



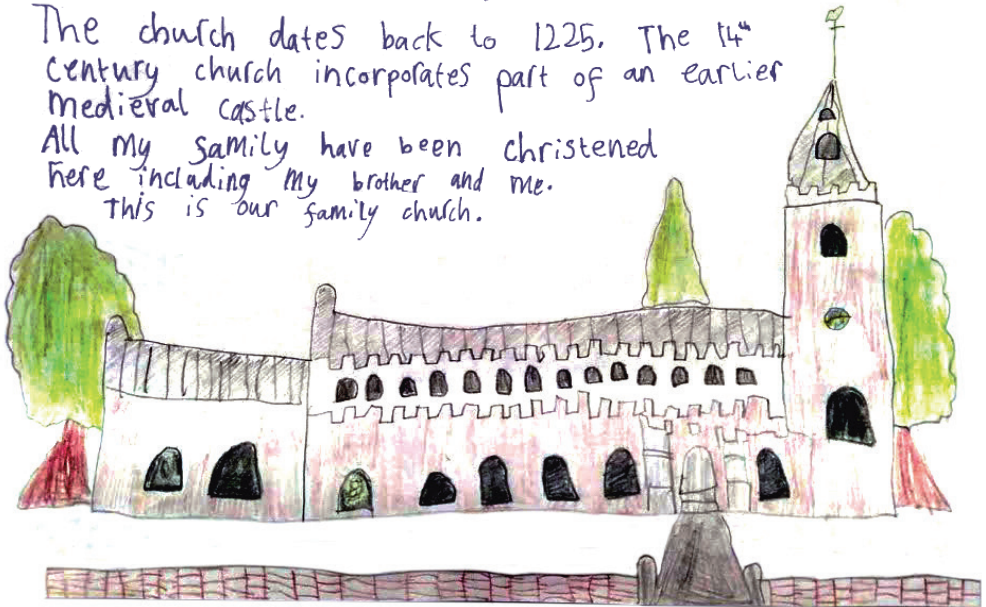
## ALL SAINTS CHURCH HOLBEACH

# ASHLINGS

All Saints Church Holbeach.

The church dates back to 1225. The 14<sup>th</sup> century church incorporates part of an earlier medieval castle.

All my family have been christened here including my brother and me.  
This is our family church.



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Deadline  
for the  
June - July  
edition is  
Friday 17th  
May

## Easter and Holy Week

### During Holy Week

We have the excellent news that Bishop Nicholas will be with us at All Saints to share in the Easter Journey and our worship.

He will be with us for all of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday.

We look forward to welcoming you at any of our services.



#### Palm Sunday – 14th April

**10:15am** – Procession with palms from the old Library to the Church

**10:30am** – Holy Communion with a dramatised reading of the Passion Gospel

#### Monday 15th April

**7:30pm** – Compline with short meditation.

#### Tuesday 16th April

**7:30pm** – The Vigil by Ladislav Fodor Performed by St Nicholas Players.

Tickets £8.00 on the door, or ring 07925 400303.

#### Wednesday 17th April

**7:30pm** – Compline with short meditation.

#### Maundy Thursday 18th April

**12:00pm to 2:00pm** All-Age Messy Church for Holy Week including a shared meal.

**7:30pm** – Holy Communion with foot washing, stripping of the altar followed by a vigil until midnight



#### Good Friday 19th April

**12:00pm** – Walk of Witness, starting from the Catholic Church and stopping outside the Co-Op and the old Barclays before finishing in All Saints Churchyard. This is a Churches Together Holbeach event.

**1:00pm** – Soup & bread Lunch at All Saints.

**2:00pm** – At the Foot of the Cross readings, hymns & prayer.

#### Holy Saturday 20th April

**7:30pm** – Easter Eve Vigil at the Cross readings, psalms & prayers at the empty cross.

#### Easter Sunday – 21st April

**5.15am** – Easter Dawn Service in the Vicarage Garden

An informal service with bonfire & watching the sunrise followed by breakfast

**10:30am** – Holy Communion for Easter Day with the Bishop of Grantham

**6:30pm** – Deanery Evensong

*Saint Guthlac 11th of April. (673-714) hermit of Crowland (Lincs).*

Guthlac was born of royal blood in the Mercian tribe of Guthlacingas. At the age of fifteen he became a soldier (they called him robustus deprædator) but after nine successful years he gave up warfare to be a monk at Repton, where some Mercian Kings were buried, ruled by Abbess Elfrith. He was rather unpopular at first because of his total abstinence from intoxicating drink; later he was better appreciated.

