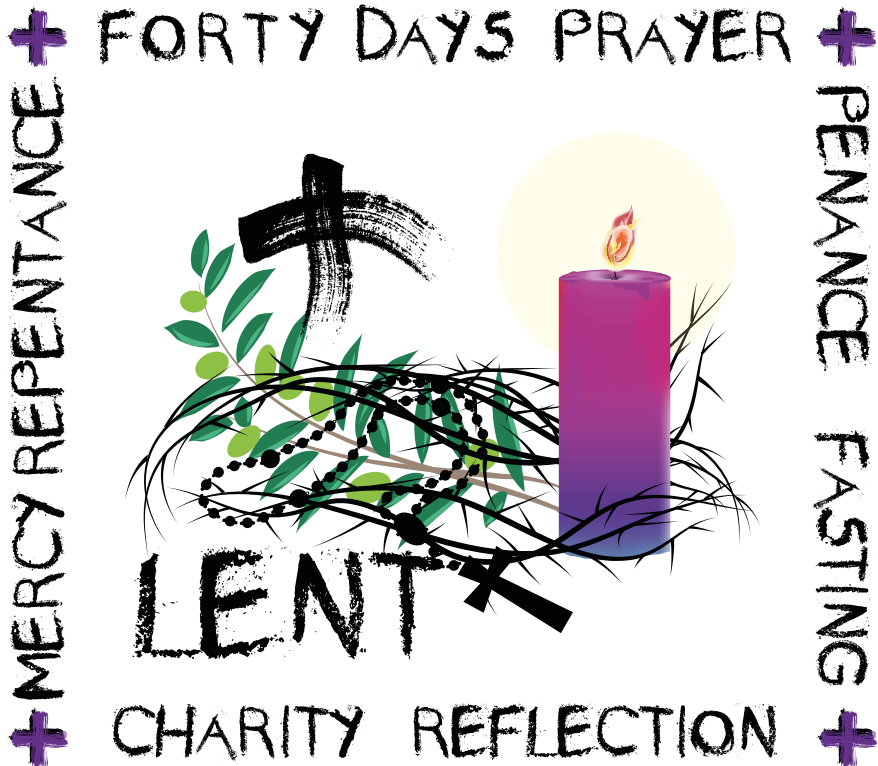




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Letter from the Bishop of Grimsby

Dear Friends,

'Well, if he thinks he's going to get me talking about my faith, he's got another thought coming!' The reaction of a churchwarden (not of this diocese) to the suggestion made by a particular bishop that they might have a mission in his diocese, where they tried to share what they knew of Jesus to people who had not yet made the same discovery.

It is a sad, but reasonably common, response. Faith seen as a private affair, something we're reluctant to talk about even with our friends, those we trust, let alone those we might not know as well. Maybe we're afraid of being asked questions to things we haven't got the answers for. Maybe we're afraid of being thought of as strange. For whatever reason we keep firmly quiet, which means those around us are prevented from discovering the treasures we know – the difference that Jesus can make in an ordinary life, even like ours.

By contrast, one of the things that all three of the bishops in our diocese are looking forward to this year, in response to a challenge from the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to work with our second-year curates and their parishes to see how, together, we can creatively, intentionally and appropriately share what we know to be true with those we are in contact with. That is, across the diocese, in a variety of ways, simply sharing what God means to us, in the hope that others will open themselves up to all that he might have for them as well.

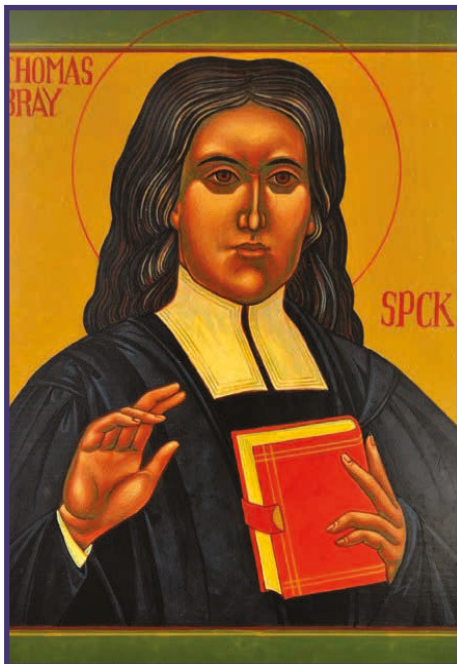
We have a prayer that has been written for these events. Perhaps, at the start of this year, it is a prayer you could use too:

*Almighty God, source of our hope and all good things,
You call us in love to share in your work of making your love known to all.
Bless, we pray, all that we do in sharing the story of your love
with those amongst whom we live,
that through us they may catch a glimpse of the love
you have for each one of us,
and find their place within it themselves.*

With every blessing,
Bishop David



Deadline for the March edition - 16th February



Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730.

