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Deadline
for the
April - May
edition is
Friday 15
March

Observing Lent at All Saints



Lent begins on

Ash Wednesday
6th March
with a service of Holy
communion and Ashing at
9.30am and 7.30pm



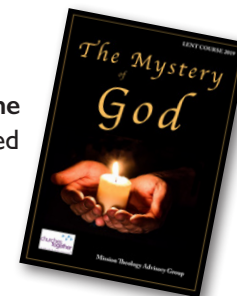
Lent Lunches

Soup lunches will be held every
Saturday in Lent from 12.00 - 1.00
on 9, 16, 23, 30 March and 6, 13, 20
April to raise funds for our lent
Charity Lincolnshire LIVES £3 per
person for soup, bread and cheese.

Lent Course

The Mystery of God - a course produced by churches
together in Britain and Ireland. The course is based on the
premise that: "We believe in a church that is more concerned
with the mystery that is God than with its own success".

Monday evenings at the Vicarage on 4, 11, 18, 25 March &
1, 8 April. Sign-up form at the back of Church.



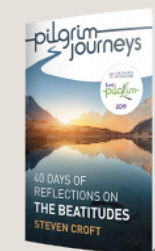
We encourage you to sign up online and
follow the Church of England's 2019 Lent
and Easter courses.

There will be daily reflections on a
Bible reading, an invitation to pray and
a suggestion of how you might respond
to the Beatitudes' challenge to live as
God intends, both as an individual and
in the community.

As with Follow the Star at Christmas,
you will be able to download an

Android or iOS App
for your Smartphone
or receive daily emails
to follow the course.

Please visit the All
Saints Website to
sign up or find more
information.



Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c155. 23 February.

When Polycarp was 86 years old, he was bound, slain by the sword, and his body burnt in the arena at Smyrna, in front of a crowd baying for his blood. He was one of the first Christian martyrs and, according to his own account, had been a believer since childhood. His words at his trial, when he was asked to swear against God, have echoed down through the centuries as a testimony of one man's obedience to Christ. He said, "For eighty-six years I have been his servant and he has never done me wrong, how can I blaspheme my King, who saved me."

Originally one of the disciples of John, Polycarp is a link between the apostles and the earliest Church Fathers. Accounts of his martyrdom were circulated from very soon after his death and give witness to the Early Church tradition of venerating martyrs and saints.

As one of the first bishops of Roman Asia, he tried to set a date for celebrating Easter with Anicetus, Bishop of Rome, but they failed to agree a compromise between their two traditions. The Church at Rome always celebrated Easter on a Sunday, but in Asia it was celebrated according to the Hebrew calendar, on whichever day of the week it fell. This had been a burning issue within the Early Church, and remained so for a long time. However, a mark of the esteem in which Polycarp was held can be seen in that he presided at the celebration of the Eucharist at Rome at the end of the discussions.



Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (right)

Polycarp is also remembered for the way in which he defended Christianity against early attacks, particularly by the Gnostics who sought to dilute the Church's understanding of the nature and person of Christ. Much of his writings are concerned with correcting heretical ideas of the Incarnation, particularly those of Marcion. On one occasion when Polycarp was asked if he could recognize Marcion in a room, he replied, "of course I recognize the first born of Satan."

Polycarp is remembered as an example of humility under persecution, and as a man who showed true Christlike character throughout his life. In his

letters he exhorts the Church to pray for those that persecute them and are in authority over them praying:

"Pray also for kings and powers and rulers, and for them that persecute you and hate you, and for the enemies of the cross, that your fruit may be manifest unto all, that you may be perfect in him."



Chad, Bishop of Lichfield,

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672.

Chad, was a pupil of Aidan, who had established Christianity within Northumbria, during the reign of King Oswald [634-42].

