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## Letter from the Bishop of Grantham



Earlier in the summer, one of my oldest friends suddenly died. Michael has known me since I was eighteen. He was an inspiration for me, first in becoming an active Christian, and secondly as I explored a call to ordination. He has been there for me for over twenty-five years.

It goes without saying that I will miss Michael very much.

He taught me two things above all.

The first is about the importance of praying for people, and of allowing oneself to be prayed for.

Michael was hugely disciplined in his prayer. He kept a diary so that he could make sure that he would pray for people regularly. He remembered their birthdays, and included these and other significant events in his praying. Most importantly, he was very down to earth about his prayer life. For him, it was akin to washing his face or brushing his teeth: something that he did regularly and without fuss, because it was important to do. And as he did to others, so he drew prayer from them in return.

I very much doubt that I will ever be as disciplined in my prayer as Michael was: but I try to be.

The other thing that Michael taught me was about generosity. He was generous with his time, he was generous with his hospitality, and he was generous with his money. He didn't have much, but from what he had,

he gave very generously indeed. And the Church, the Body of Christ, received from his generosity. Working always in poor parishes, Michael's generosity inspired other people to be generous. His churches always paid their parish share. Not for him or his congregations an argument that 'others aren't contributing, so why should we?', or a suggestion that 'we need to put our own house in order before we think about anyone else'. To Michael, the diocese was a family of parishes, and in a family everyone supported everyone else. His attitude was remarkably liberating, rooted as it was in the knowledge that God had given generously to him, so it was his joy to give generously to God's people. I very much respect this unselfconscious attitude to money, and pray that I may grow in it myself.

So, uncertain though I am about the discipline and quality of my prayer, I am certain that Michael's example of generosity challenges me every time I worship: do I have the simple, gracious, generous dependence on God that he had, and am I as generous with my time, my hospitality and my money as he was with his? If I am not yet satisfied about any of these things, then here are things that I can do something about.

In September, as the harvest that began at Lammas during high summer comes to its end, I will be thinking about the different gifts that I have been given, and about my opportunities to use those gifts in the service of the gospel: gifts of prayer, gifts of time, gifts of friendship and gifts of money. And I will be thinking about Michael, and continuing to thank God for him.

Perhaps you might join me in these thoughts, substituting for Michael whomever it is who has strongly and positively influenced you in your life and in your journey of faith?

*With every blessing,*

Bishop Nicholas

**Deadline for the November edition - 19th October**

## Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

Martin Luther was born at Eisleben in Saxony in 1483, the son of a copper miner. Luther went to Erfurt University, and then the Augustinian monastery in Erfurt. He took his vows as a monk in 1506 but did not achieve the peace with God he anticipated. He was ordained priest in 1507 and then turned to the study of theology at which he excelled and by 1512 he had received both his doctorate and the chair of theology at Wittenberg University.

At some point between 1512 and 1515 Luther had his so-called 'Tower experience' which marked a fundamental shift in his theology and faith. Through studying the Scriptures – notably Romans 1.17, 'the righteous shall live by faith' – he came to believe that Christians are saved not through their own efforts but by the gift of God's grace, which they accept by faith. Once he had grasped this truth he was transformed from someone fearful of God's wrath into a fearless critic of a Church that was failing to teach this fundamental truth.

Luther's increasing disillusion with the Catholic Church was brought to a head in 1517 by the controversy about indulgences which resulted in his Ninety – Five Theses, published on 31, October 1517. This was intended to initiate an academic debate but got out of hand, resulting in Luther being excommunicated in 1521. But his views struck chords with others, and a bloc of anti-Catholic states began to emerge in Germany. By 1529 the word 'Protestant' had been coined to describe their beliefs. Luther had only wanted to reform the Roman Church but it would not.

As well as the doctrine of justification by faith he asserted the priesthood of all believers, the concept of national Churches, vernacular Scripture and liturgy, the use of hymns in worship and the freedom for clergy to marry. Luther was successful in challenging the might of the Catholic Church partly because of the intellectual changes of the Renaissance and partly because of the political situation in Germany and partly because the technology to disseminate his ideas [the printing press] had recently been invented. But, most importantly, it was his personal courage and willingness to risk his life for the truth that allowed the Reformation to begin and to develop. Luther was a man who spoke from the heart – often in violent and earthly imagery. Luther saw life as a constant spiritual struggle in which he was only able to be victorious through Christ's grace freely bestowed on him. His hymns often reflected this sense of battle, as in these translated verses of a hymn in Germany from 1529.

*"With our own might we nothing can, soon we are lost and fallen. But for us fights the righteous man, whom God himself hath called. Ask ye, who is this, Jesus Christ it is, our sole King and Lord, as God of hosts adored, he hold the field forever.*

*Though earth all full of devils were, wide roaring to devour us, yet fear we no such grievous fear, they shall not overpower us, this worlds prince may still scowl fierce as he will, he can harm us none, he judge, the deed is done, one little word can fell him."*

Luther died at Eisleben in 1546.