In about 701 he moved on to the solitary life at Crowland on a site accessible only by boat. Here his life resembled the regime of the Desert Fathers; annoyances included attacks by Britons who had taken refuge in the Fens, and violent temptations by devils; consolations were visions of angels and of his patron Bartholomew the Apostle.

After he spent fifteen years as a hermit, he knew that his death was

near. Edburga, abbess of Repton, sent him a shroud and a leaden coffin. His sister Pega, an anchoress at Peakirk, came to his burial with his disciples Cissa, Bettelin, Egbert and Tatwin, who occupied cells nearby. A year later the grave was opened, and the body found incorrupt. People began to come to his shrine at Crowland, to which Pega had given his psalter and scourge. It soon became popular, with Wiglaf, king of Mercia (827-40), and Ceolnoth, archbishop of Canterbury (who was cured of ague by the saint in 851), among its devotees. In 12th century his remains were put in the abbey church built on the site of his cell and the shrine was embellished with gold, silver, and jewels. A magnificent pictorial record of his life survives in the late 12th century Herleian Roll at the British Museum, usually called the Guthlac Roll. This is a series of eighteen roundels, which are cartoons for stained-glass windows. The scenes in it are based on Felix's Life of Guthlac.



James The Less

*James The Less 1st century, Apostle 3rd of May.*

The son of Alphaeus is often but not with certainty identified with the James whose mother stood by Christ on the Cross, and also with James, the 'brother of the Lord', who saw the risen Christ and is often called the first bishop of Jerusalem. He is also sometimes identified with the author of the Epistle of St James. If not correct, we know practically nothing about James the Less. His traditional iconographic emblem is a fuller's club because he was believed to have been beaten to death with it, after being sentenced by the Sanhedrin in AD62 to be stoned. In England only twenty-six churches are dedicated to James the Less.



**Churches Together in Holbeach**

**Walk of Witness**

**Good Friday**

**19th April 12.00**

Starting at

**Holy Trinity Catholic Church**

Pausing at the Co-op & Old Barclays Bank  
for readings, hymns and prayers.

**Finishing in All Saints Churchyard**

**1.00 Soup & rolls at All Saints**





## Lent Lunches

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



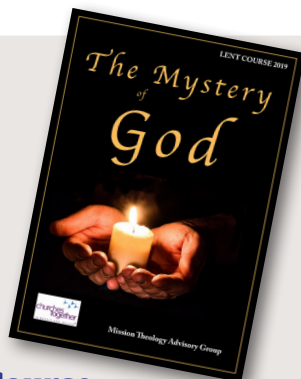
We encourage you to sign up online and follow the Church of England's 2019 Lent and Easter courses.

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.



## 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 remaining dates 1 and 8 April. Sign-up form at the back of Church.

# Holbeach Community Flower Festival

Theme

Culture & Cuisine

Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May  
Opens 10:00am daily

Themed Flower Displays in All Saints Church  
Light Refreshments available every day

Saturday to Monday

Outdoor BBQ

Many Craft Stalls in the Church Yard  
and along Church Street

## Friday

10:00am - Festival Opening  
5:00pm - Schools Concert

## Saturday

11:00am - Teddy Bears Parachute Off The Church Tower  
12:00pm - Kick Boxing Demonstration - Adapt Kickboxing  
1:00pm - Music/Singing Performance  
2:00pm - Have A Go at Bell Ringing

## Sunday

1:00pm - Annual Dog Show (10 Class Fun Dog Show)  
4:00 pm - Songs of Praise in All Saints Church  
(Everyone Welcome)

## Monday

## Family Fun Day

Bouncy Castle & Activities All Day  
12.00pm - Diamondz Dance Demonstration  
1.00pm - Zumba join in demonstration  
1.30pm - Songs by Helen Verney  
2.15pm - Holbeach Town Band  
4:00pm - Close

Subject to change, please see website for latest information  
[www.allsaintholbeach.org.uk](http://www.allsaintholbeach.org.uk)