Thomas Bray was Born 1656 at Marton in Shropshire. He attended Oswestry Grammar School and then went to All Souls College, Oxford, probably as a clerk or chorister, a recognized way for those from poor homes to get a degree. Thomas was ordained in 1681, quickly coming to the notice of influential patrons, and in 1690 was presented to the living of Sheldon, in Warwickshire.

Thomas was married but became a widower with two small children. He wrote a detailed teaching syllabus for the children and youth of his parish and in 1696 wrote and published a four- volume work on the Catechism. This filled a real need in the Church and brought Bray to the attention of Henry Compton, Bishop of London,

who commissioned him to report on the condition of the Church in the colony of Maryland, in America.

It was while investigating the needs of the colonial Church, that Bray became aware of the chronic difficulty in finding books about theology and Christianity. This was making it difficult for teaching Christianity and made clergy reluctant to offer to serve in the colony. Thomas hit upon the idea of providing both books and whole libraries for the benefit of the colonial clergy.

This led to the foundation of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge in 1698, though SPCK quickly developed a dual focus both overseas and in Britain, as it sought to provide, both at home and abroad, Bibles and tracts of religion, and in general to advance the honour of God and the good of mankind by promoting Christian knowledge.

The SPCK began commissioning tracts and pamphlets, something it has continued to do ever since, making it the third oldest publishing house still operating in England today. The Society's work in providing Welsh- language literature was a major contributory factor in beginning the evangelical revival of the eighteenth century.

Bray and his associates founded in 1701, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel [SPG], to help with their work overseas. This was the Church of England's

first overseas missionary society and had the twin objects of providing for the spiritual needs of Britons overseas and evangelizing those non- Christian people in territories subject to the Crown.

In 1708 Bray became Vicar of St Botolph, Aldgate, in the City of London, and until his death in 1730 continued to promote his vision of advancing Christianity through the power of the printed word.

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope the Saints continue to inspire hope for the year ahead.

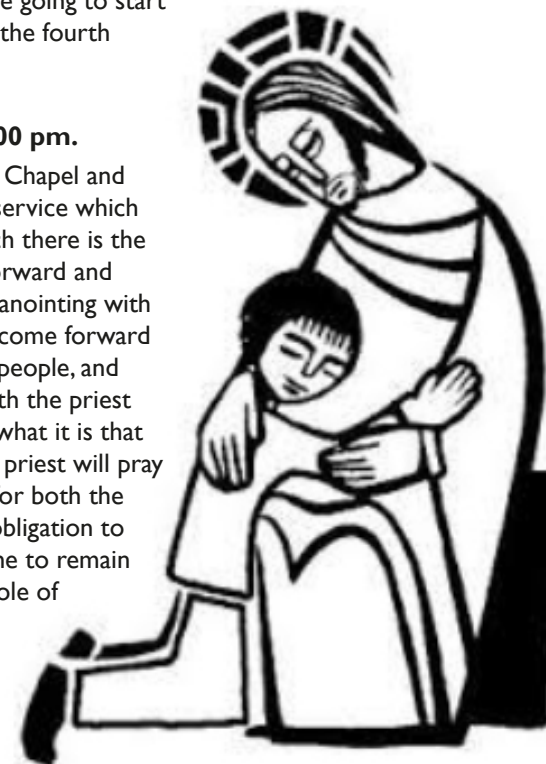
A Service of Wholeness and Healing

Having had a few months off we are going to start holding a Healing Service again on the fourth Thursday of each month.

The next one will be on:

Thursday 22nd February at 7.00 pm.

The service takes place in the lady Chapel and is a very gentle and prayerful said service which lasts about 40 minutes during which there is the opportunity for people to come forward and receive the laying on of hands and anointing with oil at the communion rail. You can come forward either for yourselves or for other people, and are invited, if you wish, to share with the priest what it is that troubles you and what it is that you would like prayers for and the priest will pray with you for wholeness & healing for both the body, mind and spirit. There is no obligation to come forward and you are welcome to remain prayerfully in your pew for the whole of the service if you would prefer. Do think about giving it a try.



It's cold and it's cold and even if you've got lots of layers it is cold!

...said one of the members of our Junior Choir the morning after their stable sleepover a few days before Christmas.