This was the final event of three and the end of the Bishop's intentional evangelism pilot project, run across the Diocese in the parishes of 2nd year Curates. One was hosted kindly by the 'Drop in' at Sutton Bridge, another at the Horse and Groom – thank you Horse and Groom! And this was in our own dear Reading Rooms. I would like to thank everyone who helped make it happen and came to give the Bishop a good welcome, a good lunch and the chance to pray about the things that matter to us.

It was for me a very powerful event and that was because of the people who attended. I valued their honesty, their willingness to engage and a feeling that breaking bread and praying together as a community makes sense wherever you are. [Kate](#)

## The Bishop's Intentional Evangelism Project

### LUNCH WITH THE BISHOP

A most enjoyable lunch was had when over 40 of us met in the Reading Rooms on 26th July with Bishop Nicholas as our guest of honour. After introductions, Bishop Nicholas broke bread and the loaves were passed round for everyone to break off a piece to eat and then we tucked into a delicious 3-course meal.

While we were eating we were each asked to choose one thing that made us happy and which we enjoy in life and one that we find difficult or makes us unhappy. These were read out anonymously at the end of the meal so that all our worries, pain and problems as well as our joys and thankfulness could be prayed for by Bishop Nicholas. He also prayed for all who were there and then a time of silence was held during which we could ask God for forgiveness and to say our thanks for his goodness.

We thought we would share with you some of the things that were shared.

### Things that make us unhappy and we find difficult:

*Wars and terrorism*

*Living with disability or mental health problems*

*Bad memories of the past*

### *Man-made disasters*

*Lack of faith, forgiveness and trust in the community*

*How whole families are affected when someone is hurt or murdered*

*Having to have food banks and other charities in 21st century*

*Having to make decisions on your own when partner dies or has dementia*

*The homeless being harassed by police*

*Donald Trump and other world leaders!*

### Things we enjoy and are thankful for:

*Having each other and being 'here' especially having the Friday lunches and for those who provide them.*

*Friends and family (most of the time!)*

*Pets*

*A secure home*

*Overcoming addiction*

*Good health and mobility and being alive the next day*

*Wheelchair / scooter availability and Blue Badges*

*A welcoming, caring Christian community*

*Flying, watching sport and nature.*

Our thanks for everyone who came and for those who catered for the lunch and washed up afterwards. We hope to have another one in the future. [Lynne](#)



## Highlights from September PCC

**We had a very busy but productive PCC meeting in September.**

- Rosamund and Nigel had a very productive meeting with the Deputy Clerk and the Chair of the Cemeteries Committee a few weeks ago and we hope this will strengthen our relationship with the Parish Council. The slate cordon round the church is finished and we are now asking whether the parish council might be prepared to fund the insertion of a gravel board in order to form a retaining edge to prevent the slate from catching in the mower.
- The first phase of the upgrading of the cremated remains area is now complete and we hope everyone agrees how much better it looks.
- The railings down Church Walk have now been straightened and the Parish Council have removed the laurel that was impinging on them and Matthew is working his way along with the hammerite.
- We authorised some urgent repairs to the guttering and down pipes to prevent water ingress
- We are due to have another meeting shortly with Peter Slinger our architect in order to look in more detail at the Tower and West Window project.
- **Our income is not yet matching our expenditure this year.**
- An analysis of the changed way in which we take the collection at the 10.30 service has shown a slight decrease in takings but it is generally agreed that it is a less disruptive way of taking the collection.
- The Finance and Stewardship committee has been reformed and is due to meet in October. They will look at increasing our investment income, and ways of upping our giving and develop 'The Friends of All Saints'
- We revisited the idea of setting up a 'Friends of All Saints Church' in order to increase the involvement and engagement of those in the community who are not regular worshippers but who would like to support the church. Isobel Hutchinson, who has been co-opted onto the PCC, agreed to do some initial work on this in the hope we can launch 'The friends' at the St Nicholas Fayre,
- The Mission and Outreach group which formed as a result of helping Kate with the Bishop's evangelism initiative has met and reported back to the PCC asking for support to put on another lunch with prayer in November around the All Souls theme. They also plan to do some research on the possibility of an Open Door project for young people on a Friday evening, to put on a Light party as an alternative to Halloween and to offer Beer and Carols at the Horse and Groom as an alternative to Carols round the tree.
- We agreed the contract with the St Nicholas Community Fayre Committee and began to think about what stalls and catering we would be able to provide. We are going to be very pushed for volunteers who are able and willing to help with the catering which is of course our chief source of funds.
- The Mary Bass Trust has given each of the parishes it supports 50p per head of the civil population to support the payment of an administrator. For us this amounts to £4000. The deanery clergy are working on a project to combine this money along with expenses given to the Rural Dean to create a deanery administrator who can support the work of all the parish in Elloe East.

