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for the August -  
September  
edition is  
Friday 19th July

## Bishop Christopher

As you may be aware, it was announced by Lambeth Palace on Thursday 16th May that Bishop Christopher has been suspended from office until a particular safeguarding case can be fully investigated. It has nothing to do with any allegation of abuse by +Christopher but has to do with an allegation concerning the way an issue has been dealt with under his leadership. Any details will by law need to be confidential until the issue is resolved.

We need to remember that suspension is a neutral act; it does not imply wrongdoing but is to give space to seek the truth. So we hold Bishop Christopher in our prayers.

Meanwhile, we carry on, and Archbishop Justin has appointed Bishop David Court as Acting

Bishop of Lincoln working in close collaboration with Bishop Nicholas. The Bishops have stated that we are to continue as normal and I am sure our prayers and full support are with them as we serve God's Kingdom together.

The high profile of this issue is likely to bring to the fore the hurts of any that have been abused within a church context, either in the past or more recently. Their safeguarding and safety must remain a priority. Please be assured that the safeguarding team at the diocese will continue to make every effort to respond to those who need support.

Please hold the diocese, the bishops and all who have been victims of abuse in your prayers at this difficult time.

## Our New Churchwardens

Familiar faces to us all, Carol Hellen & Mick Boylan, have taken up the challenging roles of being our new Churchwardens, after being appointed at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. They have an important job keeping All Saints and our many services running smoothly. Please wish them well and help them as much as possible as they settle in.





# A Good Shepherd for us all...

*'The Lord is my shepherd - I shall not want - he makes me to lie down in green pastures - he leads me beside still waters - he revives my soul...'*

We really do so want Jesus to be our shepherd don't we?

We want him to be our shepherd because we want him to look for us when we are lost – we want to know that when we are in danger that his rod and his staff will comfort us. We want his goodness and mercy to follow us all the days of our lives, and we want to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

But what are we prepared to give in return?

We don't give to the church in order to buy its services – 'the sermon was rubbish today I'm only going to put £2 in the collection rather than £5', or 'nobody spoke to me after the service today so I won't put anything in the collection next week'. We are not paying for what the church can do for us – we are contributing to what the church can do for others.

When I take a funeral, part of what I often say, if I use this psalm as a reading, is 'though you walk through the valley of the shadow of death you need fear no evil' for God will comfort you... and in doing so hope that I can share something

of God's loving care for them despite their grief.

When I meet clients at the Community Larder as our wonderful team of volunteers 'spread a table before them,' if not actually in the presence of those who trouble them – but most certainly in times of trouble, when they often feel that the world and universal credit is against them - I hope that by offering them not just a decent meal, but company, consideration, kindness and a few laughs thrown in for good measure, that they are sharing something of God's love with them despite the hard times on which they have fallen and the impossible situations in which they often find themselves.

When I talk to someone who is struggling with sin or a sense of failure and I am able to guide them just a little bit 'along right pathways for his names sake' I am sharing with them something of God's loving concern for them and his desire that they become the people he is calling them to be.

When we welcome people into our church whoever they are, whatever their background or history, or hang-

ups or confusions, when we say the church is here for you, you are invited to 'dwell in the house of the Lord for ever' we are sharing something of God's opened-armed welcome to all comers however unworthy they may feel.