3rd - 6th  
May



## April Diary Dates

<b>Monday 1</b>	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group 4	The Vicarage
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Review of our Developing Discipleship Plan	MBR
<b>Wednesday 3</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
<b>Thursday 4</b>	2.00	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
<b>Friday 5</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
<b>Saturday 6</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.30	Baptism preparation	
	12.00	Lent Soup Lunch	MBR
	12.00	Gathering Prayer Lunch	Reading Rooms
<b>Sunday 7th April – Lent 5</b>			
<b>Sunday 7</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	Morning Worship led by ALMs	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
<b>Monday 8</b>	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Lent Group 5	The Vicarage
<b>Tuesday 9</b>	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
	7.30	Annual Parochial Church Meeting	MBR
<b>Wednesday 10</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
<b>Thursday 11</b>	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
<b>Friday 12</b>	10.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mothers' Union Meeting	2 Harwood Ave
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
<b>Saturday 13</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Soup Lunch	MBR
<b>Sunday 14th April – Palm Sunday</b>			
<b>Sunday 14</b>	10.15	Procession with palms	Old Library
	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	

## April Diary Dates

	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
<b>Monday 15</b>	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Compline with meditation	
<b>Tuesday 16</b>	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30	'The Vigil' by Ladislav Fodor	
<b>Wednesday 17</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
	7.30	Compline with meditation	
<b>Thursday 18</b>	12.00	Messy Easter – family workshop	
	7.30	Maundy Thursday Eucharist & footwashing	
	9.00	Vigil until Midnight	
<b>Friday 19</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	12.00	Good Friday Walk of Witness	Catholic church
	1.00	Soup Lunch	MBR
	2.00	At the Foot of the Cross	
<b>Saturday 20</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Lent Soup Lunch	MBR
	7.30	Easter Eve Vigil	
<b>Sunday 21st April – Easter Day</b>			
<b>Sunday 21</b>	5.15	Easter Dawn Service	
	10.30	Holy Communion for Easter Day (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
<b>Thursday 25</b>	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
<b>Friday 26</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
<b>Saturday 27</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.00	Saturday Gang Working Party	
<b>Sunday 28th April – Easter 2</b>			
<b>Sunday 28</b>	10.30	Holy Communion (CW) Kate's last Sunday	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	2.30	St George's Day Service	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
	7.30	Farewell to Kate	
<b>Monday 29</b>	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	

## May Diary Dates

<b>Wednesday 1</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
<b>Thursday 2</b>	2.00	Care Home Communion	
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
<b>Friday 3</b>	10.00	Flower Festival	
	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
<b>Saturday 4</b>	10.00	Flower Festival	
<b>Sunday 3rd May – Easter 3</b>			
<b>Sunday 5</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.00	Flower Festival	
	4.00	Songs of Praise	
<b>Monday 6</b>	10.00	Flower Festival and Family Fun Day	
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
<b>Thursday 9</b>	7.30	Kate's licensing at Breadsall, Smalley & Morley	
<b>Friday 10</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	5.30	Wedding rehearsal	
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
<b>Saturday 11</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	2.00	Wedding	
<b>Sunday 12th May – Easter 4</b>			
<b>Sunday 12</b>	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
<b>Monday 13</b>	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
<b>Thursday 16</b>	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
<b>Friday 17</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Mothers' Union Meeting	MBR
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	

## May - June Diary Dates

	7.30	Junior Choir Club	
<b>Saturday 18</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	6.00	Christian Aid Week Fish & chip Quiz evening	Reading Rooms
<b>Sunday 19th May – Easter 5</b>			
<b>Sunday 19</b>	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
<b>Monday 20</b>	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	10.00	Bell ringing Practice	
	7.30	PCC Meeting	MBR
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
<b>Thursday 23</b>	7.00	Bible study	18 High Street
<b>Friday 24</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
<b>Saturday 25</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
<b>Sunday 26th May – Easter 6</b>			
<b>Sunday 26</b>	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
<b>Monday 27</b>	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
<b>Tuesday 28</b>	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
<b>Wednesday 29</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	7.00	Visiting Bell ringers from Spalding	
<b>Thursday 30</b>	7.30	Ascension Day Eucharist	
<b>Friday 31</b>	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.00	Wedding rehearsal	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
<b>Sat 1st June</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning until 11.00	MBR
	12.00	Wedding	
<b>Sunday 2nd June – Easter 7</b>			
<b>Sun 2nd June</b>	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship with the Beavers	
	6.30	Deanery Visitation Service at Gedney	