## Care Home Service by Michaela Dean

**When is it going to be, can we have another one, is it soon? No it is not someone asking about their holiday, it is someone in the care homes asking about our annual service when they come to us in church instead of us going to them.**



This year's theme was "The Seaside". I scavenged some pebbles, shells and other bits and pieces from the beach and Linda brought in some large exotic seashells, and arranged them around the portable altar which we brought to the front of the chancel.

We followed our usual pattern of Home Communion, including having the bread and wine from the morning service.

We have four hymns, always including All things bright and beautiful, which everyone knows and loves.

After a reading from Genesis about the creation of the sea, the shells and pebbles were taken around to each of the residents to touch, feel and smell. This evoked many happy memories of earlier times, when they were children, when they took their children and for some when they were taken by their home and carers.

Then for the best bit. Cups of tea, sandwiches and cake made by members of the congregation, and any other foods that it is thought the residents would like.



A feast was consumed amid lively and often quite loud conversation, with residents and congregation getting to know each other.

It was a lovely afternoon, enjoyed by all and eagerly anticipated for next year.

Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to make this, such a delightful time. A memory which is often mentioned when we go to visit the residents each month.

*There is a gallery of images from the service on our Website.*

## St Nicholas Community Fayre - by Jane Francis

When I started this project 5 years ago I couldn't have imagined what it might turn into today. After initial conversations with Rosamund, we brought together a community group and set about organising some kind of event that would fill the void of the old Holbeach Christmas Street Fayre that had closed. It wasn't easy and over time we have faced much criticism for not being able to provide a street fayre. What many failed to realise that in the last five or so years, the issues around Health and Safety, public liability, insurance etc. have become more and more complex and the closure of the main street was no longer a viable option. So we ploughed on, starting with a two day event in the church. I always remember Rosamund's face when she saw the hive of activity on that first day, and a comment from a colleague on the lines of 'Is this really going to work?' As it turned out, it was a brilliant weekend and resulted in a very happy vicar and lots of exhausted volunteers.

Each year we have tried to build on the initial event and we have seen in particular the outside area being utilised to the full with marquees, children's roundabouts, food stalls and much more. Lasting memories include the giant children's story book in the church and a gentleman aged 80+ strutting his stuff as part of a Zumba dancing troupe. We weren't always blessed with the weather either. I think the second year we arrived on the Saturday morning to find that the marquee had been destroyed by the wind and we had to re-accommodate everyone indoors but we managed somehow! Fortunately the last two years



have been kinder to us and in 2016 we even had sunshine! More please!

This year's Christmas Fayre is going to be somewhat different, with the event taking place on Friday evening 30th November, Saturday 1st December during the day and also Saturday evening. We hope it will involve a spectacular light show, created by the children of Holbeach, lighting up the church tower and the night sky in and around the centre of Holbeach, all of which is currently subject to grant funding. There will also be the usual stalls both inside and outside the church and a range of food and drink on offer. Choirs, dancers and other entertainers will add to the atmosphere. We also hope to close off part of Church Street during the two evenings, allowing plenty of viewing area for the public. It is anticipated that this event will draw in much larger crowds than in previous years.

Holbeach Regeneration CIC (which also runs the Holbeach Food Fayre), are the group now responsible for running the Christmas Fayre and they have joined forces with Threshold Studios who work with communities to deliver a whole

range of arts programmes. The intention in the long run is to put together a 5 year project that will deliver a whole range of Arts Projects in Holbeach. The idea is to engage the whole community and in particular disadvantaged groups. Much of this will be centred around the Christmas Fayre.

None of this would be possible without the small team of volunteers that have worked tirelessly to put on this Fayre over the last 5 years. It currently costs us more than £2000 per annum to put the event on, much of which is raised by our wonderful volunteers. So I would particularly like to thank all those who have played their part. We couldn't have done it without you.

If you are interested in having a stall at this year's event then please contact Rachel Flood: (rachelflood451@hotmail.com). All other enquireies to Jane Francis: (janejanefrancis@btinternet.com).

We are particularly interested to hear from people who would like to volunteer as marshals for this years event. We are also looking to recruit a new secretary following the resignation of Val Davey.

GETTING TO GRIPS WITH THE

## PSALMS

**A fortnightly study group that meets on Thursdays**

**Next two meetings**

**11th & 25th October**

at 18 High Street

(Home of Alan & Lynne Barks)

This group will alternate with the prayer group so that members can attend both if they wish.

Sign up list at the back of church.

