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#### Letter from the Bishop of Lincoln

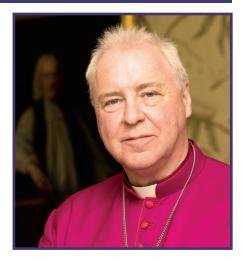
I have recently made my maiden speech in the House of Lords. You will find a copy of the speech on the diocesan website, but I began by thanking those who had made me welcome and referring to the beauty that surrounds us in our diocese and also the rugged, independent-mindedness of its people.

During the speech, I also referred to my working-class roots and my early life in the former steel town of Consett, in north-west Durham, and the fact that I found faith and a vocation to the priesthood at the age of 13. The call to this vocation was a surprise to me, and a surprise that has not entirely left me; that God was calling someone like me to be a priest.

This vocation has taken me to south London, Hampshire and Portsmouth, and, for the past six years, the Diocese of Lincoln, and my ministry in such settings informed the text for my speech, which was part of a response to the economy in the light of the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Spring Statement.

As I stated, there was much to welcome in what was announced in the Spring Statement. The light at the end of the tunnel, the modest improvement in economic forecasts and the prospect of an increase in spending on and investment in public services will be good news to the people of Lincolnshire, especially if what is devoted to Lincolnshire addresses the challenge we face.

In our local context, we can see the challenges facing areas such as health



and education and, as a result of climate change, our environment. We face such challenges while seeking to fulfil our duty to seek to create a fairer and more integrated society, where none feel 'left behind', and where every person is shown love and given the opportunity to flourish and fulfil their calling.

As you read these words, we will have recently celebrated the joy of Easter. Lent, Holy Week and Easter present us with the opportunity to reflect, listen, prepare and resolve to act as we embrace the hope that is to be found in the message of resurrection. At this time of a personal new beginning in the House of Lords, I resolve to offer a further public voice for the people of our diocese, and, with you, to continue to try to transform lives across greater Lincolnshire.

With every blessing for Easter,

Christopher

#### Deadline for the June edition - Friday 18th May

#### Saints for April and May, by Kex Dean



# Saint Alphege (953-1012), Archbishop of Canterbury and martyr. Feast day 19th April.

St Alphege became a monk at Deerhurst, in Gloucestershire, but after some years retired to be a hermit in Somerset.

Dunstan appointed him abbot of Bath, a community largely composed of Alphege's former disciples. In 984 he became bishop of Winchester, in succession to Ethelwold. St Alphege became known for personal austerity and lavish almsgiving. In 994 Ethelred the Unready sent Alphege to talk to the Danes, Anlaf and Swein, who had raided both London and Wessex. The Anglo Saxons paid tribute, but Anlaf became a Christian and promised he would never again come to England 'with warlike intent'. This promise was kept.

In 1005 Alphege succeeded Aelfric as Archbishop of Canterbury. Meanwhile, Ethelred had proved unable to defeat or even control the Danish invaders. In 1011 they overran much of southern England; the Danegeld tribute paid to them did not prevent them from further pillage and other acts of war.

In September they besieged Canterbury, and captured it, through the treachery of an Anglo-Saxon Archdeacon called Elfmaer.

For seven months they imprisoned Alphege with other magnates and demanded a ransom. This was paid for the other prisoners, but the sum required for the Archbishop was the enormous one of £3,000. Alphege refused to pay or allow his people to pay this, which infuriated the Danes so much, that after a feast at which they got drunk, they killed him with the bones of oxen; an axeman delivered the final blow, at Greenwich. Alphege was buried in St, Paul's Cathedral in London.

By his death he became a national hero.

When Cnut became king of England in 1016 his policy, after a short period of violence, was one of reconciliation between Anglo-Saxon and Danes. This found expression in the endowment of the Abbey of St Edmund at Bury, and in the translation of the body of Alphege to Canterbury in 1023. It was buried to the north of the high altar, where it was venerated by the monks for long afterwards, at the beginning and end of each day.

Lanfranc confirmed his life and works and commissioned the Canterbury monk Osbern to write a Life and Office in his honour.

The discovery that the body of Alphege was incorrupt in 1105 led to an increase in interest in Alphege, while in his last sermon Thomas Becket alluded to Alphege as Canterbury's first martyr, and just before Thomas died commended his cause to God and St. Alphege. St Alphege was made a saint on 8th June at Canterbury.

Feast; 19April all over England...



## Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330. Her Saints Day 21 of May.

Born at Drepanum in Bithynia, Helena rose from humble origins to become the concubine of Constantius Chlorus. In 274 Helena and Constantius had a son named Constantine. Helena was banished by Constantius in 292 when he ended their relationship so that he could marry Theodora. Helena returned to Rome in honour in 306 when her son Constantine became sole ruler of the Roman Empire. She was made 'most noble woman' and honoured throughout the Empire.

Helena became a Christian in 312, and fully embraced the Christian life. She became renowned as one who lived modestly and gave charitably, a protector of religious buildings and as a woman who sought out relics of the Christian faith. Her most



famous 'achievement' was the recovery of the supposed cross of Christ, an event attested by Ambrose, and recorded in fifth-century church histories. She was held in special honour by the Church as the mother of the Emperor who legalised the Christian faith.

Helena almost certainly visited the Holy Land on a pilgrimage, where she worked amongst the orphans and the poor. She became known for her gifts to churches and convents, and for erecting shrines in significant places detailing the life of Christ. It is from this period of her life that the story of the discovery of the cross of Christ is thought to have originated.

In the eleventh century Geoffrey of Monmouth gave rise to the false claim that Helena was of British origin, and many churches, and some towns, were named after her. This was due to confusion Between Helena ,mother of Constantine, and Helena Luyddog, a British noblewoman, who lived at the end of the fourth century.

Spanish sailors discovered an island on 21st May and called it St Helena after her.



#### Have a go at Bell Ringing

# Do you fancy learning to ring the church bells?

Come and give it a try at one of our regular practise sessions, usually on a Tuesday morning. You will be made very welcome by our regular ringers who are happy to guide complete beginners and give old hands, who may not have rung for years the opportunity of getting reacquainted. Practise times, throughout the year, are shown on the All Saints Website Calendar.

Call Michael Slater: 01406 424215

#### 2018 Flower Festival Thursday 3rd – Monday 7th May

Thinking ahead to the Flower Festival please start collecting and planning we will need the following

**Tombola items** – Lynne has decided to run her infamous Tombola stall for the full 5 days so she will need a whole host more items. Please leave any suitable new (or virtually new) suitable items, tins and bottles etc in the labelled box at the back of church.

**Produce Stall** – Please start making all the usual jams, jellies, marmalades and chutneys and also of course home-made cakes and sweets. We can also sell well



rooted plants and cuttings and surplus home grown vegetables and fruit and eggs.

Mary Bass Room Refreshments – we will need lots of volunteers to staff the kitchen and the café area. Please look out for the sign up lists.

**BBQ** – Our popular BBQ will be operational on the Saturday, Sunday and Monday and we will need at least three volunteers at all times. Please look out for the sign up lists.

#### **Floodlight Sponsors**

If you would like to sponsor the running of the church foodlights please contact Clare. It costs the church about  $\pounds 1000$  a year to run the foodlights but for  $\pounds 10$  you can sponsor a day in memory of someone or to celebrate a special occasion, or if you prefer your donaton can remain anonymous. **Please contact:** 

#### Clare Stupples - 017771 531481 April

- 5thIn loving memory of David Davey9thHappy birthday to Claire Taylor
- IIth Sponsor wishes to remain anonymous

#### May

- 3rd Happy birthday to Adam Taylor
- 6th Sponsor wishes to remain anonymous
- 6th In memory of my sons
- 7th In loving memory of Bill Massey
- 20th Sponsor wishes to remain anonymous
- 20th In memory of Graham Montague Turner
- 22nd In remembrance of Margaret Hopkin

#### **Parochial Church Meeting**

#### The Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Tuesday April 24th 7.30pm in church

This is your opportunity to have your say about the ongoing life of the church. At the APCM we elect our church wardens, PCC Secretary and Treasurer for the year. We will also have a number of ordinary vacancies on the PCC. 3 people are needed to fill the places of those who stood down during the course of the year and 3 others members have completed their term of office and will need to stand down, though two of are eligible for re-election. In other words we will need at least 4 new people to come onto the PCC. Nomination forms will be out at the back of church after Easter.

We are also in desperate need of a new PCC Secretary since Tracy stood down in July. Please do consider who might take this role on as the temporary measures we have had in place have made it administratively difficult.

So please consider whether this is something you might be interested in.

