.

Our Christmas Celebration Service takes place at All Saints Church on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 am where you are all warmly invited to join us.

# William Stukeley C of E Primary School

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## Falcons and Eagles visit to RAF Metheringham



Falcons and Eagles had a fabulous day at RAF Metheringham where they experienced a Wartime Christmas. The children had the opportunity to make Christmas cards and decorations as well as experiencing finger-knitting and making carrot cookies. Our day ended with dancing and singing Christmas carols. We would

like to thank Sue Miller and her colleagues from Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage for creating a brilliant opportunity for the children.

## Flag Fen Visit

The children in Doves, Herons and Swans had a very enjoyable educational visit to Flag Fen in Peterborough. Throughout the day, the children carried out a variety of activities including a tour of the site, handling artefacts, making clay pots and listening to a story in the Roundhouse.

## Remembrance Sunday

We are always proud to take part in the Remembrance Sunday parade and show our respect for those who lost their lives in conflict. This year was no exception with many families representing our school to the highest standard. Thank you to all who joined us. A special thanks this year goes to Rhys from our school and Daisy from Holbeach Primary Academy who read their poems with clear voices and lots of emotion.

## Tractor Visit

As part of our farming topic the children in Ducks, Robins, Woodpeckers and Kingfishers had great fun when a tractor came to see us at school. The children had the opportunity to have a look around it and identify the shapes and the vehicle parts they could see. They also had great fun being able to sit inside at the driver's wheel. The children have spent the last week designing and making their own model tractor with moving wheels. A huge thank you to Mr Biggadike for volunteering his time.



*The staff and governors of William Stukeley C of E Primary School would like to wish all pupils, families and members of our community a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.*



## All Saints Ladies Group & The Mother's Union

Sharon Cole welcomed everyone to the 8<sup>th</sup> November meeting. Sharon thanked Joyce Fines who chaired the October meeting and for helping to serve refreshments with Pat Linn. Apologies were received and noted by Sharon. Plans for Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December are ongoing. Information or queries to Sharon 01406 426568 please.

Currently the group is included on flower rotas for Holbeach All Saints Church and Holbeach East Elloe Hospital. It had become increasingly difficult to fulfil the requested dates. After a short discussion Sharon proposed the group withdraw from the rotas. This was agreed. Those members who would like to continue as individuals should contact Christine Penney for the Church rota and Dorothy Ellerbroek for the Hospital, both contact numbers are available from Sharon. The possibility of donations instead of flowers to be discussed at the committee meeting in January. Dates of various Festive fundraising events were noted. In particular Holbeach St Nicholas Fayre on 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> December help is needed with refreshments in Church baking and/or serving, rotas in Church on the notice table.

The Speaker Valerie Venables was introduced she gave an interesting insight into the History of Nursery Rhymes. Valerie answered members' questions. She was thanked by Sharon. Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn. On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7pm, our speaker is Martin Dickinson who will talk about China the country. Ladies of all ages are warmly welcome to join us, at the Reading Rooms in Church Street, Holbeach.

*Rita Norris - 01406 423474*



The November meeting began with a Wave of Prayer service led by Jackie and items for Boston Women's Refuge were gratefully received. A card was signed for Jessamay

who has now moved to Cornwall. Jackie needs the £23.50 annual subscriptions by January 12th. The 15th December meeting at 2.00 in the Mary Bass Room will be a celebration of the birth of Christ followed by tea.

**Lady Chapel Flowers:** December - Linda B-S & Monica Venni, Jan 7th & 4th - Joyce Fines, 21st & 28th - tba. Holbeach Hospital flowers - Jackie & Joyce

**Diary Dates:** Dec 6th 9.30 am - Corporate Communion in Church.

Dec 15th 2.00pm - Branch meeting in the Mary Bass Room

Jan 3rd 9.30 am - Corporate Communion

Jan 19th 12.30 pm - New Year Lunch at The Chestnut Tea Rooms

*Joyce Fines 01406 420160*



## Congratulations to Kim !

As we all know Kim is a very versatile musician - our deputy organist and choir trainer, accordion player in our All-Age Worship band, a music teacher in her own right and a member of Crossing the Tracks and Akmed's Camel the ceilidh band who played for our Barn Dance.