12 members of our Junior Choir, with a bit of encouragement from their leaders, decided that they wanted to do a sponsored stable sleepover in aid of our Christmas Charity – Crisis. They followed their normal Friday evening choir practice with carol singing in Cecil Pyewell Avenue, accompanied by Kim on her accordion. This included some very special moments as we sang outside the window of one of our former choir members, Gwen; sang Silent Night at the special request of a man who was terminally ill who was able to come to the door with his family around him and listen to us and finally, singing to those gathered for a game of cards in the community centre.



On their return to the church they did a final rehearsal for the Crib service followed by soup and hot dogs before putting down a layer of cardboard and distributing two bales of straw in the North porch in order to recreate the stable. They then enjoyed some games, a film and hot chocolate prior to putting on some layers and crawling into their sleeping bags and duvets and taking up their places in the stable – there was just room for them all plus three adults on chairs guarding the porch gates and keeping a wakeful watch over the flock by night.

Fortunately it was a relatively mild night for December but they still experienced something of the cold and the noises of sleeping outside.

Here are some of their thoughts: 'I feel really sorry for the homeless, if you were properly homeless you'd be scared' 'You can't get to sleep because of the traffic, and footsteps and people coughing wake you up'

'This experience made me feel sorry for homeless people because it was an extremely cold night and the thought of homeless people sleeping and living like that makes me sick to my stomach. When I was asleep I was still freezing, even though I had a blanket and a thick sleeping bag. But homeless people may not even have a covering. They don't even have a pillow, I had one, but I was still uncomfortable' 'I was self-conscious that I might speak in my sleep' 'I enjoyed the homeless experience, however sleeping in those conditions every day really would be terrible. I now know what it feels like to be homeless because I felt very scared and cold and I couldn't

get to sleep because of all the traffic.' 'Cold, hungry, scared and worried, when I woke up I was more tired because I was cold'

'I don't think that anyone should be homeless because people who are get judged even though they are people too. My experience was cold and I feel really sorry for the homeless because I did it for a night and my back hurt and I was exhausted. They have to do it all year round.'

They were fortunate enough to have more hot chocolate and bacon butties for breakfast before going home for a proper sleep and two days later they did a brilliant job of leading the Crib Service and helping to tell the story of all the papier mache nativity figures that they had made over the course of the summer.

Thank you to Kate, Sara & Carol who stayed up all night, to Kim who came back and helped with the early morning slot and David who, as the token man, slept in the children's corner! And also to Linda who helped throughout the evening and to Barry and Pam who joined us for the carol singing.



All Saints Ladies Group

Holbeach All Saints Ladies Group met on Wednesday 10th January 2018. Leader, Sharon Cole welcomed members. She wished everyone a Good New Year.

Apologies were received and noted. November and December minutes were received and agreed. Matters arising, the next committee meeting to discuss donations towards flower costs for the Church and Holbeach Hospital.

Letters of appreciation and thanks were received from the Church and Hospital for all help and support with flowers over the past years.

Martin Dickinson was introduced and gave a talk about a visit to China, where he had been able to experience a way of life away from the big cities and industrial areas. He brought photos of farming and family life. They grew a variety of vegetables and fruit by way of strip farming. Most of the planting and harvesting is done by hand. Sharon thanked Martin for an interesting talk.

Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn. Thank you for the extra donated raffle prizes.

Next months meeting will be on Wednesday 14th February at 7 pm in the Reading Rooms Holbeach. A talk by Mr Anthony Grunwell, subject to be decided. He is known to us, and we look forward to meeting him again. Visitors are always warmly welcomed. Contact either Sharon Cole 01406 426568 or Rita Norris 01406 423474.

Mother's Union



Although few in number, members enjoyed the Christmas celebration. The January lunch was unfortunately put on hold as only three members were well enough.

Diary Dates: Members are invited to join Long Sutton for their social afternoon on Wednesday 14th February at 2.30 pm and to bring a favourite poem with them.

The meeting on 16th February at 2.00 pm in the Mary Bass Room will be based on Lent.

Lady Chapel Flowers: 4th & 11th February – Joyce Fines.

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide Christian organisation dedicated to promoting marriage and family life. It has 3.6 million members in 76 countries. The Mothers' Union, started in 1876 by Mary Sumner the wife of an Anglican vicar, is open to all baptised men & women and encourages all members to attend church and to read the Bible regularly. We meet on the third Friday of every month, at 2.00pm, in the Mary Bass Room in church.

If you are interested in joining the Mothers' Union, please contact Joyce Fines 01406 420160 more information www.allsaintsholbeach.org.uk/mothers-union

Floodlight Sponsors

If you would like to sponsor the running of the church floodlights please contact Clare. It costs the church about £1000 a year to run the floodlights but for £10 you can sponsor a day in memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion, or if you prefer your donation can remain anonymous.