## Mother's UNION

Christian care for families

**On the 21st September, the 3 members who attended followed the Prayers with tea and chat.**

The Deanery Service of Praise is at 2:00 pm on Thursday 20th October in Long Sutton Church Hall. Faith Tea, Bring & Buy and Raffle. Place call Joyce Fines 420160 if you need help with transport.

**Lady chapel flowers:**

**7th & 14th Isobel Hutchinson for Monica Venni, 21st & 29th Joyce Fines.**

**Diary Dates for October:**

**3rd 9:30 am Corporate Communion in Church.**

**19th Meeting at the home of Linda Beverley Stone.**

**20th 2:00 pm Songs of Praise at Long Sutton Church Hall.**

## 2018 Church Christmas Card, in aid of BLESMA

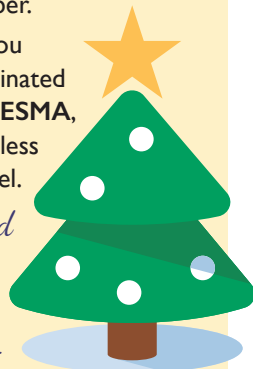
This Christmas, please think about taking part in 'The Church Christmas Card' and giving to Charity instead of all the individual cards that many of us give to friends that we regularly see in Church. Also helping the environment and making Christmas a little greener.

Some of the children will decorate the Church Card, and you will be able to add your personal season's greetings for everyone to read and enjoy. It will be displayed prominently in Church

from just after the Remembrance services in November.

All we ask is that you donate to our nominated charity, which is **BLESMA**, the charity for limbless ex service personnel.

*Please join in and make this a big success for Christmas 2018.*



## The Holbeach Community Bookshop by Kate Plant

Well at last we are open. I write after a week's trading and I think we would all agree it's been worth waiting for. I want to thank everyone for their patience. The trustees would also like to thank again All Saints Church, Lincolnshire District Council, East Elloe Lions Club, the Lincoln Social Justice Fund, Holbeach Parish Council and all the individual people – some who have chosen to remain anonymous 'even to us' for their kind donations for start-up costs.

We think the shop looks lovely and hope you agree. Trading is good so far and many of our customers have told us how pleased they are to have a book shop again in Holbeach. We hope that over time, as its reputation grows, so people will come from further afield and that will benefit the whole of the High Street.

I would also like to thank the volunteers who are, we think, absolutely brilliant. They have been patient and supportive, painting, sorting, sewing and storing. They

have coped brilliantly with initial teething problems and offered a cheery welcome to our first customers.

I personally would like to thank my co-trustees, Charles Baker and Brian and Carolyn Boardman who have worked tirelessly over the summer to get the shop open and Nick Worth who has made time in his busy schedule to come alongside us whenever he could. They are a great team and have made the whole long journey great fun.

We'll keep you updated with how it's all going, but in the meantime if any of you would like to volunteer with us – that would be brilliant, and otherwise come in and choose your next book!

If you would like to consider becoming one of the shop volunteers, please call Carolyn on 01406 422700.

**If you have books to donate bring them along to the shop during opening hours which are 10.00 - 4.00 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.**

## HOLBEACH COMMUNITY LARDER Food Bank and Cafe



### Volunteers Needed

**Holbeach Community Larder and Cafe** is on the look-out for a few more volunteers to take the place of those who have moved onto paid work or have had to give up due to ill health.

The Community Larder and Cafe are open to the public at Holbeach Reading Rooms between 10.00 - 1.00 for the collection of food parcels and for lunch between 12.00 - 1.00.

There are a range of roles available.

- **Cooks – must have experience of cooking for large numbers**
- **Kitchen assistants**
- **Serving at table**
- **Washing up and clearing away**
- **Store rooms assistants – packing parcels and stocking shelves**
- **Supermarket pick-ups (if you can't offer time on a Friday we need people with transport to collect left over items from the supermarkets on a Thursday evening)**
- **One off stock sorting and storing after a major appeal (usually at harvest time or Christmas)**

Full training will be given and you will be part of a co-operative and friendly team and take your place on a rota as often as you are willing – every week, once a fortnight or once a month for example.

If anyone can offer 2 to 4 hours on a Friday morning at any point between 9.30 – 1.30 or would like to find out more please get in touch with Rosamund Seal. t: 01406 424989 – e: [rosamund.seal@btinternet.com](mailto:rosamund.seal@btinternet.com)



## All Saints Ladies Group

At the meeting on Wednesday 12th September, leader Sharon Cole welcomed everyone including two new members and three visitors; apologies were received.

For a trial period, tea & coffee will be available as a welcome at the beginning of meetings. A thank you message was received from Anne Wellington for the good wishes received following her fall. Members were reminded to let Gillian Temple know if anyone is ill and needs a visit.