**Carol Williams reports on her latest musical triumph:**

Thursday 2nd November at South Holland Centre was the venue for **Song for Lincolnshire Folk Song Competition 2017**. It is one of the County's Children in Need events put on by BBC Radio Lincolnshire and broadcast live. The Auditorium was packed.

Eight finalists took part from an entry of thirty, singing songs written about some aspect of Lincolnshire as diverse as a war memorial on a roundabout near Brig to Mushroom Ketchup, the Irish Settlers in Caistor, the Surfleet Experiment and Heroes (Robert Webb) as well as some I cannot name.

We went to support our Kim, so we shouted and cheered in true fan club style. She used the best winning device ever.....get the audience to join in the chorus and was placed seventh in the running order, just right for the judges to remember her. Well we'd had a preview (or is it pre-listen) at the Choir dinner last Saturday so the tale about Mr Farrow of Whaplode Drove was not strange to us. He'd persuaded the local farmers to grow Mustard back in the 1840s and built a factory on the site of the now Factory Shop in Holbeach to process it into the product we know now before selling out to the Colemans. He is only remembered by the Farrows Peas and local road names these days. The final cut was brilliant.

Also performing were Ben Smith and Jimmy Brewer (a bit like Simon and Garfunkel with modern songs) and at the end The Young 'Uns, who have been BBC Folk award winners twice. An excellent *a cappella* performance from the band from Stockton. Proper Folk Music, sounds stunning and all songs had a moral like Cable Street or Bob Cooney's Miracle.

And finally, the results: Penny Sykes 3rd, Kim 2nd and Salutation (a 7-piece school band from Caistor) came 1st. Very well done Kim and thank you for such a fantastic evening - and raising funds for charity.

### BOSTON WOMEN'S AID

On behalf of All Saints branch of Mothers' Union I thank everyone who contributed so generously to our recent collection on behalf of Boston Women's Aid. Your gifts have been gratefully accepted and will be of tremendous assistance to the women and children involved.

Thank you - Jackie Sheldrake

## Choir RSCM Festival in Lincoln Cathedral - Gill Graper



On Saturday, 14th October, 5 adult choir members from All Saints travelled to Lincoln to sing Evensong in the Cathedral. It was the annual RSCM Festival and it was wonderful to join with other choirs from the Diocese, as well as the Cathedral Choir, for this very special occasion.

There must have been nearly 200 voices in the St Hugh's Choir area. We were grateful to Barry for preparing us at practices in Holbeach, but it seems so much easier to perform really well when there are more than 1 or 2 of us to a part!

Both during the afternoon rehearsal and in the beautiful service the choristers were made to feel very special. Aric Prentice, the conductor, inspired us through encouraging remarks about how well we were singing. During the service, the brief talk and the prayers reflect on how important music is to worship and how church choirs should be treasured and nurtured.

As a church we have been represented at this annual event for over 20 years. It is a tradition that we hope to participate in for many years to come.

### **That All May Be Free**



**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018**

**Churches Together  
in East Elloe**

***Together in Worship, Witness  
and Work for Christ***

**Week of Prayer  
for Christian Unity**

**7.30pm Monday 22nd January**

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church,  
Foxes Low Rd**

***All Welcome***

## St Nicholas Fayre and Upcoming Events

**HOLBEACH ST. NICHOLAS  
COMMUNITY FAYRE**  
A Traditional Christmas Fayre

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
December  
2017**  
Between  
10am & 4pm  
each day