Please contact - Clare Stupples - 017771 531481

December :

4th Birthday Memories of Percy Taylor

7th Happy birthday to Oliver Taylor

14th Birthday Memories of Roy Lawton

14th In loving memory of Derek Venni

15th Happy birthday to Katherine Taylor

19th In loving memory of Brian Bowell

21st In memory of Pat Dodd

22nd Remembering Bernard and Betsy O'Sullivan on their wedding anniversary

24th Seasonal memories

25th In loving memory of James Albert Peak

31st In loving memory of Norman Vince

January :

1st Birthday Memories of Effie Taylor

9th Molly Garwood - for Mum , with love

18th Wally Garwood - for Dad , with love

29th In loving memory of Gladys Arnold

February :

1st David Duncan - birthday memories from all the family

6th Gillian Ball , loved and missed by all the family

14th In memory of Mr Kilby

15th Happy birthday to Giles Taylor

19th In loving memory of Arthur Tegerdine

26th In memory of Mrs Kilby

'We apologise profusely for the non-appearance of the floodlight sponsorship list in the December and January edition of the magazine. This was due to a computer glitch that could not be corrected before the magazine had to go to print. We acknowledge that printing the Dec and January sponsors in the February edition is a poor substitute, but we hope it goes some way towards rectifying the error. As always the church is deeply grateful for the continuing support this financial sponsorship gives us'

Holbeach Primary Academy - University of Lincoln

Head Teacher - Mrs S Boor

School Office - 01406 422397

We were delighted with the Year 6 cohort who achieved such outstanding results in Summer 2017.

Holbeach Primary Academy is part of the Lincolnshire Educational Trust who are committed to ensuring that the outcomes for all children are maximised enabling them to be extremely well prepared for the next phase of their education and lifelong success. They are not only proud of the children's exceptional achievements but also of the highly skilled staff team. We always aim for the best for each cohort and to be recognised for such excellent results further promotes the Honour Pride Adventure which stands for Holbeach Primary Academy.

Music at Holbeach Primary Academy

Exciting projects have started with Lincolnshire Music Service. Ash Class, are receiving a weekly programme that develops their understanding of a beat and playing an instrument to the beat and are also exploring their voices to sing a variety of new and familiar songs.

Walnut and Cherry Class are learning the trombone and trumpet and have looked at the methods of blowing to ensure their instruments make a sound! and are looking forward to learning to play over the coming weeks.

Year 6, as part of their Space topic, are looking at The Planets by Gustav Holst and discovering that many parts of this orchestral suite have been used in science fiction films they know. They have learnt about the different emotions and ideas associated with each Planet.

QUICKSTIKS

What looked like being a postponed event due to overnight rain turned out to be very successful. Fortunately, the Astroturf at the Peele Leisure Centre drained in time. The children were given coaching and a practise game run which was followed by a series of matches. HPA won 2 games and dramatically came back from 4-1 down to draw 4-4 in their 3rd match, finishing 2nd on goal difference in their group. The B team won all their 3 games to top their group. This did however, mean that they played each other in the semi-final, where the A team just came out on top 3-2. The B team then had a play-off game which they won 1-0 to finish as Bronze medal winners. The A team lost 3-0 in the final but finished worthy silver medal winners. Despite the afternoon rain, the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

WINTER WALK

We took part in the Wonderful Winter Walk which aims to involve every school child in Lincolnshire in understanding good health education and also raise money for children's cancer research for World Cancer Day 2018.

RIO

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 have been exploring Rio for their topic work. Their main focus has been on the fantastic carnival which will lead to our very own carnival at the end of term for which our pupils are busy designing costumes and headdresses.

HOLBEACH
PRIMARY ACADEMY



William Stukeley C of E Primary School

Head Teacher - Mr T W Emery

School Office - 01406 422102

Falcons and Eagles visit to Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre

Falcons and Eagles had a creative, history-themed day at the Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage Centre in East Kirkby. The day involved working with a poet called Ash Dickinson to write poetry inspired by the history of the airbase. We also had the opportunity to make models with artist, Ruth Piggott. The children had an amazing time and we, once again, would like to thank Sue Miller from Lincolnshire Aviation Heritage for organising the day for us.



Stukeley University

This term sees the return of Stukeley University. We have many exciting seminars for the children to choose from including Law, History Heroes, Palaeontology and Floristry. We are also very excited to be joined by Boston Jive who are teaching children how to jive in Key Stage One and Two. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have progressed each week as well as keeping fit.

Y6 Hilltop Visit

This term ends with Year 6 visiting Hilltop. We will look forward to telling you about how much the children enjoyed three days of climbing, teamwork and achievement next month!

