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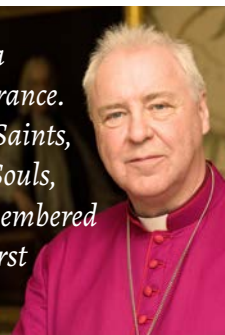
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Letter from the Bishop of Lincoln

*November was a
time of remembrance.
The Feast of All Saints,
the Feast of All Souls,
and we also remembered
the end of the First
World War.*



There was not a single family in Britain, France and Germany unacquainted with grief; nor a corner of life unaffected. I was in Boston Stump for a festival of remembrance that included several exhibits about the impact of the war on the lives of the people of Boston.

For me the most graphic image was a street map of Boston in 1918 on which a black dot had been placed on each house where a family member had died in that conflict. Boston was much smaller then, but there was hardly a house without one or more dots – 200 in all.

Rather than people returning to a land fit for heroes, the soldiers who returned came home to unemployment and to a nation that did not show gratitude to those who fought for it. We have begun to learn this lesson.

War also led us to understand the nature of God in a different way.

During the war itself and in the decades that followed we uncovered something new in our understanding of God. Put simply: if God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God indifferent to our fate?

One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy. He was an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament.

Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could. Those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see.

Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives. God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

God has planted in each one of us the greatest potential for love; and yet, evil exists and because evil often expresses itself in violence it has to be confronted with force and violence, whether between nations or within a nation.

After the war, despite everything he had seen, Woodbine Willie was able to write, 'The universe is as an "unfinished movement" in which the underlying melody is love.'

The God we believe in brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; life out of death. This is our God, and his name is Love. Our acts of remembrance during November helped us to prepare for the season of advent as we remember the first coming of Christ and prepare for his second coming. To remember helps us to be mindful of what it means for Christ to be born in us today.

With every blessing,
+Christopher

Deadline for the February - March edition: Friday 18th January

December 28. Holy Innocents.

The children of Bethlehem, two years old and under, who were massacred by Herod the Great. When he was told by the Magi of the birth of a new king, he tried in this way to eliminate all possible rivals [Matt. 2.1-18]. Commentators estimate the number slain, as about twenty-five. Their feast has been kept in the west from the 4th century; they were considered to be martyrs because they not only died for Christ, but instead of Christ. In the Martyrology of Jerome they are called 'the holy babes and sucklings', in the Calendar of Carthage, simply 'the infants'.

Poets such as Prudentius, preachers such as Augustine, and artists such as Masaccio developed both the theological and the human elements of the story. In honouring the Innocents, the Church honours all who die in a state of innocence and consoles parents of dead children with the conviction that these also will share the glory of the infant companions of the infant Jesus. Bede too wrote a hymn in their honour, in England their feast was called Childermas.

Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349. Feast Day, 20th January.

Richard Rolle was born at Thornton-le-Dale in the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1305. The age in which he lived was one of change and worry with seemingly unfathomable reasons for the success or failure of many communities and businesses.

Richard started a degree at Oxford, but never completed it, choosing instead to live the solitary life, settling close to the Cistercian nuns at Hampole, his base for the rest of his life. It was here that he wrote his most famous works; *The Mending of Life*, probably in the 1320s and *The Fire of Love*, written about 1343,

Three themes dominated Richard's spirituality. He challenged any equation of Christianity with power and wealth. He stressed the



journey of the self rather than that of the community, and he focused upon the suffering Christ. These themes turned upside down the prevailing attitude of the day towards the Christian life. Richard sought to encourage individuals to think of their personal journey towards God, rather than to see faith only as a communal activity. He stressed personal experience, and regarded his spiritual experience as a validation of his authority.

Richard saw no reason why an individual should not reach the highest level of spiritual life that can be attained on earth. He tried to communicate the incommunicable experience of God within himself to others. He produced some of the most passionate writings about prayer, but was so enwrapped in his own vision of God and quest for perfection that he was removed from those around him. As a consequence he struggled to apply the experience of God that he sought so vividly to his relationship with others, or to those within the Church whom he saw as defective or in error. His approach seems to be one so focused on heaven that earth is intolerable. However, his contribution both to mystic writings and to theology is undeniable, and his thirst for the tangible experience of the Holy Spirit cannot be doubted.