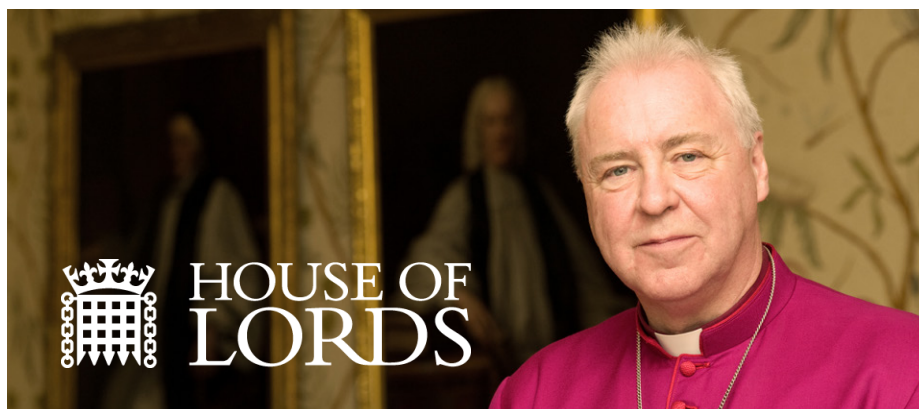
Chad spent some time at the monastery of Lindisfarne, where, along with his

brother Cedd he was taught by Aidan. He also spent some time in Ireland as part of his education.

In 664 he succeeded his brother as Abbot of Lastingham in the North York Moors. Later that same year King Oswy of Northumbria decided to consecrate Chad as his bishop. This was a somewhat irregular move, as the only reason for his consecration was Oswy's impatience. The designated Bishop of Northumbria, Wilfrid had travelled to France to be consecrated but was an exceptionally long time returning. Eventually Oswy tired of the delay and consecrated Chad bishop in a ceremony under the authority of the Celtic bishops, rather than those of the newer Roman tradition.

On his eventual return to Northumbria, Wilfrid discovered that his original nominator [Oswy's deputy] had died, and that another bishop had been consecrated in his place. Theodore visited the region in 669 and remarked upon the irregularity of the situation. Chad voluntarily gave up his position and returned to Lastingham. Impressed by the humility of Chad, Theodore made him Bishop of Mercia. He repeated the entire consecration ceremony, as he considered the first ceremony invalid because of the overwhelming presence of Celtic bishops.

Chad fixed his residence at Lichfield, and led the diocese for two years. He travelled widely and established a monastery at Barrow, Lincolnshire. He oversaw the formation of Lichfield as an ecclesiastical centre before his death from the plague in 672.



My Lords, I am honoured to speak after the Noble Baroness, Boothroyd.

I wish to say something about my context and then consider what a bishop might usefully add to this debate.

Lincolnshire is one of the parts of the United Kingdom which voted most emphatically in favour of the UK's withdrawal from the EU with 66% voting to leave.

I have thought hard about why that should be the case.

There are the obvious reasons – the tip of the iceberg.

Nationally these would be described in terms of sovereignty and immigration.

We who live and work in rural Lincolnshire are prisoners of our geography (the countryside comprises a series of sparsely-populated settlements disconnected from each other where you learn to fend for yourself) but we are

also heavily influenced by our history in which, over the centuries, external forces have sought to take control of our land and laws – sometimes against our best interests. People have come to:

- demand money with menaces,
- to conquer,
- to trade,
- to work
- and, in more recent years, to seek refuge and a better life for their families.

Sometimes we have fought back – occasionally we have grumbled, but most of the time, as a generous people, we have gone with the flow of all this and adapted.

But then there is what lies below the surface: an international rise in populism playing on fear, with its accompanying narrative of the purity of what it means (in our case), to be British. There is also a naïve view of democracy as plebiscite – 'the people have spoken'. You don't need

to be a polling expert to understand that people vote in elections and referenda for a variety of reasons: some noble, some flawed.

We in Westminster are under intense scrutiny. The questions in the lanes of Lincolnshire (and I was in a fen village near Holbeach last Sunday) appear to be why is it taking 'them in London' so long to sort this out and from some, why can't we explore some kind of compromise to get it done?