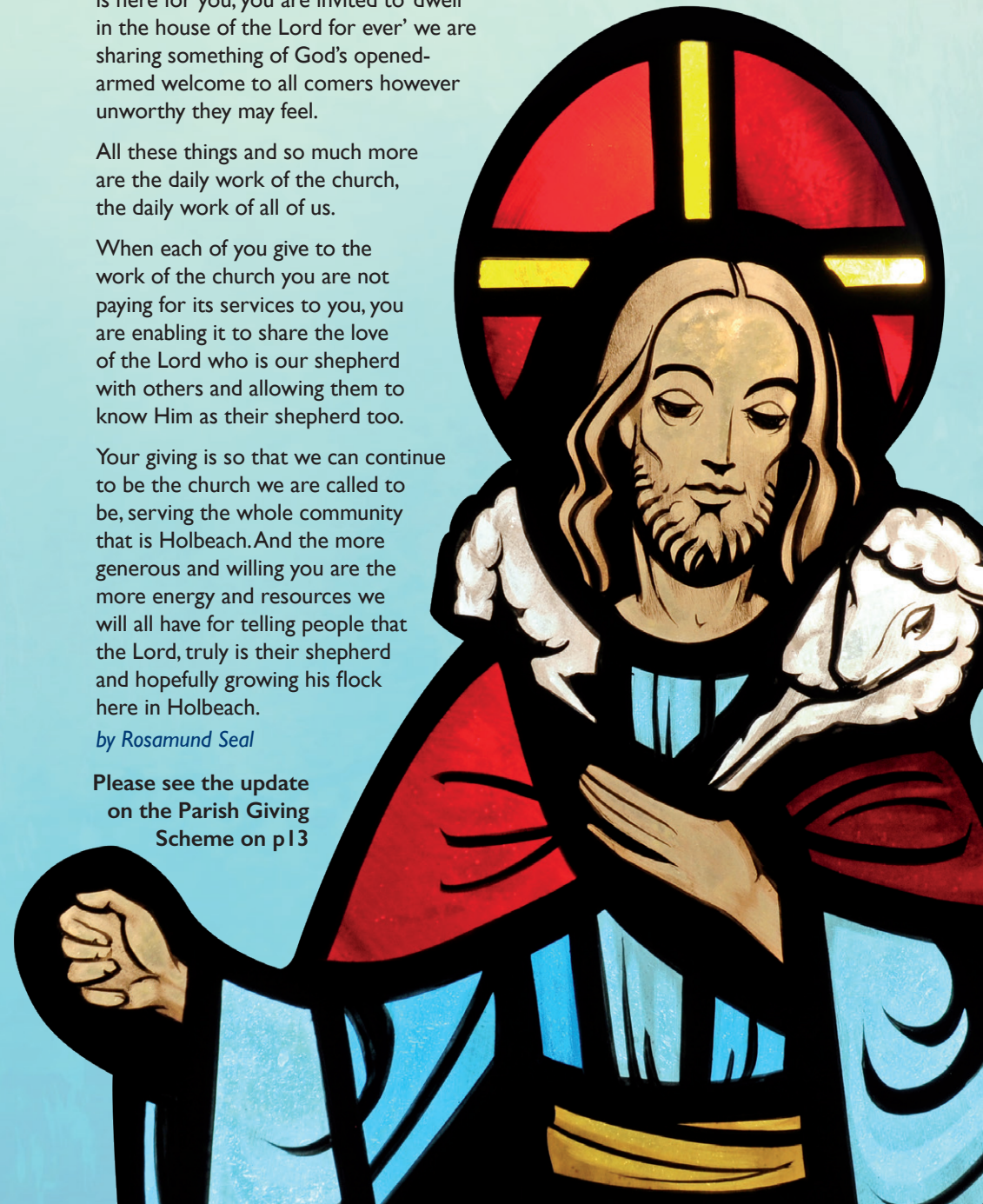
All these things and so much more are the daily work of the church, the daily work of all of us.

When each of you give to the work of the church you are not paying for its services to you, you are enabling it to share the love of the Lord who is our shepherd with others and allowing them to know Him as their shepherd too.

Your giving is so that we can continue to be the church we are called to be, serving the whole community that is Holbeach. And the more generous and willing you are the more energy and resources we will all have for telling people that the Lord, truly is their shepherd and hopefully growing his flock here in Holbeach.