The Treasurer presented the audited accounts which show a final balance that we can continue to work with for 2018/19. Thanks to Treasurer Jean Dewhirst for looking after the account.

Sharon explained that looking back on historical minutes from 22nd January 1958 when the group was first formed; it was thought not to be beneficial to consider a name change at present but to review again in the future. Continuing as we are, gives ladies of all ages and religions or none the opportunity of a warm welcome, leaving it for individuals to have a choice, this was thought to be a good conclusion.

Further details regarding the Christmas lunch will be available at next month's meeting. It was decided not to have the parcel exchange this year.

Unfortunately, the arranged speakers had to cancel for health reasons. In place, Sharon organised a display of old miniature books which gave an interesting historical insight into how the group has evolved over sixty years. Quite a number of photographs covering some activities

over the years caused a few smiles over how we were and how we are now. Thank you to Sharon for a good idea.

We meet again on Wednesday 10th October at 7 pm in the Reading Rooms. There will be a visit from the Hedgehog Rescue Sanctuary. They would be grateful for old towels, tea towels, soft fabrics or newspapers to help with dry bedding and comfort for the rescued hedgehogs. If you would like to know more about hedgehogs, please come along as a visitor. Contact leader Sharon Cole 01406 426568 for information.

## SOUTH HOLLAND SINGERS

### Winter Concert

Magnificat - John Rutter

O Magnum Mysterium -  
Morten Lauridsen

Rejoice and Be Merry - John Rutter

plus supporting programme of  
Christmas music and carols

**SATURDAY 8th  
SEPTEMBER 2018  
7.30 PM**

at St. John the Baptist Church,  
Hawthorn Bank, Spalding

## An offer from Ecclesiastical Insurance



To celebrate their 130th anniversary Ecclesiastical (the company with whom we insure the church) is offering to donate £130 to our church for every new insurance policy taken out by church members.

This offer runs until the end of 2018. So, if your house insurance is due for renewal, why not call Ecclesiastical on 0800 783 0130 and quote TRUST130 or visit [www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130](http://www.ecclesiastical.com/Trust130).

Ecclesiastical insurance has a long standing relationship with the Anglican Church providing services tailored to the needs of churches and clergy as well as household insurance for churchworkers, volunteers and members of congregations. They are ethical investors and donate a significant proportion of their profits to support the work of the church in many other ways and have been voted the most trusted brand for home insurance and awarded the 1st place gold ribbon by Fairer Finance for the seventh time running.

**If only 10 people did this we would receive £1300 – which would be well worth the effort.**

## From the Parish Registers

### Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

**29th July**

Richard Portass  
Emma Gale

**12th August**

Eleanor Hardy  
Seren Richardson

**26th August**

Tamara Frolich  
Dolcie Frolich-Matthews  
Mia Heanes

**2nd September**

Corey Ivatt  
Nyla-Rae Newman  
Ivy Coole

### Weddings

We offer our congratulations to:

**15th September**

Andrew Bell & Kirsty Booker

### Funerals

We offer our sympathy to:

**27th July - Ronald Lilley**

**10th August - Joshua Disdel**

**13th August - John Lilburn**

**15th August - Barbara Cole**

**29th August - Frank Sauntson**

**31st August - Joan Breden**

**5th September – John Johnson**

## Holbeach Primary Academy - University of Lincoln

HOLBEACH  
PRIMARY ACADEMY



**A new school year** – has started with us welcoming both new Reception pupils, pupils to other year groups and their families to Holbeach Primary Academy. We also welcome two new teachers, Mr Gaines to Year 4 and Miss Sage to Early Years, and a teaching assistant, Mrs Cave, and wish them every success in their new Academy. We know our children will make them very welcome.

### Holbeach in Bloom

Over the summer holidays, we were delighted to receive the result of the recent Holbeach in Bloom competition which we entered. We were awarded 'Bronze' in the Schools Competition and came third out of fifteen schools, a fantastic result for all the hard work.

### Harvest Festival

We look forward once again to our Harvest Festival Service at All Saints Church on Friday 19th October at 10.30 am and would welcome everyone to join us. Another service will be held on the same day at 1.30 pm with Holbeach Bank Academy when our new pupils and parents will join together.

### Church Choir

We are about to welcome Reverend Seal and Mr Lancaster into the Academy to talk to the children about the Junior Church Choir and to try and recruit some new members. We look forward to seeing them.

### Open Day

We will be holding Open Mornings to welcome parents/carers/visitors to both Holbeach Primary and Holbeach

**Head Teacher - Mrs S Boor**

Bank Academies – Holbeach Bank on 13th November and Holbeach Primary on 15th November. Both academies will be open from 9-10.30am and 11-11.45 am. We also look forward to welcoming prospective parent/carers.