So what can a bishop from Lincolnshire add?

I have heard almost all the speeches in this debate and I am grateful for their differing perspectives. I have heard quite a lot of rhetorical certainty when we really know that the situation is extraordinarily complicated.

Over the years the church has learned and is learning, sometimes quite painfully, to manage diversity and it does so by recognising the compromised nation of our institution. I hope the most reverend primates will forgive me if I say that, this side of heaven, the church is not perfect.

One former member of your Lordship's House knew Lincolnshire well. Michael Ramsey, 100th archbishop of Canterbury began his ministry there.

Ramsey was a brave and challenging thinker and spoke out clearly against injustice, including homophobia and apartheid; but in those early years in Lincolnshire he counselled the Church of England to understand itself much more carefully as a compromised body. He wrote:

(The Church of England's) credentials are its incompleteness, with tension and travail in its soul. It is clumsy and untidy; it baffles neatness and logic... for it is sent not to commend itself as "the best type of Christianity" but by its very brokenness to point to the universal Church wherein all have died.

The Church of England has always had to manage diversity and still needs to do so.

Whatever happens over the next few weeks and months – and no one really knows what it is going to happen -- I suggest, as a nation, we need to recognise that we are profoundly divided and need to manage diversity better – with respect and humility.

My Lords, the Regret Motion as worded does present problems for those Members of your Lordships House who might agree with the sentiments about a no deal Brexit, but are less inclined to dismiss the Government's Withdrawal Agreement in the absence of any worked-through alternative, or indeed any alternative model of Brexit that might not also have the effects the Motion describes. For that reason, your Lordships should not be too surprised if they see members of this bench exercising their democratic rights in either lobby, or choosing to abstain, if and when the Motion is put to a Division.

The people of the United Kingdom are a mixed bunch – we are in this together and we need to remember and practise the art of compromise in order to be the best nation we can be.

February Diary Dates			
Friday 1	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 2	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Gathering Prayer Lunch	Reading Rooms
Sunday 3rd February – Candlemas			
Sunday 3	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship with the Guides	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 4	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 5	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 6	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 7	2.30	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 8	10.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.00	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 9	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 10th February – 4 before Lent			
Sunday 10	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 11	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Mission & Outreach group	Horse & Groom
Tuesday 12	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
Wednesday 13	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR

February Diary Dates			
	10.30	Home Communion	
	7.00	Ladies Group	Reading Rooms
Thursday 14	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 15	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.15	Wedding Music Evening	
Saturday 16	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 17th February – 3 Before Lent			
Sunday 17	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 18	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 19	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30	Standing Committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 20	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 21	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 22	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR
	7.15	Adult Choir	
Saturday 23	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 24th February – 2 before Lent			
Sunday 24	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 25	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 26	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 27	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 28	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street

March Diary Dates

Friday 1	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 2	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 3rd March – Sunday before Lent			
Sunday 3	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship with the Cubs	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 4	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	
Tuesday 5	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 6	9.30	Holy Communion with Ashing	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	7.30	Sung Holy Communion with Ashing	
Thursday 7	2.30	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 8	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 9	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Lunch	MBR
Sunday 10th March – Lent 1			
Sunday 10	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 11	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group	The Vicarage
Tuesday 12	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
Wednesday 13	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
	7.00	Ladies Group	Reading Rooms
Thursday 14	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 15	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Saturday 16	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Lunch	MBR
Sunday 17th March – Lent 2			
Sunday 17	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 18	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group	The Vicarage

March - April Diary Dates

Tuesday 19	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30	PCC Meeting	MBR
Wednesday 20	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 21	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 22	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 23	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Lunch	MBR
Sunday 24th March – Lent 3			
Sunday 24	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 25	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group	The Vicarage
Tuesday 26	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 27	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 28	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 29	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
Saturday 30	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Lunch	MBR
Sunday 31st March – Mothering Sunday			
Sunday 31	10.30	All-Age Communion with the Beavers	
	6.30	Be Still Service	
Mon 1st April	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group	The Vicarage
Tues 2nd April	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wed 3rd April	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thurs 4th April	2.30	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 5th April	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	

ALL SAINTS TOWER APPEAL

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.