Values Education - Friendship

The Value to get the New Year started is 'Friendship'. We have considered what a good friend should be; should they: be honest, live in a big house, be a good listener, do whatever you say, have lots of toys and games? Unsurprisingly, most of our children know the qualities of a 'good friend.'



Diary Dates for February

Thursday 1	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion	
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 2	11.00	Community Larder	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 3	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 4th February - Candlemas / 2 Before Lent			
Sunday 4	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Eucharist	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 5	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 6	10.30	Bell-ringing practice	
	2.30	Holy Communion	Patchett Lodge
Wednesday 7	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 8	7.30	Flower Festival Committee	The Vicarage
Friday 9	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 10	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR
	11.00	Baptism preparation	
Sunday 11th February - Sunday before Lent			
Sunday 11	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 12	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 13	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice	
	12.00	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Event	
	2.30	Holy Communion	Beech Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 14	9.30	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
	7.30	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion	
Thursday 15	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 16	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR

Diary Dates for February / March

	7.15	Adult choir	
Saturday 17	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR
	12.15	Baptism Service	
Sunday 18th February - Lent 1			
Sunday 18	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 19	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group	The Vicarage
Tuesday 20	10.30	Bell ringing practice	
Wednesday 21	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.30	Holy Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 22	7.00	Healing Service	Lady Chapel
Friday 23	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 24	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Soup Lunch	
Sunday 25th February - Lent 2			
Sunday 25	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 26	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group	The Vicarage
Tuesday 27	10.30	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Holy Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 28	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea and Coffee	MBR
Thurs 1 March	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion	
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Fri 2 March	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior choir	
	7.15	Adult choir	
Sat 3 March	10.00	Coffee Morning	
	12.00	Lent Soup Lunch	

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Our Lent Group will run on Monday evenings starting **Monday February 19th 7.30 pm** at The Vicarage. We will be using the Church Army Faith Pictures course which will help us be more confident when talking about our faith to others.

Shrove Tuesday 13th February from 12.00



The Junior Choir will be serving free pancakes in the churchyard at lunchtime on Shrove Tuesday. Come along and support them. There may be the opportunity to show off your flipping skills!

All Saints Church Holbeach Lent Lunches



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Ash Wednesday
14th February
Holy Communion with
Ashing
9.30 am said service
7.30 pm sung service

Community Café Christmas Day Lunch

35 visitors and volunteers sat down to a wonderful 3 course Lunch on Christmas Day lovingly prepared by Linda and her team. The Reading Rooms were beautifully decorated and there was a gift for every guest under the tree.

Roger & Kate provided transport for those who needed it and everyone who came had a wonderful time together. Thank you so much to Buckingham Emergency Food Aid and Lincolnshire Field Products and everyone who donated food and above all, those who so gladly gave up their own Christmas Day to bring good food and company to those who came. It was a real privilege to be part of it.

Donations from those who attended amounted to £175 towards Community Larder Funds.



Have a go at Bell Ringing

Do you fancy learning to ring the church bells?

Following a couple of months off due to family illness and bereavement, our Tuesday morning Bell Ringing practice sessions will recommence on Tuesday 6th February at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome - from complete beginners and those who haven't rung for years but would like to get back into it, to old hands who just enjoy the company of other ringers.

Call Michael Slater:
01406 424215

From the Parish Registers

Funerals - We offer our sympathy to the families of:

2nd January - Vera Seaman
8th January - Kay Slater
10th January - Peter Chenery
19th January - Jim Hammond
19th January - Daphne Flood
23rd January - Hilda Green
24th January - Nancy Parratt

Regular Parish Events



All Saints Prayer Group

Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at
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Fund Raising Events

St Nicholas Fayre

We are very pleased to report that the
final total raised for the church by the
St Nicholas Fayre was a magnificent
£1947.59. This is an excellent result and
we are hugely grateful to the St Nicholas
Fayre Committee for putting the event on
and to everyone who helped in any way.

But much more than the money was the
great fun that we had along the way. It was
immensely hard work as always and the
catering team in the Mary Bass Room was
run off its feet and we ran out of sausage
rolls and soup on both days.

It was fantastic to see so many of the
community in our church building and
enjoying the atmosphere, the stalls, the
refreshments and the music.

There are already very exciting plans for
an evening event next year - Watch this
space.



RISE+STRIDES for Churches

The grand total collected by All Saints
riders for the Lincolnshire Churches
Trust sponsored Cycle ride last
September was a whopping **£1,701**, of
which we get to keep half (£850.50).
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chivvyng everyone up!

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county total is £22,855.





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