**Church Street  
Holbeach**

❄️ **Specialist Suppliers of Food**

❄️ **Craft Stalls** ❄️ **Street Entertainment**

❄️ **Gift Stalls** ❄️ **Choirs** ❄️ **Santa's Grotto**

❄️ **Christingle Service and much much more...**

*In Association with Holbeach Regeneration Ltd.*



### **Christingle Service Sunday December 3rd 4.00pm**

Christingle making  
kits provided.  
Experience that  
magical moment  
when the

Christingles are lit, the lights  
dimmed, and the children sing  
*Away in a Manger.*

*Donations to support the work of  
The Children's Society*

At the end of the service we will send  
our new Nativity Figures on their  
journey to Bethlehem and then go into  
the churchyard to turn on the outside  
Christmas Tree lights

South Holland Singers present their  
70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert

# **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**

With  
The Lincolnshire Chamber Orchestra

**7.30pm Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2017**  
St Mary & St Nicolas Church  
Spalding PE11 2RA

Tickets: £12.50 in advance,  
£15 on the door. Students free.

Available from:  
Choir members, "Bookmark" The Crescent Spalding,  
"Flower Basket" Fleet St Holbeach, or Tel 01775 760757

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Holbeach and East Elloe Hospital Trust

## **Christmas Fayre**

**Sunday 3rd December**  
**1-5pm**

**Dickensian Style Street Fayre**  
**Santa's Grotto ~ Gifts**  
**Craft stalls ~ Raffle & Tombola**  
**Lots of games for all the  
family from 10p a go**



Holbeach and East Elloe Hospital Trust  
Boston Road North, Holbeach

## Advent Services & Events

ADVENT 2017



Transforming  
Lives

Daily Prayers  
during  
Advent 2017

A four session course starting Monday  
27th November 7.30 pm at the  
Vicarage - All Welcome

### A Vigil for Those Who Sit in Darkness



### An Advent Service

For the Deanery of Elloe East

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

6.30pm

**All Saints Holbeach**

With the Deanery Choir

### STOP PRESS - Junior Choir Fund-raising Sleep Out

On Friday 22nd Dec members of the Junior Choir and their leaders plan on sleeping in a stable (aka the North Porch strewn with straw) to be sponsored in aid of our Christmas Charity.

The idea is that following their choir practice they will go and do some Carol singing round Cecil Pywell Avenue, come back to church for soup and some games before hot chocolate and attempting to sleep. We will finish on the Saturday morning for breakfast. Offers of sponsorship and/or help appreciated.



### Save Your Stamps to Support East Anglia's Children's Hospices

As the Christmas post begins to arrive please save your used stamps for All Saints Mothers' Union. We collect stamps throughout the year and donate all that we receive to EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices). Just leave your stamps on the table at the back of the church and we will see that they are used to support this important Charity. EACH supports families throughout their experience of caring for children with life threatening conditions and complex healthcare needs. EACH maintains three hospices situated in Ipswich, Milton and Quidenham. For more information [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk)

## Christmas Services for Everyone

*Please note cinema-style ratings to help you decide which services to attend.*

*You will be most warmly welcomed to any or all of these.*

### **Carols by Candlelight - 6.30pm Sunday 17th December (PG)**

A traditional candlelit service with readings, congregational carols and the choir. Followed by mince pies and spiced apple punch.



### **Carols around the Tree - 6.00pm Wednesday 20th Dec (U)**

Carol singing with Holbeach Town Band round the Christmas Tree in the churchyard. Bring a lantern if you have one. This is a service shared by all the churches in Holbeach and is particularly suitable for families.



### **Crib Service - 4.00pm Christmas Eve (U)**

A 40 minute service suitable for the whole family, from toddlers to great-grannies, in which we share the Christmas Story, sing some carols and take our new papier mache Nativity Figures on the last stage of their Advent Journey into the stable in the North Porch as we await the birth of Christ. Ideal for occupying overexcited children and filling in that bit of time before tea and an early night.



### **Midnight Mass - 11.30pm Christmas Eve (12a)**

Traditional Communion service with carols and a sermon.