Knitting Group 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.

Counselling in Holbeach

Natalie Blanchflower

Integrative Christian counsellor working with a range of issues: depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, loss, trauma, relationships difficulties etc.

Contact me via email for more information:
natalieblanchflower@gmail.com



Registered Counsellor Member
Register No: R000304



Women's World Day of Prayer Service

on Friday 1st March
at 2.30pm

All Saints Church
2 High Street
Moulton

Deadline for the April - May
edition - Friday 15 March

A Deanery Administrator for Elloe East

It is with huge excitement that I am able to announce that Caz Dennis has been appointed as our very first Deanery Administrator. She was one of 4 people interviewed by Gareth, Jill Duffey and I, we were unanimous in our support of her and she is really excited to be taking up the post.

Caz lives in Holbeach and has a daughter at William Stukeley school and a son due to start there in September. When she lived in Portsmouth as a young woman she began her career as an administrator for the police before training as a Crime Scene Investigator. Most recently she has worked as a supervisor at Tesco including a spell as the Community Champion here in Holbeach – so she is well known in Holbeach. She attended church as a child and was married at All Saints and had her son christened here and they occasionally attend church as a family.

Her particular skills are good customer service, IT competence and a passion for dotting i's and crossing t's and a desire to be involved in the local community – so a good combination.

We have agreed that she will work 16 hours a week from 9.00-1.00 Monday to Thursday until her son starts school in September and then we will review whether this is the most effective use of her time or whether we will move towards 9.00-12.00 for 5 days a week. she will be based in an office that has been made available to us by Holbeach Parish Council in the Coubro Chambers, which will both ensure a safe working environment for her but also an easily accessible venue for the general public.

We do not yet have a start date but are hoping we might be able to get things up and running from 4th February – though the first week will be an induction period introducing her to people and getting IT systems up and running so we will let

you know when the office is open to the public and ready for action. Our plan is to introduce tasks gradually so that we can get the most effective systems in place right from the beginning.

Her immediate line manager will be me, but her post and the way in which it is developed will be managed by Gareth Atha, Jill Duffey and myself with Paul Arnold and Carole Williams keeping an eye on the finances and payroll management.

We are hugely indebted to the Mary Bass Charity which has wholly funded this post for the Mary Bass Churches and to the diocese which has agreed to fund 6 hours a week as part of its commitment to support the Rural Dean's role and to all the non-Mary Bass churches who have committed a nominal sum each to enable the role to cover 15 parishes in the deanery. The Long Sutton Group of three parishes has opted to make their own arrangements.

Please hold Caz in your prayers as she makes this step in her career and as we set up a fully functioning office space for the deanery.

From the Parish Registers

Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

5th Dec Karen Stevens

12th Dec Brian Humphrey

18th Dec Eva Bailey

20th Dec Rosemary Tingle

21st Dec Robin Harrison

23rd Jan Mary Stevenson

citizens advice

South Lincolnshire

Citizens Advice and Holbeach United Charities team up to offer residents a home visit support service in Holbeach.

Starting on January 22nd, Citizens Advice are able to offer a brand new home visit service in Holbeach and surrounding areas, generously supported by the Holbeach United Charities. Residents will receive advice and support in their own home, to complete applications for Personal Independence Payments (formerly Disability Living Allowance) and Attendance Allowance. In addition, expert advice and assistance will be provided to prepare for benefit tribunal appeals, where benefit is incorrectly denied.

Home visits will be made every Tuesday, following referral from the main office at Spalding, and the Holbeach outreach, which is open every Friday at the Holbeach Youth Centre.