"O Holy Spirit, who breathes where you will, come into me and snatch me up to yourself. Fortify the nature you have created, with gifts so flowing with honey that, from intense joy in your sweetness, it may despise and reject all which is in this world, that it may accept [you giving them], spiritual gifts, and through melodious jubilation, it may entirely melt in Holy Love, reaching out for uncircumscribed Light."

Christmas Services for Everyone 2018

Please note cinema-style ratings to help you decide which services to attend.
You will be most warmly welcomed at any or all of our services.

Christingle Service – 4:00 pm Sunday 2nd December (U)

Our annual service in aid of the Children's Society which marks the beginning of Advent. A 40-minute service at which everyone is given a decorated orange with a candle. The most magical moment is when everyone stands in a circle around the church, all the candles are lit, the lights are dimmed, and the children sing a verse of *Away in a Manger*.

Co-op Carol Service – 7:30 pm Thursday 6th December (PG)

Carols and readings with Kirton Town Band, local schools and our Junior Choir. This annual service is put on by Lincolnshire Co-op. It is a ticket holder only service. Tickets can be obtained in advance (details to follow).

Carols by Candlelight – 6:30 pm Sunday 16th December (PG)

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

Carols in the pub – 8:00 -9:00 pm Tuesday 18th Dec (12a)

Carol singing in the Horse & Groom on the High Street. Come and join us for a pint and some carols and mince pies.

Crib Service – 4:00 pm Christmas Eve (U)

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

Midnight Mass – 11:30 pm Christmas Eve (12a)

Traditional service with carols, a sermon and Holy Communion.

Christmas Family Communion – 10:30 am Christmas Day (PG)

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

Ring out the Old, Ring in the New – 11.30pm New Years Eve (PG)

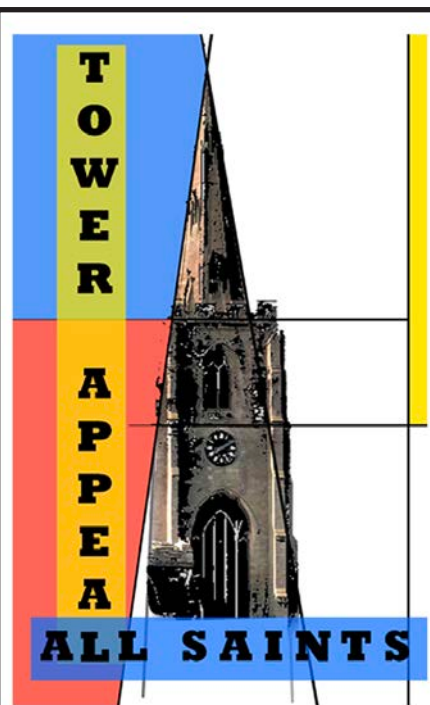
Join us in the Bell Tower for a short liturgy as we leave 2018 behind and commit ourselves to 2019, followed by the Bell Ringers ringing out the old year and ringing in the new. All welcome, but you will need to be able to climb the steps to the bell tower platform.

Diary Dates for December			
Saturday 1	11.00	St Nicholas Fayre (Closes 9:00 pm)	
Sunday 2nd December – Advent Sunday			
Sunday 2	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	4.00	Christingle Service	
Monday 3	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	10.00	Community Larder Tesco donations sorting	
Tuesday 4	10.00	Bell Ringing practice	
	2.00	Care Home Carol Service	Nutten Stoven
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 5	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	4.30	HPA & HBA Early Years Christmas performance	
Thursday 6	2.30	Holbeach Hospital Communion	
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
	7.30	Co-op Carol Service	
Friday 7	10.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms
	10.00	UAH Christingle rehearsal	
	2.00	UAH year 7 Christingle	
	6.00	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Saturday 8	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Gathering our Prayers Lunch	Reading Rooms
Sunday 9th December – Advent 2			
Sunday 9	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 10	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 11	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.00	Care Home Carol Service	Beech Lodge
Wednesday 12	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
	2.00	Care Home Carol Service	Mayfield
Thursday 13	2.00	Care Home Carol Service	Patchett Lodge
Friday 14	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms

Diary Dates for December			
	10.30	HPA Christmas Service	
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Saturday 15	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 16th December – Advent 3			
Sunday 16	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Carols by Candlelight	
Monday 17	10.00	Crochet & knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 18	10.00	UAH concert rehearsal	
	7.00	UAH Christmas Concert	
	8.00	Carols in the Horse & Groom	
Wednesday 19	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 20	9.00	William Stukeley Christmas Service	
	2.00	Carol Service at Holbeach Hospital	
Friday 21	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe Christmas Lunch	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR
	6.30	Junior choir	
	7.30	Carol Singing	
	8.30	Junior Choir Advent Stable Sleepover	
Saturday 22	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 23rd December – Advent 4			
Sunday 23	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	No evening service	
Monday 24	4.00	Crib Service	
	11.30	Midnight Mass	
Tuesday 25	10.30	All Age Communion for Christmas Day	
Wednesday 26	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Saturday 29	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 30th December – Christmas 1			
Sunday 30	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	No Evening Service	
Monday 31	11.30	Ringing out the old year and ringing in the New	

Diary Dates for January			
Wednesday 2	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 3	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 4	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
Saturday 5	10.00	Coffee Morning	
Sunday 6th January - Epiphany			
Sunday 6	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship for Epiphany & New Year	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
	7.30	PCC and Ministry Team Epiphany Party	The Vicarage
Monday 7	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 8	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 9	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 10	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 11	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Saturday 12	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 13th January – Baptism of Christ			
Sunday 13	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 14	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 15	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	7.30	Standing Committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 16	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 17	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 18	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	

Diary Dates for January - February			
Saturday 19	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 20th January – Epiphany 3			
Sunday 20	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 21	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service	Catholic Church
Tuesday 22	7.30	PCC meeting	MBR
Wednesday 23	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 24	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 25	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Saturday 26	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 27th January – Epiphany 4			
Sunday 27	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 28	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Wednesday 30	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Friday 1st Feb	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Sat 2nd Feb	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 3rd February - Candlemas			
Sunday 3rd Feb	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship with the Guides	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	



We hope to raise £150,000 - £200,000 overall to complete the maintenance work to the tower and West window.

The appeal will be launched at the St Nicholas Fayre with further fundraising events planned for the New Year.

You can support by placing your donation in an envelope labelled 'TOWER APPEAL' and place it in the safe at the back of the church.

Please use the Gift Aid envelopes, if you are a Tax payer, as this benefits us considerably.

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.



Please Save Your Stamps to Support

East Anglia's Children's Hospices



As in previous years All Saints Mothers' Union are collecting stamps to support EACH (East Anglia's Children's Hospices). Please save your stamps when the Christmas post arrives and place on the table at the back of the church and we will see that they are used to support this important Charity.

EACH supports families throughout their experience of caring for children with life threatening conditions and complex healthcare needs. EACH maintains three hospices situated in Ipswich, Milton and Quidenham. For more information www.each.org.uk

BOSTON WOMEN'S & MEN'S AID APPEAL South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service

Once again your response to the Mothers' Union appeal for items for the South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service has been tremendous. All of your gifts have now been delivered and gratefully received.

Thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness.
Jackie Sheldrake

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Four members met in the Mary Bass room, Jackie Sheldrake had prepared and led the Wave of Prayer Service.

Monica Venni had attended and enjoyed the Deanery Songs of Praise and readings at Long Sutton. Members were sorry to hear that former member Jessamay Reavill is going into Residential care.

The meeting at 2:00 pm on the Friday 21st of December will be a celebration of Christmas in the Mary Bass room. We will then decide on the January meeting.

Monica Venni is to provide the Christmas flowers for the Lady Chapel. Joyce Fines to provide them throughout January and Jackie Sheldrake Holbeach Hospital Foyer flowers.

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

28th October –

Lily-Mae Andrew, Harry Palmer

Funerals

We offer our sympathy to:

30th October –

Patricia Humphrey

1st November –

Reginald Meacham

22nd November – John Wilders

How to die

My box overflowing with dreadful memories,
Not forgotten from the past,
Waiting to happen in the future,
My box was buried with horror,
Blood pouring down my face,
Dying with poignant dignity,
Lying on the battlefield of deadliness.

For buried in the fields of sorrow,
Beside those fallen, with despair,
And stronger and brighter grew tomorrow,
Until, at last, hope stood there.
I read words of love, glory and pride,
Of life before and after the war.