### **Christmas Family Communion - 10.30am Christmas Day (PG)**

A shortened Christmas Communion Service with carols. Children are invited to bring a present to show.



## Diary Dates for December

Friday 1	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 2	10.00	St Nicholas Fayre	
<b>Sunday 3rd December - Advent Sunday</b>			
Sunday 3	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.00	St Nicholas Fayre	
	4.00	Christingle Service	
Monday 4	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Advent Course 2	The Vicarage
Tuesday 5	9.00	Wm Stukeley Advent Service	
	10.00	HCL Christmas stock sorting	
	10.30	Bell-ringing practice	
	2.30	Holy Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 6	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 7	2.00	UAH Christingle	
	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion	
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 8	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.30	Mayfields Carol Service	
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 9	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 10th December - Advent 2</b>			
Sunday 10	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 11	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	2.30	Nutten Stoven Carol service	
	7.30	Advent Course 3	The Vicarage
Tuesday 12	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice	
	2.30	Beech Lodge Carol Service	
Wednesday 13	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communions	
Friday 15	10.30	HPA Christmas Service	



Friday 15	11.00	HCL Christmas Lunch	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 16	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 17 December - Advent 3</b>			
Sunday 17	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	<b>6.30</b>	<b>Candlelit Carol Service</b>	
Monday 18	9.30	UAH rehearsal	
	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.00	UAH Christmas concert	
	7.30	Advent Course 4	The Vicarage
Tuesday 19	9.00	Wm Stukeley Christmas Service	
	10.30	Bell ringing practice	
Wednesday 20	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	<b>6.00</b>	<b>Carols round the Tree</b>	Churchyard
Thursday 21	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Carol Service	
Friday 22	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Carol Singing on Cecil Pywell Av	
	9.00	Junior Choir Sleep-out	
Saturday 23	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 24th November - Advent 4/Christmas Eve</b>			
Sunday 24	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	<b>4.00</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	
	<b>11.30</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	
Monday 25	<b>10.30</b>	<b>All-Age Christmas Communion</b>	
Wednesday 27	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea and Coffee	MBR
Saturday 30	10.00	Coffee	MBR
<b>Sunday 31st December - Christmas 1</b>			
Sunday 31	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Be Still - New Year's Eve	

## Diary Dates for January

Wednesday 3	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 4	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 5	11.00	Community Larder - no lunch	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 6	10.00	Coffee Morning	
	6.30	PCC Epiphany Party	The Vicarage
<b>Sunday 7th January - Epiphany / Baptism of Christ</b>			
Sunday 7	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 8	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 9	10.30	Bell-ringing practice	
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 10	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communions	
	7.00	Ladies Group	Reading Rooms
Friday 12	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 13	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 14th January - Epiphany 2</b>			
Sunday 14	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 11	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 16	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice	
	7.30	Standing Committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 17	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 18	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 19	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	
Saturday 20	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 21st January - Epiphany 3</b>			
Sunday 21	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	



	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 22	7.30	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	Catholic Church
Tuesday 23	10.30	Bell-ringing practice	
	7.30	PCC meeting	MBR
Wednesday 24	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Friday 26	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 27	10.00	Coffee Morning	
<b>Sunday 28th January - Epiphany 4</b>			
Sunday 28	10.30	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 29	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 30	10.30	Bell-ringing practice	
Wednesday 31	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thurs 1st Feb	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion	
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 2nd Feb	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Sat 3rd Feb	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 4th February - 2 before Lent</b>			
Sun 4th Feb	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	

### From the Parish Registers

**Funerals** - We offer our sympathy to the families of:

31st October - Sylvia Bowell

2nd November - Joan Fletcher

17th November - Connie Kerry

**Baptisms** - We welcome into the church family:

26th November - Victoria Bennett

### Recent Charitable Giving

Red Cross Harvest Appeal

£532.09

Royal British Legion - Remembrance service

£279.36

Lincolnshire Churches Trust Ride and Stride

£1,589 (£794.50 to All Saints)