Citizens Advice in South Lincolnshire, incorporating Holbeach, will have been providing advice, information and support to local residents for 30 years

in August. The small team of paid staff, ably supported by a well trained team of committed volunteers, have developed a very good understanding of the needs of the local community, especially those considered vulnerable due to a level of disability and/or low income. By far the largest enquiry area dealt with relates to welfare benefits, accounting for over a third of enquiries each year, in part due to the welfare reforms introduced since 2012.

Lisa Barwell, Chief Officer of Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire, said, "2018 has been a year of complex challenges for our communities. It has been a year of great need for many of our clients, with unprecedented demand for advice and assistance to access basic human needs, such as food. As we look forward to 2019 and the effects of yet more changes to benefits, Universal Credit and Brexit, we are so grateful to Holbeach United Charities for their very generous support, which will help to transform the lives of some very vulnerable clients. By working as a team and supporting each other we will continue to increase our reach and ensure that everyone has access to the advice they need.

Rev'd Rosamund Seal, Vicar of Holbeach & Rural Dean of Elloe East, said. "The experience of running Holbeach Community Larder for the last 5 years has brought to my attention how difficult it can be for some clients to access the help and support they need to help negotiate the minefield, that applying for benefits, has become. I therefore suggested to fellow trustees of the Holbeach United Charity that one of the

significant ways we could help alleviate some of the poverty in the area would be to enable more people to have access to advice and support that would help them with this. The trustees were unanimous in agreeing that to provide 3 years' worth of funding for a part time worker for a well-established, experienced and respected service such as Citizens Advice would be a more effective way of addressing the poverty of some of the most vulnerable people in our community.'

'Many communities have these ancient 'Aid in Need' charities that were set up by past generous benefactors to help alleviate poverty in their communities

by providing winter fuel allowances or small grants for specific items, and due to wise investment some such charities have accumulated significant sums of money over the years and struggle to find suitable recipients. I am hugely encouraged that Holbeach United Charity has decided to take a different and more farsighted approach by putting significant investment into two long-term projects to provide help in our community. One is the funding of this part time peripatetic advisor for Citizens Advice and the other has been to fund the Thursday outreach session at Holbeach Hub for SoLDAS – (South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service).'

Ring out the Old, Ring in the New

A Watch Night service for New Year's Eve

by Lynne Barks

What a wonderful little service we shared on New Year's Eve with 8 of our excellent bell ringers. We sat up in the ringing area overlooking our beautiful church with the tree lights sparkling and held a short but moving service in which we brought the three kings to the stable and offered up to God our thoughts and prayers on 2018.

The Ringers then rang out the old year, gradually stopping one by one until a few seconds before midnight. We held a short silence until Michael then rang the 12 strikes to midnight and all the others joined in with a joyful peel to herald 2019. We then offered our prayers for 2019, joined together for the Lord's Prayer and the blessing.

During the service we were also able to enjoy the fireworks some families were having! Then it was Meg's home-made mince pies and a glass of port courtesy of Michael. What a super way to start the year.

A big thank you to our ringers who were:

Meg (Newey) (Treble)	Odile (Stringer) (Two)	Carolyn (Parratt) (Three)
Sarah (Hall) (Four)	Peter (Foster) (Five)	Fred (Millard) (Six)
Brian (Plummer) (Seven)	Michael (Slater) (Tenor)	



All Saints Ladies Group

All Saints Ladies Group met on Wednesday 9th January. Leader Sharon Cole welcomed twenty-two members and visitors. Apologies were received. Sharon thanked those who had contributed towards the Mothers Union annual collection for Boston Women's Aid and also supported the St. Nicholas Community Christmas Fayre.

Posters advertising the group have been reviewed. These seem to work as our membership is beginning to increase. Visitors and new members are always welcome; there is room for more. Members' visitor Gillian Temple would like to know of anyone who is not well and needs a card or visit from her.