# 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.

**THE VIGIL**  
By Ladislav Fodor

St Peter & St Paul's Church Gosberton 15th April 2019

All Saints Church Holbeach 16th April 2019

St Mary & St Nicolas Church Spalding 17th April 2019

**St Nicolas Players**

**7:30pm**  
**Tickets £8**  
**Ring 07925 400303**  
**Or on the door**

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## 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**

### April

5th In loving memory of David Dacey

9th Happy birthday to Claire Taylor

### May

3rd Happy birthday to Adam Taylor



**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.

## New Deanery Administrator

Hi. I'm Caz and I'm your new Deanery Administrator.

I live in Holbeach with my husband Chris, our two children, Chloe (8) and Thomas (4) and our pampered pooch Immi. We've lived here now for 9 years having moved up from the South Coast, where I worked for Hampshire Constabulary for 10 years as a Crime Scene Investigator. More recently I've worked for Tesco, and many of you may know me from my role as Community Champion, taking part in local events, supporting community projects, fundraising and running the Farm To Fork project educating our primary school children in Healthy Eating, Food Origins and Sustainability. Last year I was promoted to Customer Service Manager and moved to the Boston store but this didn't work out for our family and so I decided to leave so to be nearer and at home more for the children.

I love family days out and camping trips in our old VW campervan (which is a bit of a restoration project), and I have a passion for cake making and decorating. This started out as a hobby, baking for family and friends and has progressed to me starting my own little business which is doing really well.

I'm really looking forward to getting started in this new and exciting role, and to working with the team and the community.

## From the Parish Registers

### Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

**31st January -**  
**Raymond Thomas**

**4th February -**  
**Nancy Bernard**

**7th February -**  
**Dick Fensom**

**8th February -**  
**Paul Flemming**

**12th February -**  
**Daphne Stratford**

**21st February -**  
**Nellie Ladbrook**

**25th February -**  
**Marjorie Dennis**

**28th February -**  
**John Skinner**

### Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

**24th February -**  
**Markus Vilcins**

**Lily-Mai Crabtree**



## Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Tuesday April 9th at 7.30pm

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Our APCM is on April 9th and at that meeting we will need to elect all our church officers for the coming year.

As you know Nigel Beverley Stone has already stood down as warden and Margaret Whaley will be standing down this year, as will our treasurer Carole Williams.

This means we need to find two new wardens and a treasurer. This is a big ask even from a church as big as ours. I want to take this opportunity to thank Nigel for all the work that he got underway on the fabric of the church during his 18 months in office and Margaret for the gentle and faithful way she has served the congregation for the 7 years that she has been in post. I also want to thank Carole who took over the role of treasurer when our previous treasurer Ken Hull died while still in post. She had the extremely difficult job of sorting out all his accounting and picking up all the threads and then last year putting all our financial data on the Data Developments package that we now use for accounting purposes. This was a labour of love, played out against the back drop of closing banks and the need to take our cash into Long Sutton and latterly Spalding to be counted. It has not been an easy time for her.

Without wardens and a treasurer we are going to be in a very difficult position and we need to find a way forward. The

role of warden is a responsibility and not a list of jobs – many of the ‘jobs’ can be done by others but we do need sensible, level headed people who are committed to the good of the whole church. We will also need people to take on some of the ‘jobs’ in order to share the work load.

The role of treasurer can be divided into two – the person who keeps the books and reports to the PCC and a person who supervises the counting and banking of all the money that comes into church week by week.

We also need at least 4 new members on the PCC to replace those who have either stood down or completed their 3 year stint.

When you read our Annual Report for 2018 you will see that we are a busy church with the scope to do much more in the community. However, to fulfil our calling we need willing volunteers, prepared to live out their calling and discipleship and to be ‘The Church’ serving God in the world.

### Revisiting our Growth Plan – Tuesday April 2nd at 7.30pm

Back in 2015 a number of us took part in the Developing Discipleship Programme, reflecting on the kind of church we were and the kind of church we would like to become. As a result of this we wrote our Mission Statement and Vision and put together a growth plan for the church. On Tuesday April 2nd at 7.30 in the Mary Bass Room, a week before our APCM, we are going

to use the time normally allocated to the Ministry Team meeting to look at the Growth Plan we put together in 2015 and see how much of it we have fulfilled, what still needs to be done and where we need to go next. This meeting

is open to everyone who is interested but all members of the PCC, the Fabric Committee, the Finance and Stewardship Committee, Mission and Outreach group and the Ministry Team are encouraged to attend.