By Timmy

Holbeach Bank Academy

Evan's Poem

100 years ago the guns fell silent,
If the soldiers didn't do what they did,
we wouldn't be here,

We should be grateful for them
because they fought for our freedom,

They suffered to save our lives,
They had lost friends for us and
risked their own lives

Let us remember them.

By Evan Saunders

William Stukeley CoFE Primary School

Our own Helen Verney has just recorded her first album of beautiful seasonal songs, a CD is now available at a cost of £8 with all profits being split between two beneficiaries; Sebastian who needs support for the life-limiting condition Duchennes Muscular Dystrophy and All Saints Church.

The CD is available direct from Helen via her Facebook page or by email: helen.verney@sky.com

Also available at the St Nicholas Fayre where Helen will be performing at 3:30pm on Saturday 1st December. As well Holbeach Book Shop and The Picnic Hamper in Holbeach.



A Journey through the 12 days of Christmas

#FollowTheStar, is the Church of England's national Advent and Christmas campaign for 2018, inviting people across the country to experience the Christmas journey.

You are warmly invited to travel in the footsteps of the Wise Men to meet Jesus.

Welcome from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York

For many of us, Christmas brings up so many emotions, memories and expectations. We have one nativity story, but it can seem like we all have very different Christmases.

For you it might be a time of joy and togetherness. Or perhaps it's all about planning and to-do lists. Many others can find it a sad and lonely time – nagged by the feeling that your Christmas is not like those 'perfect' ones we see in the media.

But just like the unexpected assortment of people who were invited to meet the baby Jesus, #FollowTheStar doesn't ask you to be perfect. It says: come just as you are to take the life-changing Christmas journey.

Wherever you are this Christmas, you are invited to follow the star and to be with Jesus. You are welcome. You are deeply known and truly loved.

Mary and Joseph and all those caught up in the Christmas story were surprised by the astonishing way that God chose to live among us. Each Christmas we are reminded of God's longing to surprise us with his gift of joy, love and new life. It's the greatest present we can receive and share with others!

We pray that Follow the Star offers a path for your journey closer to Jesus – and we wish you every blessing this Christmas.

Archbishops Justin Welby & John Sentamu

Signup, join in and share in the joy of Jesus' birth

Visit our website: allsaintsholbeach.org.uk and follow the link to Christmas and #Follow the Star, where you can find out more and can signup for daily emails to take the life-changing Christmas journey. Each one includes a picture, a short Bible passage, a simple prayer and an action to reflect on.

From late December pickup a Follow the Star booklet in Church from any of the Ministry or Mission Team.

An iOS & Android App will also be available to download, with daily prayers, reflections and Bible passages, an interactive family Advent calendar, Videos, and more.

#Follow the Star begins on Christmas Eve and runs until Epiphany (6 January 2019).



All Saints Ladies Group

All Saints Ladies Group met on Wednesday 14th November.

Leader Sharon Cole welcomed members and visitors.

Apologies were received and noted. Minutes from the October meeting were read and agreed correct. Final arrangements were completed for members attending the Christmas lunch on Wednesday 12th December at the Spalding Golf Club 12 – 12:30 pm. Contact Sharon Cole on 01406 426568 if you need more information.

Mothers Union members are making the annual collection for Boston Women's/Men's Aid in Church on 17/18 November. Donations of toiletries, children's pyjama's, cleaning product's etc., would be very welcome a full list available in the Ashlings Church Magazine. Two notices were received, Mirinesse Choral group, music for commemoration and peace 17th November, Broad Street Methodist Church 7pm. Fleet Parish Church Art's and Craft Festival 17/18th November both days 10am – 4pm. St Nicholas Christmas Fayre All Saints Church 30th November 5 – 9pm and Saturday 1st December 11am – 9pm. Lots of entertainment on both days. Members were asked to support this with help and refreshments, sign up lists are at the back of the Church.

The speaker, Mr Geoff de Roux was introduced, he brought lots of photographs and memorabilia from his round the world cruise. His talk was very entertaining sharing his adventures with us from a detailed diary he had kept during his travels. A vote of thanks was given by Sharon. Geoff agreed to come again to finish the second half of his talk. Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn. Future dairy date Wednesday 9th January 2019 7pm Reading Rooms Church Street, a craft evening with Fabric Fae from High Street Holbeach.