Speaker Yvonne Porter-Smith of Fabric Fae, High Street Holbeach, was introduced. Yvonne talked about what led her to start her business in Holbeach. One of her first jobs was learning to make bridal gowns and then working with a home furnishing company. She enjoys working in her shop and is interested in all kinds of material craftwork. A sewing machine repair service is available on enquiry. Yvonne brought wool and card rolls which we used to make pom-poms these will be turned into a small sampler/rug for next months' raffle. Pat Duncan proposed a vote of thanks. At the speakers request a donation will go to Holbeach Hospital funds.

Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn. Diary dates: Wednesday

13th February Martin Dickenson will talk about 'Know Your Onions'. Wednesday 13th March Martin Grunwell a talk on 'Fusion Cookery'. Both meetings start at 7pm in the Reading Rooms Church Street Holbeach, For group information contact Sharon 01406 426468 or Rita 01406 423474

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our last meeting 7 members enjoyed lunch at the home of Monica Venni, the delicious meal having been prepared cooked and served by Linda Beverley Stone both were thanked and given flowers.

Jackie Sheldrake will prepare Lenten thoughts for the February meeting which will be at 2 Harwood Avenue on 15th February at 2:00 pm.

Members agreed to do a display on worldwide M.U. cultures including the Lady Chapel for the flower festival.

Reverend Dean hopes to celebrate The Annunciation at the meeting on 15th March at 2:00 pm, venue to be announced.

Lady Chapel flowers:

3rd and 10th February Linda,
17th Joyce, 24th until Lent
Jackie.

Joyce.

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

February

- 1st Birthday Memories of David Duncan from all the family
- 6th Gill and Ray Ball, loved and missed by all the family
- 14th In memory of Mr Kilby
- 15th Happy birthday to Giles Taylor
- 19th In loving memory of Arthur Tegerdine
- 26th In memory of Mrs Kilby

March

- 4th In loving memory of dearest father Raymond James Waters
- 22nd Birthday Memories of a darling brother Raymond Jeffrey Waters
- 27th In memory of George Hector
- 28th In memory of Barrie Coaten

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As the spring term begins- We welcome new staff to our academy who are settling quickly. Mrs Amy Brookes joins our Key stage one team and Miss Charlotte Moulis and Mrs Debra Dawson join our Early Years team. We are really fortunate to welcome these teaching staff and wish them good luck in their new posts and know they will enjoy working in our academy and getting to know the super town of Holbeach.

Miss Terri Judd is also a welcome addition to our family of schools joining as part of the administration team. Again Terri came along to our academies at just the right time to become a welcome addition. Terri is working across both academies as an administrator, Personal assistant to the leadership team, support to our Governing Body and liaison with group of schools and our local community.

Sporting initiatives- We are actively involved in a range of sporting initiatives which provide experiences of more traditional sports and introduces new events such as archery and speed stacks to our pupils. It is equally valuable to hear from individual pupils each week of their sporting achievements beyond the school walls.

We also actively take part in the DAILY mile which will re-launch at the end of February when the weather picks up. All very much value taking part in this.

Oracy Project- This continues to have a high priority in our academies and also in our Network of local primary schools. A recent meeting of the local schools has planned in different themes to further promote early language. We will keep you informed and look out for events in the local press.

Mini Police- Our Mini Police are busy at work. This is an excellent initiative across Years five and six. They busily at work in the school and very much enjoyed learning about promoting driving at the correct speed in their local area by going out

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monitoring and sharing messages. We are planning this initiative into our curriculum work with a new Curriculum starting in Autumn 2019 which is in the national news currently.

Christmas- We would very much like to thank the team at the church for hosting the art images of our pupils at the beginning of December. This was really special because it was different and it was so visual for all to see. We very much hope this happens again. And how special to have shared our Early Years concert in the church. We very much hope to repeat this again in 2019.

On line national E-safety day- On 5th February the academy is taking part in this important national event when all year groups will be supported in ensuring their safety in our on line digital world. Workshops will take place for Years five and six with valued input from our local police which we are grateful for.

Science workshops- By the time you read this we will have enjoyed workshops from Spalding Grammar providing our year five pupils with secondary school experiences of science mixing potions and using the correct equipment for scientific experiments.