#### From the Parish Registers

#### Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

4th March - Madeline Fathers

25th March - Archie Sutton

25th March - Gracie Costello

#### Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

5th March - Ray Ball 6th March - Iris Parsons

9th March - Duncan Powley

- 9th March Doreen Wyatt
- 15th March Hilda Woolley

#### All Saints Ladies Group

The All Saints Ladies Group held a meeting on Wednesday 14th March. The leader Sharon Cole welcomed Members, apologies noted and the February minutes agreed. A letter from Holbeach Hospital League of Friends acknowledged a donation received from the group. Plans are ongoing for the 13th June meeting as well as a trip to the South Holland Centre on Sunday 17th June for the matinee performance of Swan Lake. Flower Festival ladies are working towards the festival display together with Patricia Ashley.

After introducing Anita O'Neill, she talked about her experience with various textile workshops. Anita brought along the items required to make a felting collage. We tried different styles; it was good fun, the finished items were all unique. Sharon thanked Anita for working with us. Joyce Fines and Pat Lynn served refreshments, and the raffle drawn.

#### **Diary Dates:**

Wednesday 11th April 7 pm: Major Jayne Nicholl to talk about the Work of the Salvation Army. Wednesday 9th May 7 pm: Holbeach History a presentation by Lyndon Secker.

Both meetings will be in the Readings Rooms Holbeach. If either of these subjects interests you, please join us as a visitor. Contact for information:

Sharon Cole Leader T: 01406 426568 Rita Norris Secretary T: 01406 423474

#### Mother's Union

Six members were present at our March meeting, and Jackie Sheldrake led the worship based on the Annunciation.



The April meeting will be a quiz based on the Mother's Union and in May members will have afternoon tea.

Lady Chapel flowers April: Ist – Linda Beverley-Stone (for Ann Dacey), 8th & 15th – Joyce fines, 29th – Jackie Sheldrake. May: 2nd – Flower Festival, 13th – Joyce Fines, 20th & 27th – TBA

#### DIARY DATES

4th April – Corporate Communion 9.30am
9th April – Lady Day Eucharist at Lutton 2.30
20th April 2.00pm – Branch meeting in Mary Bass Room
2nd May 9.30 am – Corporate Communion
18th May 2.00 – Brach tea in the Mary Bass Room

# Coffee, Lunch or a Pint with the Bishop?

The Bishops in Lincolnshire have asked if they may come to us and share with people the story of their faith and what Jesus means to them. They particularly want to talk with people who do not normally get the chance to think about faith or religion and also those who feel they cannot believe in God. So, to make it all easy and relaxed and to let as many people as possible be a part of this, we are inviting you to come and chat over coffee, lunch or a pint with the Bishop.



Coffee with the Bishop 29th of May, 10.00am St Matthew's Church, Sutton Bridge

Lunch with the Bishop 26th of July, 1.00pm Reading Rooms, Church Street, Holbeach, let Kate know on 01406 425016 to make sure there's enough for us all!

A pint with the Bishop 12th of June, 8.00pm the Horse and Groom, High Street, Holbeach Cheese and biscuits provided.

Do come, and encourage others to come. You would be so very welcome.

#### The Saturday Gang



With the arrival of Spring and the "Beast from the East" hopefully a distant memory. Planning has begun for the return of the Saturday Gang to pick up, its hugely successful activities, where it left off at the end of last year.

No special skills are needed to join in, just a willingness to come and enjoy yourselves helping with tidying & maintenance work of all kinds inside and outside the church. As always tea, coffee & biscuits will be provided free, just bring yourselves, and any tools or equipment you feel may be of use. We will all do our best to have fun along the way.

Everyone is welcome, and we hope that the wider Holbeach Community will participate. The first two Saturday dates for 2018 are April 28th, and June 2nd, from 10 am to 12 pm.

If you need more information please talk to **Margaret, Nigel** or **Mick Boylan**.

#### **Beth's Poem for Grandad**

At Ray Ball's funeral in March, his granddaughter Beth Morris, shared this poem she had written about how the family responded to his diagnosis of dementia. We thought it deserved a wider audience, especially as a picture of how, for all the struggles and difficulties of dementia, there can in many cases, be a lot of love and laughter. We are very grateful to Beth for allowing us to share it.

> When you lost your loving wife the signs began to show, Was it just forgetfulness, or was there more to know?

We took you to the doctor for the answers that we sought, Diagnosed with dementia, just as we had thought.