### Mini Police

A new project, Mini Police, is about to start in the Academy led by PCSO Newell. This is an exciting initiative which we are fortunate to be part of and we look forward to sharing more news with you as it progresses.

### Sport

We are taking part in some exciting new competitions this year alongside other primary schools in the area, joining Sport2Day. Years one and two are about to attend a Mini Olympics competition and Years 3 to 6 are practising their handball preparing for a forthcoming competition.

### Music

Once again, music is all around at the Academy. Both the KS1 and KS2 singing clubs have started, years 1 & 2 are playing ocarinas and we look forward once again to Lincolnshire Music Service teaching trumpets and trombones.

Our links continue with Lincoln University and shortly we are to join an exciting music project with them to show how diverse arts/music can be. This project will lead to a showcase event at Springfields later in the year. We will keep you updated.

**School Office - 01406 422397**

## William Stukeley C of E Primary School



### A New School Year!

We have had a busy and exciting start to the new school year. Our new Reception children have settled in well to life in our school. They all look smart in their school uniforms and we are looking forward to seeing them have a fantastic year of learning. We would also like to welcome Mrs Thorpe to our teaching team and welcome back Mrs Stanberry and Mrs Sandell.

### Temporary Library

Due to pupil numbers, the school is due to begin a small extension. So far, we have experienced a collection of surveys and trial pits; the actual work has not yet been scheduled. You may already know that we have moved our library into Holbeach Library. Many children have visited the library and we do hope to run a club or two from this location. The use of the library is exclusive to the school, but in time we'd hope to be more community-minded.

### Friends of William Stukeley School

Friends of William Stukeley School raised £9251.97 in 2017/18. Thank you to all staff, parents, children and members of our school community who donated gifts/prizes, helped at events and for attending events such as discos and film nights. We also received donations from Tesco, Old Exchange Bars, 'Chosen'



**Head Teacher -  
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School Office -  
01406 422102**

charity shop, 'Crafty Dottie' Holbeach and The Horse and Groom. The money raised helped to fund: wet weather clothing and storage, Year 6 Tallington trip, Reception reading bags, Flag Fen goody bags, year books, the KS1 Christmas party, Seal Sanctuary trip and our Trim Trail.

### Minipolice



We recently elected our first group of Minipolice. This is a county-wide initiative organised by Lincolnshire Police. The children who wanted to be Minipolice had to make speeches to their friends and an election was held to choose who would be taking on the role. Congratulations to the children who were elected; we look forward to seeing them do a fantastic job as Minipolice in our school.



| Diary Dates for October                 |       |                                   |                  |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Monday 1                                | 10.00 | Crochet & Knitting Group          | 2 Park Lane      |
| Tuesday 2                               | 10.30 | Bell-Ringing Practice             |                  |
|   | 2.30  | Holy Communion at Patchett Lodge  |                  |
|   | 7.30  | Ministry Team                     | The Vicarage     |
| Wednesday 3                             | 9.30  | Holy Communion                    | Lady Chapel      |
|   | 10.00 | Tea & Coffee                      | MBR              |
| Thursday 4                              | 2.30  | Holbeach Hospital Communion       |                  |
|   | 7.00  | Prayer Group                      | 9 Edinburgh Walk |
| Friday 5                                | 10.00 | Community Larder and Cafe         | Reading Rooms    |
|   | 6.30  | Junior choir                      |                  |
|   | 7.15  | Adult choir                       |                  |
| Saturday 6                              | 10.00 | Coffee Morning                    | MBR              |
|   | 12.00 | Harvest Soup Lunch                | MBR              |
| <b>Sunday 7th October – Harvest</b>     |       |                                   |                  |
| Sunday 7                                | 8.00  | Holy Communion (BCP)              |                  |
|   | 10.30 | All-Age Worship for Harvest       |                  |
|   | 12.00 | Harvest Lunch in church           |                  |
|   | 5.00  | Deanery ALM tea                   |                  |
|   | 6.30  | Deanery ALM authorisation service |                  |
| Monday 8                                | 10.00 | Crochet & Knitting Group          | 2 Park Lane      |
| Tuesday 9                               | 10.30 | Bell Ringing practice             |                  |
|   | 2.30  | Holy Communion at Beech lodge     |                  |
| Wednesday 10                            | 9.30  | Holy Communion                    | Lady Chapel      |
|   | 10.00 | Tea & Coffee                      | MBR              |
|   | 10.30 | Home Communions                   |                  |
| Thursday 11                             | 7.00  | Bible Study Group                 | 18 High Street   |
| Friday 12                               | 10.00 | Community Larder and Cafe         | Reading Rooms    |
| Saturday 13                             | 10.00 | Coffee Morning                    | MBR              |
|   | 10.00 | Saturday Gang Working party       |                  |
|   | 12.00 | Harvest Soup Lunch                | MBR              |
| <b>Sunday 14th October – Trinity 20</b> |       |                                   |                  |
| Sunday 14                               | 10.30 | Holy Communion (CW)               |                  |
|   | 6.30  | Deanery Evensong                  |                  |
|   | 10.00 | Crochet & knitting group          | 2 Park Lane      |
| Tuesday 16                              | 10.30 | Bell Ringing Practice             |                  |
|   | 7.30  | PCC Standing Committee            | The Vicarage     |
| Wednesday 17                            | 9.30  | Holy Communion                    | Lady Chapel      |
|   | 10.00 | Tea & Coffee                      | MBR              |
|   | 2.30  | Holy Communion at Mayfields       |                  |
|   | 6.30  | Cub Scouts visiting Church        |                  |
|   | 7.30  | Finance and Stewardship Committee | MBR              |
| Thursday 18                             | 7.00  | Prayer Group                      | 9 Edinburgh Walk |
| Friday 19                               | 9.30  | William Stukeley Harvest          |                  |
|   | 10.00 | Community Larder & Cafe           | Reading Rooms    |