Spring term- This term begins in the winter and ends in the spring when we will be coming over to church for our Easter service. You are warmly welcomed to join us on Friday 5th April at 10.30am. This is early notice but by the next magazine Easter will be approaching and we very much welcome the community joining us.

For further updates about what is happening in our academies, visit our websites or contact our school offices where Mrs Alison Larking or Miss Terri Judd will happily share information with you about taking part in our social or charity fund raising events.

Happy New Year from all of us at William Stukeley C of E Primary School!



Stukeley University

This term sees the return of Stukeley University. We have many exciting seminars for the children to choose from including Choclatiers, Survival Skills, Let's Talk and Fantastic Photography. The children can't wait for a Friday afternoon to participate in their seminars!



Y6 Hilltop Visit

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

Goodbye Mr Munn

Our fantastic caretaker, Mr Munn, is retiring at the end of this term. Mr Munn has been a great asset to the school, giving his time and energy to make sure the school was always open, looking great, operating efficiently and constantly safe; he often went the extra mile and would willingly step in to work alongside the children, should the need arise. He will be sorely missed by adults and children alike and I'm sure you'll join me in giving immense thanks and gratitude to George and massive wishes of a happy and restful (yet busy) retirement.

Passacaglia Trio

Our children from Reception to Year 5 recently watched an exciting live performance from Passacaglia Trio organised by the Lincolnshire Music Service. The children listened to baroque music played on the harpsichord, recorder and viola de gamba.



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Mr T W Emery

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Children are Welcome

All Saints aims to be a family-friendly church.

We may not always get it right; but we try, because we believe we serve a God who welcomes and includes people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

What's on at All Saints for Children and Young People

On Sundays

We do not currently have leaders available to be able to offer Junior Church or Sunday School on a Sunday morning. However children are welcome to sit with their parents in church and those with pre-school children may wish to sit in or near the Children's Corner towards the front of the church on the south side where children can play safely and complete a gospel related worksheet each Sunday if they wish. We also have KS1 and KS2 pew bags available for use in the pews

If babies need changing, feeding, or calming down then you are welcome to use the toilet (with baby changing facilities), the kitchen and the Mary Bass Room under the tower if you need to.

On the 1st Sunday of each month, we have a service of All-Age Worship at 10.30 am. These services are regularly led by one of the Uniformed Organisations or members of our Junior Choir and are planned with families and children in mind and are about 40-50 minutes long. They may occasionally include communion.

The dates and themes for 2019 are as follows

3rd Feb - Candlemas

**3rd March -
The Transfiguration**

**31st March -
Mothering Sunday**

2nd June - Ascension

7th July - Disciples

4th Aug - Greed

1st Sept - Hospitality

6th Oct - Harvest

3rd Nov - All Saints

1st Dec - Advent

**5th Jan 2020 -
Epiphany**

Other things on for Children & Young People

Family Workshops and Youth Events
- Every so often throughout the year, usually during a school holiday we hold a Family Workshop - an event for children & adults to attend together exploring a Christian theme and including a short act of worship. We also organise activities for older children from time to time throughout the year. Flyers advertising these workshops and events are circulated via the schools.

All Saints Junior Choir

Since April 2016 we have run a Junior Choir for children aged from 8 - 11+. They rehearse on a Friday evening from 6.30-7.30pm and learn basic music theory, plus singing and playing the recorder. When they have reached a specific standard they receive their robes and start taking part in our morning services once a month and in other special services throughout the year. Trips, activities, a BBQ and a concert and awards evening are part of the life of the choir. The choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and children are encouraged to take part in the Voice for Life scheme and earn coloured ribbons as they develop their musical skills and commitment.

**Contact our Musical Director
Barry Lancaster – 01406 370665**

We have adopted the Church of England House of Bishops' policy on Child Protection for all our work with children. All our volunteers have completed a DBS check and safeguarding training, and work under close supervision.