The future was uncertain, but one thing was for sure, You would not be the same again, dementia has no cure.

At first you were aware of the label you'd been given, The independence you had lost, your car that could not be driven.

But as the dementia started taking hold of your weary brain, New friends began appearing, who brought you joy again.

The small boy under the table and the baby on the chair, The dog that played in your garden, and the adventures that you'd share.

Although they were not real to us, who were we to say, These things were happening in your eyes, and they brightened up your day.

Amidst all of the confusion within your tired mind, The names of familiar faces were sometimes hard to find.

That is why I feel, it's so important to say, A special thank-you to those, who visited anyway.

Sometimes we would get slightly more than we had bargained for, The funny outfits you would wear, as you greeted us at the door.

*Pyjamas under your trousers, a tie around your waist, And many more concoctions, of past outfits you had graced.* 

Dementia was once a word, that filled us all with dread, But now it's what gifted us, our fondest memories instead.

We've walked this road together, but for me it's precious how, It's blessed us all with closeness, that we never had 'til now.

So now there's just one more thing that I would like to add, You were so dear to all of us, as a grandad, friend, and dad.

#### William Stukeley C of E Primary School

#### Head Teacher - Mr T W Emery School Office - 01406 422102

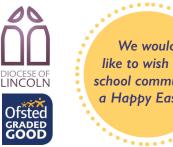
#### **Stukeley the Eurasian Kestrel**

We were delighted to hear that Baytree Owl & Wildlife Centre have named their Eurasian Kestrel "Stukeley" as a thank you for our recent support. You may recall the Bugs and Butterflies day we held to raise money for the centre.What a lovely way for them to show their appreciation!



#### **Bobby Bear Visit**

Our PCSOs brought Bobby Bear to school to talk to our Key Stage One pupils about how they help us in our community. The children loved meeting Bobby and hearing about the life of a police officer. They especially liked hearing the rather loud siren of the police car!



We would like to wish our school community a Happy Easter.



#### **Stukeley** University

Another exciting semester of Stukeley University will end at Easter. A huge thank you all of the staff and volunteers that make Friday afternoons a hive of excitement and learning for our pupils.

#### World Book Day

For the first time ever. our World Book Day was delayed because of snow! A week later than planned, we had a day to celebrate



books. We held a book guiz and there was a competition to design and make a puppet! During the afternoon, we mixed up our classes so that the younger children could share books with the older children.



		Diary Dates for April		
		Sunday Ist April – Easter Day		
Sunday I 6.00		Easter Dawn Service	Vicarage Garden	
/	10.30	Easter Day Communion (CW)	5	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong		
Tuesday 3	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice		
/	2.30	Holy Communion at Patchett Lodge		
Wednesday 4	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel	
	10.00	Tea and coffee	MBR	
Thursday 5	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion		
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk	
Friday 6	11.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms	
	7.15	Adult Choir		
Saturday 7	10.00	Coffee morning	MBR	
	12.00	Lent Lunch	MBR	
Sunday 8th April – Easter 2				
Sunday 8	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)		
	6.30	Deanery Evensong		
Monday 9	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane	
Tuesday 10	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice		
	2.30	Holy Communion at Beech Lodge		
Wednesday I I	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel	
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR	
	10.30	Home Communions		
	7.00	Ladies Group	Reading Rooms	
Friday 13	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms	
	7.15	Adult Choir		
Saturday 14	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR	
	10.00	Junior Choir Flower Festival workshop	MBR	
		Sunday 15th April – Easter 3		
Sunday 15	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)		
	6.30	Deanery Evensong		
Monday 16	10.00	Crochet & knitting Group	2 Park Lane	
Tuesday 17	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice		
	7.30	Standing Committee	nittee The Vicarage	
Wednesday 18	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel	
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR	
	2.30	Holy Communion at Mayfields		
Thursday 19	7.00	Prayer Group 9 Edinburg		
Friday 20	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms	
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR	
	6.30	Junior Choir		
	7.15	Adult Choir		