| Diary Dates for October - November                      |       |                                   |                  |
|---|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|   | 10.30 | HPA Harvest                       |                  |
|   | 1.30  | Holbeach Bank Harvest             |                  |
|   | 5.30  | Wedding rehearsal                 |                  |
|   | 6.30  | Junior Choir                      |                  |
|   | 7.15  | Adult Choir                       |                  |
| Saturday 20   | 10.00 | Coffee Morning                    | MBR              |
|   | 1.00  | Wedding                           |                  |
| <b>Sunday 21st October – Trinity 21</b>                 |       |                                   |                  |
| Sunday 21   | 10.30 | Holy Communion (CW)               |                  |
|   | 12.15 | Baptisms                          |                  |
|   | 6.30  | Deanery Evensong                  |                  |
| Monday 22   | 10.00 | Crochet & knitting Group          | 2 Park Lane      |
|   | 10.00 | Sorting and storing Harvest gifts | 2 Park Lane      |
|   | 6.00  | Wedding rehearsal                 |                  |
| Tuesday 23  | 10.30 | Bell-ringing Practice             |                  |
|   | 2.00  | Wedding                           |                  |
|   | 2.30  | Holy Communion at Nutten Stoven   |                  |
| Wednesday 24  | 9.30  | Holy Communion                    | Lady Chapel      |
|   | 10.00 | Tea & Coffee                      | MBR              |
| Thursday 25   | 7.00  | Bible Study Group                 | 18 High Street   |
| Friday 26   | 10.00 | Community Larder & Cafe           | Reading Rooms    |
| Saturday 27   | 10.00 | Coffee Morning                    | MBR              |
|   | 12.00 | Harvest Soup Lunch                |                  |
|   | 6.00  | Light Party                       | Vicarage Garden  |
| <b>Sunday 28th October – Simon &amp; Jude</b>           |       |                                   |                  |
| Sunday 28   | 10.30 | Holy Communion (CW)               |                  |
|   | 12.15 | Baptisms                          |                  |
|   | 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 Nov   | 2.30  | Holbeach Hospital Communion       |                  |
|   | 7.00  | Prayer Group                      | 9 Edinburgh Walk |
| Friday 2nd Nov  | 10.00 | Community Larder and Cafe         | Reading Rooms    |
|   | 6.30  | Junior choir                      |                  |
|   | 7.15  | Adult choir                       |                  |
| Sat 3rd Nov   | 10.00 | Coffee Morning                    | MBR              |
|   | 12.00 | Harvest Soup Lunch                |                  |
| <b>Sunday 4th November – All Saints &amp; All Souls</b> |       |                                   |                  |
| Sunday 4th Nov  | 8.00  | Holy Communion (BCP)              |                  |
|   | 10.30 | All-Age Worship with the Brownies |                  |
|   | 4.00  | All Souls Service                 |                  |



## Being a Governor at William Stukeley School

The children are our future and we owe them the best start in life

possible, to equip them with the skills so that they can succeed in all they do as they grow up. And to that end, the schools have a big job on their hands. So if you can help in any way I believe that it is our duty. Governors come in several varieties, Foundation, Staff and Parent. I can't qualify as the other two but Foundation Governor requires a degree of Christina Faith and a commitment to the work of the church.

To serve, your name has to be agreed by the PCC, and be prepared to go to meetings once a term for the Full Governing Body and another for the Sub Committee. Of course, you can volunteer to do other jobs and that will involve extra time too. The meetings are preceded by a presentation by one of the groups of staff within the school, to explain their role and ideas. Also, I go to hear the children read one afternoon a week. As a consequence, I get to know them and also enjoy going on some of the trips. There is always the Christmas Nativity play to look forward to and the summer Leavers Play too. The standard is really high. I thoroughly enjoyed both last year. It's great to see some of the quieter children who find academic work difficult standing on stage singing or acting, talents shining, full of confidence. It is a happy place where the children are happy and feel safe.