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
DECEMBER 2018
7.30 PM**

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

For all that has been, thanks. To all that shall be, yes!

That might seem like a strange title for an article but that was the title for the Celebration of Lay Ministers with the Licensing of Readers. On Saturday 27th October four members of the All Saints Ministry team, Michaela, Kex, Lynne and myself drove to Lincoln Cathedral to participate in this very special service. It was a chance to meet up with and join our fellow Lay Ministers from all over the Diocese, to celebrate our service and gifts, in the presence of all three of our Bishops.

After some time spent warming up our voices, whilst singing in the round; lead by a member of the Cathedral team, we gave thanks for the work of all Lay Ministers throughout Lincolnshire through prayer and song. Nicholas,

Bishop of Grantham delivered the sermon after which four Readers were licensed with another transferring into the Diocese. It was an amazingly moving service, with the spirit of the Lord palpable within the stunningly beautiful Cathedral, enhanced by the magnificent organ and spirit filled voices of all present.

This was my first time at this service and despite the journey worth every mile. The company, the conversation during the journey and the lunch afterwards, made it a very special first; I do know it will not be the last. To my fellow travelers, Thank You for the company: to anyone considering attending next year I highly recommend it; an amazing affirmation of one's faith. *Carol Hellen*

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 donaton can remain anonymous.

**Please contact:
Clare Stupples - 07771 531481**

4th December
Birthday Memories of Percy Taylor

7th December
Happy birthday to Oliver Taylor

14th December
Birthday Memories of Roy Lawton

14th December
In loving memory of Derek Venni

15th December
Happy birthday to Katherine Taylor
22nd December
Remembering Bernard and Betsy O'Sullivan on their wedding anniversary

1st January
Remembering the birthday of Effie Taylor

29th January
In loving memory of Gladys Arnold



Christmas is coming

Christmas has a real meaning at Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank academies.

We begin with the Festive Fayre at Holbeach Bank on the 1st December, Santa is coming and this first for our academy opens at 2pm. We end with the lighting of our tree at 4pm.

Holbeach Primary Christmas Fayre is 14th December after school from 4pm. We always welcome old friends and new to this in addition to our current families.

Our joint Christmas service of both academies is on Friday 14th December at 10.30am, please do come along and join us you are most welcome. This will be most special, bringing our children together is lovely.

And Early Years will be celebrating the true meaning of Christmas in the church on Wednesday 5th December at 5.30pm. Bringing this into the church is also a first and we thank our parish church for welcoming us.

Our Early Years pupils will be enjoying their first school Christmas.

Remembrance parade and service-

Once again the parade and service for the brave of our town and some who will have attended our schools is so special in our lives and those of our residents who have family memories. Poem winners Charlotte and Timmy were so deserved bringing together past and present. The Mini Police were a first for this parade and are busy at work at Holbeach Primary academy. Thank you for joining our academies and participating on the day.

Mrs Jeannette Mitchell-

It is with sadness that we share the sad passing of Jeannette, a friend and colleague but also a lovely member of staff to our pupils past and present. People touch your lives who are the most special individuals you could meet and leave memories of kindness and care which are so precious. To our past pupils, she so enjoyed spending time supporting you.

Oracy Project-

This is going so well in our academies where we are promoting early language and development like our colleagues in other local schools. Coming together is the best part.

Open morning events-

Our Open Mornings were an exciting opportunity to proudly show our academies to prospective parents, parent/carers and members of our community. Both have the very best pupils who work so hard for their teachers and support staff, we could not ask more of them. Thank you to our amazing pupils and staff, also for all those parents and visitors who came along.

Take care during cold December and January and have a peaceful and happy Christmas from all at Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank Academies pupils, staff and Governors.



Table of Awesomeness

Our lunchtime Table of Awesomeness celebrates the children who are awesome at lunchtime during the term. The children get to sit at a decorated table with their own gifts and healthy treats to celebrate their awesomeness! Congratulations to the children who earned their place on the table this term!



Remembrance Sunday



We are always proud to take part in the Remembrance Sunday parade and show our respect for those who lost their lives in conflict. This year was no exception with

many families representing our school to the highest standard. Thank you to all who joined us. A special thanks this year goes to Evan, who read his poem out in church, and Lillie, who read the homage with Mr Green. Pictured are two of our winners of the Royal British Legion poetry competition.