## Parish Giving Scheme

The Parish Giving Scheme was developed in the diocese of Gloucester in 2009 and proved so successful it has been rolled out to other dioceses since then. The Diocese of Lincoln has paid for all parishes in the diocese to be part of this scheme should they wish to opt into it, as our PCC decided to do at its November meeting last year.

A leaflet entitled ‘Generous Living’ which explains how the scheme works will be circulated to everyone on the electoral roll and those who already give via their bank will be the first to be invited to sign up.

We are however very keen to invite as many of you as possible to sign up to the scheme as the PCC is keen to reduce the amount of cash we receive and phase out the old envelope scheme which is expensive to operate. The envelopes themselves are expensive and opening them and counting out the cash within them is increasingly time consuming. Added to this is the fact that we no longer have a bank in the town and Carole, our treasurer, has had to start driving the 8 miles into Spalding once a fortnight, which costs her in both time, petrol

and a parking fee taking with her up to £2000 in cash which is actually a highly risky thing to be asking anyone to do.

There will still be some cash coming into the church coffers which will have to be counted but we hope to reduce the amount of cash coming in from our regular givers in order to cut down on the tedious and time consuming task of both counting and banking the money.

We are also seriously looking into getting a card reader for the church that can be set at a fixed rate to be used by casual visitors as a way of donating to the church or set for specific amounts for people to pay for such things as banns certificates or wedding fees.

For all these reasons it is becoming more and more vital that we keep pace with the way most businesses and individuals now run their finances, and we need to think seriously about the demands we are putting on our own volunteers.

We will still need volunteers to help count the money on a weekly or fortnightly basis however – offers to Rosamund please.

## All Saints Ladies Group

All Saints Ladies Group met on 13th February & 13th March. Sharon Cole welcomed everyone at both meetings, apologies noted, and Minutes from the previous meetings agreed as correct.

At the February meeting, Pat Duncan was wished a Happy Birthday. The Holbeach Church & Community Flower Festival in May was discussed, and volunteers were invited to organise a tabletop display in Church, Pat Duncan and Jean Dewhirst have offered to help.

Speaker Martin Dickinson was introduced he gave a talk about the production of Silverskin and pickled onion. He said Silverskin onions are mainly produced in Holland and the larger pickled onions are grown in Poland. Both types of onions are imported to factories in England in large containers ready prepared for putting into jars. In Holland, the onions are mechanically prepared, but in Poland, all the onions are hand prepared by groups of ladies or in local household kitchens as a cottage industry. After answering questions, Martin was thanked by Sharon for his interesting talk. Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn.

At the next meeting, we look forward to welcoming Anthony Grunwell to talk about 'Fusion Cookery'.

At the March meeting, after the usual formalities, matters arising were discussed. Jean Dewhirst is unable to help with the tabletop flower display at Flower Festival, so Joyce Layfield has kindly offered to work with Pat Duncan. Plans for the June outing to the Norfolk Lavender Gardens with afternoon

tea were discussed. The Holbeach Community Bus will be used to take us on Thursday 13th June, to leave at 1/1.30pm. The inclusive cost with tea and travel is £20. Sharon asked for a show of hands of those who were interested, which received a positive response. Final details would be available at the May meeting. Sharon will compose an Annual Report of our activities during the past year for the Holbeach Church Annual Parish Council Meeting in April.

Unfortunately, due to illness, Anthony Grunwell was not able to be with us for his talk. Sharon generously arranged two quizzes instead. No winners or losers but chocolates all round instead! Pat Linn and Joyce Fines served refreshments, and the raffle was drawn.

For the April meeting, we will welcome Stewart and Susan Hogg to talk about their life in Antiques.

All Saints Ladies Group meet at the Holbeach Reading Rooms on the second Wednesday of each month, except for August when we have a break starting again for a new year in September. We pursue a social rather than a religious agenda which includes a wide variety of evenings, quizzes, outings, craft workshops and talks. Yearly Subscription is only £7 and meetings are £1 each. And there aren't many places you can get a coffee for less than 50p. Visitors and guests are always welcome, £1 fee, tea/coffee 30p.