		Diary Dates for April - May			
Saturday 21	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR		
Sunday 22nd April – Easter 4					
Sunday 22	10.30	Holy Communion with Baptism (CW)			
	12.15	Baptisms			
	6.30	Deanery Evensong			
Monday 23	10.00	Crochet & knitting group 2 Park Lane			
Tuesday 24	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice			
	2.30	Holy Communion at Nutten Stoven			
	7.30	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	MBR		
Wednesday 25	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel		
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR		
Thursday 26	7.00	Service of Healing and Wholeness	Lady Chapel		
Friday 27	11.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms		
	6.30	Junior Choir			
	7.15	Adult Choir			
Saturday 28	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR		
	10.00	Junior choir Flower Festival workshop			
		Sunday 29th April – Easter 5			
Sunday 29	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)			
	12.15	Baptisms			
	6.30	Be Still Service			
Monday 30	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane		
	10.00	Flower Festival preparation			
Tues 1st May	10.00	Flower Festival preparation			
	10.30	Bell-ringing Practice			
	2.30	Holy Communion at Patchett Lodge			
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage		
Wednesday 2	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel		
	10.00	Tea & Coffee			
	10.00	Flower Festival preparation			
Thursday 3	10.00	Flower Festival day I			
	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion			
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk		
Friday 4	10.00	Flower Festival day 2			
	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms		
	6.00	Young Peoples concert			
Saturday 5	10.00	Flower Festival day 3			
		Sunday May 6th – Easter 6			
Sunday 6	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)			
	10.00	Flower Festival day 4			
	4.00	Flower Festival Songs of Praise			
Monday 7	10.00	Flower Festival & Family Fun Day 5			

	Diary Dates for May	
10.00	Flower Festival clear up day!	
10.30	Bell-ringing Practice	
2.30	Holy Communion at Beech Lodge	
9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
7.30	Deanery Ascension Day service Venue tba	
11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
6.30	Junior choir	
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	Sunday 13th May – Easter 7	1
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Diary Dates for May - June			
Sunday 27th May – Trinity Sunday			
Sunday 27	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	4.00	Confirmation service at Long Sutton	
Monday 28	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 29	10.30	0.30 Bell-ringing Practice	
Wednesday 30	9.30	0 Holy Communion Lady Chap	
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	7.00	Spalding bell ringers	Bell tower
Friday June 1st	11.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	7.15	Adult choir	
Sat June 2nd	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 3rd June – Trinity I			
Sun June 3rd	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	

# South Holland Singers Spring Concert

# Vivaldi Gloria Handel Mozart Thomas Tallis William Byrd

7.30 pm Saturday May 12th 2018 St. John the Baptist Church Hawthorn Bank Spalding PE11 1JQ

Tickets: £10 in advance or £12 on the door. Students free.

From choir members or Tel: 01775 760757 "Bookmark" The Crescent Spalding, or "The Flower Basket"Fleet St., Holbeach



#### **Regular Parish Events**





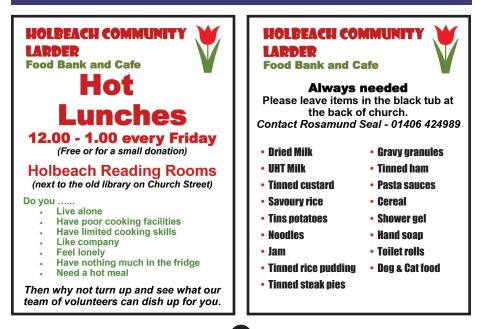
Knitting What better way Group to start the week than knitting and crocheting. chatting, and drinking tea?

Come and share or learn a skill, get or give help with a pattern, laugh, put the world to rights and begin the week with old and new friends.

We would be pleased to welcome you. For more details speak to Kate - 01406 425016

The group meets on Monday Mornings 10.00 am at 2 Park Lane.

#### Holbeach Community Larder & Cafe



# AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH THEME MUSICALS THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY TO MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018

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Friday 4th May	12.30 pm 6.00 pm	Songs From The Musicals By Soprano Helen Schools Concert - All Saints Church		
Saturday 5th May	11.00 am 1.00 pm 2.00 pm	<sup>©</sup> Teddy Bears From The Tower Songs From The Musicals By Soprano Helen Have A Go Bell Ringing		
Sunday 6th May	12.00 pm 4.00 pm	Dog Agility Demonstration Followed By Annual Dog Show 10 Classes £1 Entry Per Class - Absolute Animals Songs Of Praise - All Saints Church		
Monday 7th May	Family Fui 12.00 pm 1.00 pm 2.00 pm	n Day With A Bouncy Castle And Fun Things Diamondz School of Dance Display Songs from the Musicals by Soprano Helen Holbeach Town Band		
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