*Beating our £1,374 for 2016*

## War Poems by pupils from William Stukeley School

### *The Blitz - By Florence Southon (Year 6)*

*This blistering, blood-curdling sound is at large once more,  
Leave everything behind and run to the door!*

*Why, oh why does it have to be here?*

*I'm trapped in this terrible blanket of fear.*

*This is the sound of horror - only the fortunate will be fine,  
The sound of sirens screaming sends shivers down the spine.*

*Torturous taunts belting out from the German planes of terror,  
"Come on Britain! Try not to make an error!"*

*Soul-swallowers seeking cities to slaughter,  
These bombing planes are the city's biggest taunter.*

*Ominous bombs, breaking bones and blocking breath,  
Laughing at the sights of panic and death.*

*Screaming in glory as it kills,  
Soldiers prepared for sacrifice feel the chill.*

*The bomb-proof shelter - a place of safety,  
Huddled; communal; forced-humour matey.*

*Shaking with shambles of petrified souls,  
This peace is a lie! This will be our hell-hole!*

*The injured clawing out of the rubble,*

*This war has caused so much trouble.*

*The destruction continues for miles, without end,  
Hoping there's not another bomb the 'mad-man' will send.*

*Walking between the injured and dead,  
Being drenched in sorrow and the tears that I shed.*

*Walking through blood, which covers the ground,  
In my head, the shrill screams resound.*

*We still see the dead - but can just about cope,  
Britain stands together to restore hope.*

*We shall not forget as our homes we rebuild,  
On the bomb-scarred ground where innocent were killed.*

*A new hope will arise with the glorious sun rays,  
Released laughter; victory; songs and hip-hip hoorays!*

*Senseless death is war's biggest crime,*

*We will banish those dark days 'til the end of time!*

The following winning poems were submitted to the Royal British Legions' Remembrance poetry competition. Rhys's poem was read out during the Remembrance service. The winning poems from Holbeach Primary Academy will be published in the February edition.

***Remembrance - by Rhys Felipes***

*Remember the soldiers in World War 1 and 2  
Enemies are still upon us today  
Make peace with other countries  
Ears aching from the planes dropping bombs  
Mad soldiers from losing the war  
Battlefields full of holes in the ground  
Remembering my Great Uncle Robert's sacrifice in World War II  
All of us will remember them  
Now soldiers will rest in peace  
Care for all of the soldiers that gave their lives  
Every poppy is swaying in the wind*

***Remembrance - By Lucy West***

*On the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month  
We remember who lay beneath the cross  
For the families and friends who went through loss  
As scarlet poppies sway  
They went away  
It's such a sad sight to see them go  
As the young children grow  
As many soldiers gave their lives for you and me  
Our lives can be lived as happy as can be  
We will always remember them.*

***Remembrance - by Malakai Dennison***

*I am sorry for the people who died in the war  
Now you can rest in peace  
Wear your red poppy with pride  
For the soldiers' families who have died  
Think of them as we pray  
And live to fight for another day.*

## ***There must be something to all this Jesus stuff.....***

*The following was appreciated by Patrick King and is quoted from Rev'd Sam Wells on Radio 4's 'Thought for the Day.'*

*Patrick was keen to share it with you all.*

*Christianity is founded on a man who didn't live very long, didn't kill anybody, didn't invent anything. Didn't publish a book or record any music, didn't settle scores or lead nations, didn't break records or win prizes, didn't have many friends left when he died, or any followers on social media, but for me and millions of others he made a difference. He made a difference by recognising there was something bigger than him which put his personal security in the shade. He made a difference through forgiving others and pointing the way to everlasting life.*

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### *All Saints Prayer Group*

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**9 Edinburgh Walk**

**7th Dec & 4th & 18th Jan**

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### **HOLBEACH COMMUNITY LARDER** Food Bank & Café



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