**Next meetings, Wednesdays 10th April & 8th May**

**Contact Sharon Cole 01406 426568 for further information.**

## The Saturday Gang



With the arrival of Spring, planning has begun for the return of the Saturday Gang to pick up, its hugely successful activities, where it left off at the end of last year.

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

Everyone is welcome, and we hope that the wider Holbeach Community will participate.

**The first two Saturday dates for 2019 are April 27th, and June 28th, from 10 am to 12 pm.**

If you need more information please talk to Mick Boylan.

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Reverend Michaela Dean celebrated the Eucharist at our Lady Day Service on Friday 15th March, assisted by Kex Dean and ALM Judy Kelly kindly accompanying the hymns. Michaela talked about how we should Listen, Observe and Act in step with God.

Plans are progressing for the Mothers' Union display at the Flower Festival, it was agreed that Joyce Fines would arrange flowers for Easter and the Festival.

The April meeting is a week early, due to Easter, and will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday 12th at Monica's home, 2 Harwood Avenue. The May meeting will be in the Mary Bass room on Friday 17th May at 2:00pm.

**Joyce Fines - 01406 420160**



## Flower Festival

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**Friday, 25th - Monday, 28th  
10.00am - 5.00pm**

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**Bouncy castle and children's activities on Saturday 26th May**





The Spring term is coming to an end and we've had a busy and fun time with lots of different activities going on in both academies - Police visits, World Book Day, Red Nose Day and sporting events and on our return for the Summer term has lots more to look forward to.

**Holbeach in Bloom** - Following on from Holbeach Primary Academy's success last year and thanks to the hard work and dedication of the staff and children and they secured a Bronze award, we are aiming for a Gold standard this year!! As well as our individual entry in the Schools category we also worked alongside the Holbeach in Bloom team and helped them to secure a Gold award last year. Our entry this year is to build a pond which will be separated so as to have a wildlife teaching pond and an area for the ducks and will be enclosed by a fence in the interests of safety. We need volunteers to help with this so please contact us if you would like to help with this project, it would be wonderful to see staff, children, parents and the community working together.

**Summer Fayre** - Both Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank Academy are busy planning their Summer Fayres. The dates for these are Holbeach Primary Academy after school on Friday 12th July and Holbeach Bank Academy is on Saturday 15th June. There will be lots of different stalls including balloon pop, hoopla, tombola, craft stalls, a BBQ and a raffle. If anyone is able to donate any prizes for the tombola, hoopla or raffle it would be greatly appreciated. We always welcome old friends and new to this in addition to our current families.

**Red Nose Day** - By the time you read this we will have participated in Red Nose Day. We sold Red Noses in both schools and we sold out. Both schools held cake sales after school to raise money and for a donation the children were allowed to come to school in non-uniform but they had to wear something red! A fun day was had by all with a lot of money being raised for such a good cause.

**Sporting initiatives** - Our sporting initiatives have included experiences of both traditional sports and new events such as archery, speed stacks, Kho Kho and Danish Longball. As well as

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taking part in Enrichment Days we have also taken part in competitions in archery and speed stacks. Holbeach Bank Academy's Year Group 2-5 came a very impressive 2nd in the archery competition winning Silver medals and Holbeach Primary Academy's Year Group 2-5 finished 4th, just missing out on medals. Well done to them all!

There are more enrichment days and competitions coming up which we are sure the children will enjoy.

**Building Curriculum '19** - This is a work in progress across both academies. There will be a high emphasis on Personal Social Health and Economic Education (PSHE), teaching life skills. We also aim to further enrich in art and music at our academies.

**Police visit with Bobby Bear** - On Tuesday 12th March in early years they were really lucky to have a visit from PC Newell, Bobby Bear and the police car. They all got the chance to sit in the police car and turn the lights and siren on.



PC Newell talked to the children about the job of a Police Officer and the different vehicles that are used in the Police Force. She talked to the children about the importance of wearing a seat belt when they are travelling. The children's favourite part of the visit was trying on police helmets and the high-vis jackets.

A further date for your diaries - On Friday 5th April, Holbeach Primary Academy will be attending an Easter Church service at All Saints Church in Holbeach. This will begin at 10.30am. All parents, carers, grandparents, Friends and members of the community are warmly welcomed to join us.