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

Clay Poppies

As part of our learning about Remembrance Sunday, children in Key Stage 1 made their own clay poppy like those that have been



seen at the Tower of London and various locations around the country. The children made their own display of their poppies and read the famous words of Laurence Binyon. We put a video of the children and their poppies on Facebook and it was viewed by at least an amazing 1500 people.

Key Stage 1 Visit To Church

Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Doves spent an afternoon visiting All Saints' Church. They used the nativity figures to support the telling of the Christmas story. The children went around the church in small groups and listened to five different parts of the story in different areas. Bringing their learning into the church and using the figurines linked the story to Christianity. The children were extremely well-behaved and listened well to the story. A big thank you to those people in church who made the figurines available to us.



St Nicholas Community Christmas Fayre presents the

Premier Light Show

Images created by the children of Holbeach and presented by Popcorn Media each evening

Friday 30th November 2018

5.00pm - 9.00pm

Saturday 1st December 2018

11.00am - 9.00pm

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The Holbeach Bookshop is closed to the public on a Wednesday but for an hour each Wednesday morning a handful of children from Small Saints preschool are escorted into the shop for a story telling session.

The aim is to engender a love and excitement for books and the wonderful places in your imagination that books can take you.

If you would like to volunteer for an hour on a Wednesday morning to read a handful of stories to a small group of children please contact:

Kate on 01406 425016



What better way 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.

News from recent appeals & charitable donations

The Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle ride raised a magnificent £1218. Of this, £609 has come directly to All Saints and the rest goes to the Trust to be made available as grants for church repair work. Thank you to Barry & Pam, Charlotte & Neil, James & Kim, Nigel & Linda, Andy and Fran and all those who sponsored and stewarded. Also a huge thank you to Kim who put so much effort into promoting this event every year and ensuring that it is the success it always is.

The Harvest Soup lunches raised £131.50 for church funds. Thank you to all who supported them.

The Children society boxes raised £204.01. Thank you to all those who have collected for the Children's Society over the course of the year.



Regular Parish Events



All Saints Prayer Group

Meets fortnightly on
Thursdays at the home of
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9 Edinburgh Walk
6th December
3rd & 17th January
7.00-8.30 pm - 01406 420417
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South East Lincolnshire
Joint Strategic Planning Committee



The South East Lincolnshire Local Plan was submitted to the Secretary of State in June 2017 for examination. The 'Examination in Public' commenced in October 2017 and was completed in April 2018.

The examination resulted in some changes being required to the plan and in response to the comments received to the consultation held in the summer we are consulting on further changes and an updated Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment and Equality Impact Assessment. Therefore, we will be undertaking a six week consultation on the 'Further Main Modifications' to the Plan from 30th November to 14th January 2019.

Comments can only be made on the changes to the plan and, like the previous consultation, must focus on whether they make the Local Plan 'sound' and compliant with legal and procedural requirements. As a consequence there will not be any public exhibitions at village halls

We will be publishing the following documents for consultation on our web site (<http://www.southeastlincslocalplan.org/further-main-modifications/>) from 30th November:

- South East Lincolnshire Local Plan 2011 2036: Further Main Modifications Schedule;
- Sustainability Appraisal;
- Habitats Regulations Assessment;
- Equalities Impact Assessment;

- Guidance Notes;
- Response Form.

Paper copies of all the documents will be available to view at reception of the council offices in Boston and Spalding. However, owing to the size of the Sustainability Appraisal, about 1600 pages, we are not printing copies of it for the area's libraries and mobile libraries, although the other documents will be available in paper form. They will be available in the Council Offices and Libraries during normal office hours.

There are two ways in which comments can be submitted:

- By emailing a comment form (available to download from the website) to the Programme Officer, Elaine Henton at programme.officer@southeastlincslocalplan.org; or
- By post using the comment form (available at the above locations) to: Elaine Henton, The Programme Officer, South East Lincolnshire Local Plan, Boston Borough Council, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston, PE21 8QR.

Comments must be received by 5pm on 14th January 2019. All comments received will be submitted to the Planning Inspectors for their consideration

For further information, please contact the Programme Officer, Elaine Henton at programme.officer@southeastlincslocalplan.org or telephone: 01205 314385 or 07976 589885



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