Jane Francis is the Clerk to the Governors and sends all the paperwork out and is a fount of knowledge on

procedure as she has previously been a Governor for many years, as have several other people in the congregation. The school can have three more governors, two of them Foundation. If you are at all interested ask me, Jane or the Chair of Governors Mr Richard Nicholas.

Carol Williams

### 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 - 07771 531481**

**1st October** - In memory of my lovely mum Mrs Linda Lock

**1st October** - Remembering David

**4th October** - In loving memory of Thomas Merrison

**9th October** - Remembering the birthday of Evelyn Cunningham

**19th October** - In loving memory of John Henry Onyett

**23rd - October** - In memory of John Todd

**30th - October** Jean Kelly, happy birthday memories of a beloved mother in law

**30th October** - Sponsored by Jean and Les Martin in memory of Louise

## A Harvest of our Gifts

**Sunday October 7th**  
**10.30 am**

A service for all ages with some traditional harvest hymns at which we will give thanks for and celebrate the huge harvest of gifts and talents that sustain our church on a daily basis.

## Harvest Lunch

**Sunday October 7th**  
**12.00 noon**

Cold meats (quiche for vegetarians) baked potatoes and salad followed by fruit based puddings.

There is no charge for lunch but please sign up on the list at the back of church so that we know how many to cater for.

Donations of salads and puddings welcome.



## A Service of Remembrance and Hope



**Sunday 4th November 4.00 pm**  
**All Souls Day**

*A Service to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.*

**All Welcome**

If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service please print their name clearly on the list at the back of the church.

## All Saints Church Holbeach Soup Saturdays For Harvest



**Every Saturday in**  
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## Regular Parish Events



### *All Saints Prayer Group*

Meets fortnightly on  
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**4th & 18th**  
October

7.00-8.30 pm - 01406 420417  
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| • Tinned Rice Pudding | • Toothpaste             |
| • Tinned Steak Pies   | • Tinned Fruit           |
| • Gravy Granules      | • Tinned Tuna & Sardines |
| • Tinned Cold Meats   | • Washing Powder         |

## Closure of Lloyds Bank in January 2019



Most of you will have heard that Lloyds, our last remaining bank in Holbeach, will close in January 2019. This is going to affect us in many ways. As far as the Church is concerned, it will mean that the fortnightly banking will be more difficult. At the moment I take a heavy sealed bag into the bank and leave it there for them to count in their own time (deferred checking). When the bank closes I can take cash into the Post Office but they do not accept bags for Deferred Checking. Neither do they have cash counting machines. It takes the church counters, on average, half an hour to count all the coins and notes. Can you imagine being in the Post Office queue if you want a stamp and you are behind me? Another possibility is to take

it into a bank in Spalding. This is an extra journey and I will have to carry a heavy bag from the car park to deposit in either the night safe or over the counter. As I don't normally go to Spalding Centre during business hours it would be a special journey. Of course there are potential plans for a mobile bank coming to Holbeach but no details are available yet.

Solutions? Well there are a couple of options. Perhaps there is someone in the congregation who would be prepared to take the money into Spalding Lloyds Bank on a weekly basis? Or better still those of you who give cash either in envelopes or in the open plate could change to direct payments via the bank by either a Direct Debit or Standing Order. Please think about how you may be able to help and please speak to Carole or Glyn (our planned giving secretary) if you want to change the way you give your weekly donation. We hope that one way or another banking will become easier with time.

*Carole Williams*

## All Saints Choir to sing at Lincoln Cathedral

On Saturday 6th October – many of our adult choir and ALL of our juniors will be singing evensong at Lincoln Cathedral at 5.30pm. They will join several other Royal School of Church Music affiliated church choirs from around the diocese for an afternoon of rehearsals with Aric Prentice and end with evensong.

This is a very exciting opportunity for our choristers – particularly the youngsters some of whom have never

been to the cathedral – let along sung in it.

It would be wonderful if some of the congregation who fancied a bit of a day out in Lincoln could end the day with evensong at the cathedral.

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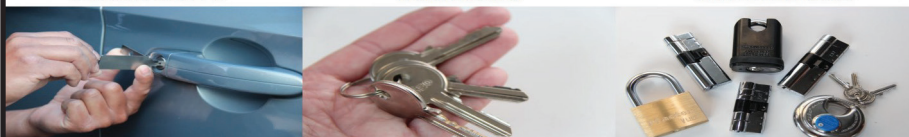
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