### Hilltop – Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had an amazing time at a very warm and summery Hilltop! It is always good to see the children overcoming the challenge of the different activities that we do and becoming more independent. We are already looking forward to next year's visit!

### Mini Police

Recently our Mini-Police were invited to take part in a countywide competition to attend the Junior Takeover Day at Lincoln City Football club. Their names were randomly chosen and one of our Mini-Police was lucky enough to be picked. He enjoyed a day at the football ground, taking part in shadowing some of the police roles on the day. Mrs Holliday would like to thank all the parents who agreed to take part.

PCSO Naomi also came into school to deliver a workshop on 'digital resilience' to our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. We learnt about how to be safe online, responsibilities around posting and cyber bullying. Our own Mini-Police (with support) will be delivering what they have learnt to the rest of the school.



### Defibrillator

With the help of The Farmer Educational Trust, the school has purchased a defibrillator (an apparatus used in heart

emergencies). Training for both adults and children has been planned and will be happening in the near future – with a hope we'll never need to use it! A big thank you to The Farmer Educational Trust.

### Shrove Tuesday Communion Service

The year 6 children helped lead the annual school communion service on Shrove Tuesday. They came into church on the afternoon beforehand and learned all about the origin of communion services – about the escape from Egypt told about in the Old Testament which became the annual Passover meal celebrated by Jews all over the world today; about how Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples the night before he died - a meal we now call the Last Supper. They then learnt about how we remember the last Supper every time we celebrate communion. At the service, they led the procession, served at the altar and led the confession and acted out a modern versions of the story of Jesus temptation in the wilderness, and at the end shared out pieces of pancake with the whole school to remind them all of the beginning of Lent.

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## Holbeach and the Clewer Initiative, or what I learned at a potato factory. *By Rosamund Seal*

**One Thursday, a couple of months ago, I was given a £2 coin commemorating 200 years since the abolition of slavery. With it was a certificate which said:**

*This is a commemorative £2 coin circulated in 2007 to represent the end of slavery in 1807. You may spend it, but only when you can prove that there is no slavery in either your supply chain or in your home town.*

The coin and certificate was given to me by Shayne Tyler – the Operations Executive at Manor Fresh, one of the Worth Farms in Holbeach Hurn, which specialises in the sorting, cleaning and packing of potatoes chiefly for Marks and Spencer, but also for Aldi.

The event I had given up my day off for, was organised by the Clewer Initiative, and one of the joys for me was meeting Bishop Alistair who chairs the Initiative

but who of course we remember as the Bishop of Grantham, before he went off to be the Bishop of Derby. It was also a joy to be welcomed so magnimously into the factory by the father of one of the children I baptised last year!

It was an absolutely fascinating day and I learnt a great deal about the processing of potatoes and the hygiene and health and safety rules that surround the processing, as well as about modern slavery and I left very, very impressed to know that here in our patch is a Food Processing Firm which strives to put its ethical standards alongside its need for a healthy profit margin and prides itself on the fact that a very high percentage of its migrant workforce have been employed by them on permanent contracts for an average of 8 or 9 years. I also learnt how hard it was to ensure that every aspect of a supply chain minimised the

risk of supporting modern slavery and how difficult it could be to insist on high ethical standards in such a competitive market. I was also equally impressed by their environmental and energy use standards.

I came away thinking that if we did not grow our own potatoes or buy them direct from a farm then I ought to be prepared to pay the premium and buy them from Marks and Spencers in order to ensure that they were not tainted by slavery.

**These are some of the facts:**

- 40.3 million people are estimated to be trapped in some form of modern slavery in the world today.
- 136,000 victims estimated in the UK
- 5,145 potential victims found in the UK in 2017

Some of these victims live in our parishes. In 2017 there were arrests under the modern slavery act in Gedney. Many of the migrant families that we occasionally deal with at the Community Larder are seriously at risk and there have been times when I have liaised with the Police and Social Services when I have had specific concerns about people.

I left feeling committed to doing my bit to ensure that the supply chains for so many of the products that we rely on should be free from slavery but also seriously impressed by Shayne Tyler who, through the course of his working life and his experience of the effects of modern slavery, has become a passionate advocate and gifted communicator for equality in the work force.

**South Holland should be proud of him.**



Here we all are – spot your vicar, a district councillor and a previous bishop, all rendered pretty much indistinguishable in our Ena Sharples hair nets.