All Saints' Baptism Policy

We offer a service of baptism (a Christening) to any child living in the parish. A baptism can take place either within our main morning worship at 10.30am or at a short separate service at 12.15 on the 4th Sunday of the month. A baptism requires the careful choosing of godparents and expects a level of commitment from the parents to bring up their child in the Christian faith. If parents prefer they can ask for a service of Thanksgiving which includes naming the child. This short ceremony can be used on its own, or prior to baptism at a later date.

For further details about these or any other enquiries about All Saints Church, Holbeach please contact:

The Rev'd Rosamund Seal

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The Junior Choir is growing...

Back in October, following Barry, Kim and I going into our local schools, we recruited another 8 new probationers, 5 of them from Holbeach bank Academy (which only has 68 children in total) and 3 of those from the same family!

Following a busy couple of months of practice, Charlotte D, Chloe, Mina, Alesha, Timmy, Lily-mai, Jaz and Lily A were all admitted as full choristers at our Christingle service at the beginning of December and most of them were able to join the robed choir for the Co-op Carol Service, our own Carols by Candlelight and along with the other Juniors, helped lead our Crib Service (which they all did brilliantly). At the same time (following an assessment) Charlotte S and Lily P were awarded their light blue ribbons and on Sunday 20th January Phillip, Tom, Paige, Gracie-mae, Matthew, James and Jacob were all awarded their dark blue ribbons.

So well done to everyone. Our Junior choir is now 17 strong and a great asset to our church.

Following the success of last year's Advent Stable Sleep out we repeated the event with eleven of our young people this year. Once again we rehearsed for the Crib Service, went out carol singing, expertly accompanied by Kim on her trusty accordion – this time along Farrow Avenue and Drake's Close. The

highlight was to be invited into Ann Dacey's house to sing Silent Night for her. On our return we enjoyed soup and hot dogs followed by a film and then hot chocolate before bedding down in the



Soup and Hot Dogs



Advent Stable Sleep Out

straw in the North porch. Carol Hellen and Sara Williams managed to sit up all night with the children while I got a bit of shut-eye on the floor in the Mary Bass Room keeping an eye out for anyone

who needed a toilet trip or needed to escape from the porch and Terri Judd joined us to help out in the early hours. Once again – though cold, it was a relatively mild night for the time of year though there were quite a lot of rather loud people wandering past the church well into the small hours. In the morning we finished with more hot chocolate and bacon rolls before all going home to bed, with straw in our hair and a few odd socks. It gave the children a little bit of an idea about what it might be like to sleep on the streets and raised a wonderful amount of sponsorship money for the homeless charity Crisis – though we haven't added it all up yet.

Our other adventure this last term has been to start a Choir Club after our practice where the choir can do their homework, play board games or traditional group games and let their hair down a bit and just socialise.

As part of their dark blue ribbon assessment the choristers were asked what they enjoy about singing in the choir and I want to share with you a couple of the comments that came from the older ones who have now been with us for 3 years.

"I can talk about anything when I come to choir."

"I have learnt to play the recorder and had lots of experiences and done things that I would never have had the opportunity to do."

Several of our young choristers have had difficulties at school or at home and we are so privileged to be able to offer them a good all round musical education, develop their musical confidence, and be able to provide them with a wonderful opportunity to build on their friendships and be part of a team, and along the way to learn something of God and what it means to belong to a Christian community.



Our Dark Blue Ribbon Choristers



Regular Parish Events



All Saints Prayer Group

Meets fortnightly on
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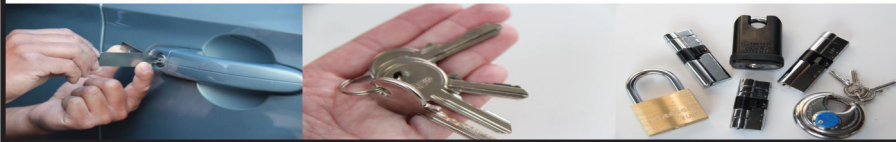
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