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## Farewell to Kate



*Kate joined us as curate in the summer of 2016 and she was only with*

*us for 18 months before we lent her to Sutton Bridge and Tydd St Mary for the duration of 2018, and so her departure from us seems premature.*

She has been a wonderful colleague and a friend to us all. She has challenged us with her passion for justice and mercy and embraced us with her huge pastoral heart and has been a lot of fun to have around. We shall all miss her enormously.

On Thursday the 9th May she will be licensed as Priest in Charge of Breadsall, Smalley and Morley in the diocese of Derby. This is a long way to travel and so Kate quite understands that there may be people who would love to have been able to support her but are unable to make this journey. But for those who would like to go please put your name on the list at the back of church and we will endeavour to organise transport between us.

It is a 2 hour journey so we would have to leave Holbeach at about 4.30pm in order to allow for traffic

and parking etc. and we will not get back until about 11.30pm.

Kate's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 28th April. She will be presiding at the 10.30am Eucharist and also preaching at Evensong at 6.30 and after Evensong we will have a shared buffet meal in church at 7.30.

Carol Hellen and Lynne Barks are organising the buffet and will be asking for contributions.

Please do join us at either or both of these services as we say goodbye to Kate and send her on her way with our blessing. She has learnt much while she has been with us and I am sure she will take that with her to another little part of God's kingdom, who will be blessed by her ministry as we have been.

If anyone would like to make a donation towards a leaving gift for Kate, Lynne Barks will be happy to receive donations.



## The Tower and West Window Project

We are awaiting the report from our architect to give us an idea of the ball park figure for this project. We will then need to look at the finances that we have set aside for such a major building project and start applying for grants to top this up and look to encouraging local people to support us in our fund-raising. There will be much more details in the next edition of our magazine.

## Our Advent and Christmas Charity Appeals

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## The cracks are where the light gets in

The other day I was very cross with myself for getting a parking ticket. I know why it happened – I hadn't looked at the sign and I just assumed there wouldn't be parking restrictions on a Sunday morning. But it really happened because I was preoccupied and rushing. I had too many things to do and not enough time to do everything. The parking ticket was a signal to me that cracks were appearing in my carefully constructed life.

For St Peter it was a cockerel that was the signal that things were going terribly wrong. As we approach Easter we remember the story of how Peter denied Jesus three times. Jesus was arrested at night and Peter followed after him, but then lost his nerve and pretended he didn't know him. When the cockerel crowed, Peter remembered Jesus telling him this would happen and Peter broke down and wept.

Leonard Cohen (1934–2016) in his song 'Anthem' famously writes that 'There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in'. When cracks appear in our lives they often signal a time when light can emerge. Peter is usually described as the disciple who denied Jesus three times, but Peter's failure and brokenness is not the end of his story. The light got into Peter's story because of what he remembered in the darkest place and what he learned.

When the cockerel crowed he remembered that Jesus knew him well enough to know that he would let him down. But it wasn't the only thing Peter remembered.

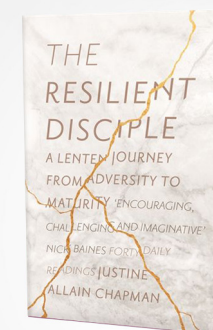
Peter remembered that Jesus predicted that he would suffer and die – it wasn't all his fault. Peter remembered the time when Jesus rescued him from drowning in Lake Galilee and pulled him through. Peter remembered that at the Last Supper Jesus had also told him that he had prayed for him, that his faith would not fail.

After a long dark night the cockerel reminded Peter he had let Jesus down but it also heralded the break of day. Peter's experience and hope meant he was restored and became a great pastor.

My parking ticket signalled a crack which I should notice, and as I have done many times before, readjust my timetable to be more life giving. When you next notice a crack in yourself or another, remember there is a space now, for the light to come in.

*The Ven. Dr Justine Allain Chapman  
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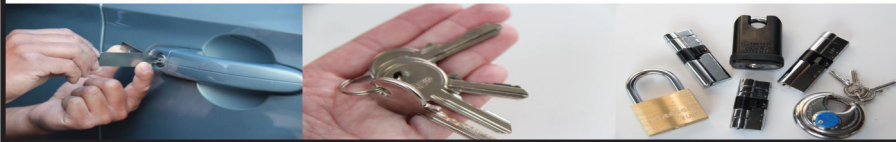
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