*by Rosamund Seal*

Please see the update  
on the Parish Giving  
Scheme on p13





## *Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c200. 28, June.*

As a young boy in Smyrna, (on the Aegean coast of Asia Minor), Irenaeus had listened to Polycarp, who in turn had known the Apostle John. He studied at Rome before becoming a priest in Lyons, a large trading city in the Rhone valley which was growing in strategic importance in the West. Irenaeus was aware of the heritage of the Christian faith, and of the need to affirm the tradition of Christianity in the face of opposition from emerging philosophical systems. He stood against heresy and incorrect interpretations of the gospel, particularly by the Gnostics, a faith movement that stressed secret knowledge and creation myths. In 177 Irenaeus was sent to deliver letters to the Church in Rome. On his return a year later, he discovered that Christians in the city of Lyons had been persecuted, and many, including the bishop, had died. Irenaeus, who was renowned as a peacemaker, was appointed as the next bishop. In his writing and his debating Irenaeus sought to expose the inadequacies and discrepancies within Gnostic thought and he challenged Gnostic claims to secret gospel traditions. He put great emphasis upon the apostolic succession and the continuation of the teaching given to him by the Church Fathers. The Scriptures did not have any credence amongst opponents to Christianity. Irenaeus united two separate defences of the gospel by appealing both to Scripture and tradition and greatly strengthened the case for Christianity.



*Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons*

He affirmed the Christian belief in God and emphasized the unity of the Father and the Son in the work of salvation.

Irenaeus' defence of Christianity against the threat from Gnosticism was largely successful. Because of his appeal to both the tradition of the Church and to the 'Father of the Church' he is known as the first Catholic Theologian.

Irenaeus instigated the 'Rule of Faith', a short credal statement summarizing the message of the Gospel, as a weapon against heresy.

*The whole Church believes in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and the seas and all that is therein, and in one Christ Jesus the Son of God, who was made flesh for our salvation, and in the Holy Spirit, who through the prophets preached the dispensations and the comings and the virgin birth and the passion, and the rising from the dead and the assumption into heaven in his flesh of our beloved Lord Jesus Christ.*

## *John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866. 14 July.*

In later years John Henry Newman declared that it was the sermon on 'National Apostasy', which John Keble preached at the opening of the Oxford Assizes on 14 July 1833 that marked the real beginning of what came to be known as the Oxford Movement. Born into a clergy family in 1792, John Keble proved an able scholar at Oxford and at the age of 19 he was elected Fellow of Oriel College. Ordained deacon in 1815, he initially worked as a tutor at Oriel but resigned in 1823 in favour of parish work, acting as his father's curate in Gloucestershire. It was in this period of life that he composed the poems which were published as 'The Christian Year'. Its popularity was shown by going through almost fifty editions during Keble's lifetime and many of the poems were transformed into hymns. The best known, 'New every morning' and 'Blest are the pure in heart', remain a staple of many modern hymn books. His work was recognized by his election as Professor of Poetry at Oxford in 1831. Keble's natural conservatism found an echo with many in the 1830's who were unnerved by the reforms being carried out in both Church and State by the reforming Whig

government. Keble used the opportunity of the 1833 Assize Sermon to protest against the Church being subordinate to a Parliament that was no longer exclusively Anglican. His views struck a chord in clerical circles in deeply conservative Oxford. Although Keble wrote nine of the Tracts for the Times and engaged in written debate, he was essentially a scholarly parish priest who preferred to eschew both controversy and limelight. In 1836 he returned to parish life at Hursley, near Winchester. He sought to revive sacramental confession in the Church not just to quieten consciences but as an aid to more effective pastoral work, considering that, 'we go on working in the dark... until the rule of systematic confession is revived in our church'. Naturally he was much sought after as a confessor and spiritual director. When, in 1846, Dr Pusey made his first sacramental confession, it was to Keble: 'I cannot doubt but that through your ministry and the power of the keys, that I have received the grace of God, as I know not that I ever did before'. He died in 1866 and four years later Keble College was founded at Oxford as his memorial.

*Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.....*

June Diary Dates			
Saturday 1	10.00	Coffee Morning until 11.00	
	10.30	Baptism preparation	
	12.00	Wedding	
Sunday 2nd June – Sunday after Ascension			
Sunday 2	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Lady Chapel
	10.30	All-Age Worship	
	6.30	Archdeacon's Visitation Service at Gedney	
Monday 3	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 4	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
Wednesday 5	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 6	2.00	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 7	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 8	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.00	Saturday Gang Working Party	
	12.00	Gathering Prayer Lunch	Reading Rooms
Sunday 9th June – Pentecost			
Sunday 9	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 10	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 11	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 12	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
Thursday 13	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 14	10.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir Concert & Awards evening	
Saturday 15	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR

June Diary Dates			
Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday			
Sunday 16	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.00	Church Garden Party	The Vicarage
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 17	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 18	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30	Standing committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 19	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 20	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 21	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	1.00	William Stukeley 'I sing pop' event	
	2.00	Mother's Union Meeting	2 Harwood Ave
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 22	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 23rd June – Trinity 1			
Sunday 23	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 24	10.00	Knitting & Crochet group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 25	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 26	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 27	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 28	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 29	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 30th June – Trinity 2			
Sunday 30	10.30	Morning Worship led by ALMs	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Be Still – a Reflective Service for Mid-summer	

July Diary Dates			
Monday 1	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 2	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 3	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 4	2.00	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 5	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 6	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 7th July – Trinity 3			
Sunday 7	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 8	10.00	Knitting Crochet group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 9	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
Wednesday 10	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
Thursday 11	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 12	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 13	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.00	Saturday Gang Working Party	
Sunday 14th July – Trinity 4			
Sunday 14	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 15	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 16	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	7.30	PCC meeting	MBR
Wednesday 17	9.30	Holy Communion cancelled	Lady Chapel
	10.00	HPA & HBA Leavers Service	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 18	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk

July-August Diary Dates			
Friday 19	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	1.00	William Stukeley Leavers Service	
	2.30	Mother's Union Afternoon Tea	2 Harwood Ave
	5.30	Wedding rehearsal	
	6.30	Choir BBQ	Vicarage garden
Saturday 20	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	Prayer Lunch	Reading Rooms
	2.00	Wedding	
Sunday 21st July – Trinity 5			
Sunday 21	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 22	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 23	10.00	Bell ringing Practice	
Wednesday 24	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 25	7.00	Bible study	18 High Street
Friday 26	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.00	Wedding rehearsal	
Saturday 27	10.00	Coffee Morning until 11.00	MBR
	12.00	Wedding	
Sunday 28th July – Trinity 6			
Sunday 28	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 29	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 30	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 31	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	7.00	Visiting bell ringers from Spalding	
Thursday 1 Aug	7.00	Prayer group	
Friday 2 Aug	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
Sat 3 Aug	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 4th August – Trinity 7			
Sun 4th Aug	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	





Wherever we are when we come together with others to worship God, we know that we are in his presence. This might be in our homes, in our schools or our place of work. More usually we worship in church, and for me, that means All Saints Church Holbeach. There I find great comfort and spiritual refreshment.

From time to time over the past eight years, I have also attended Christ Church

in Whangarei while visiting family in New Zealand. My visits have never before coincided with Easter and this year more than ever before I felt the presence of God in that place. I also experienced a tangible feeling of welcome and that I was truly valued by both the clergy and members of the congregation. Perhaps it was because it was Eastertide, or length of my visit to New Zealand or the recent changes that had taken place within Christ Church. The quality of worship was inspiring, and on each occasion, its delivery was enhanced by the high quality of the music and by the contributions of those present. The pattern of worship is similar to that used here but with services delivered in both English and Māori reflecting the background of the local population.

The cross was produced in readiness for Good Friday by Messy Church with some additional contributions from the congregation. People were asked to express what 'Jesus died and rose again' meant to them in whatever medium they wanted and here is the result.

Now back in Holbeach, I can truly say that I know that Jesus is alive and worldwide.



Emma Clayton (choir member from 2001 until University in 2013) will be getting married to Adam Straw on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon. If any congregation members would like to attend Church at that time, it would be lovely to see you. Jackie



The Parish Giving Scheme was launched at our Sunday morning service on 12<sup>th</sup> May

It was designed, as I hope you read in the leaflet inserted in your Annual Report, to centralise the organisation and administration of our giving so that:

- **You don't have to find the exact amount to put in your envelope each week.**
- **Someone else has done the work of claiming Gift Aid for us,**
- **The money comes in regularly at a set time of the month so that we can pay our bills on time.**
- **We can reduce the sheer volume of cash that has to be counted and banked each fortnight.**

The literature accompanying the pack is quite clear that no one is forcing you to give in this way – you are just being invited to do so, and if you want to continue as you are, you can.

However if you want to make it easier for us and ultimately easier for yourselves then completing a simple one page form and deciding to give via your bank is all you have to do – though please do remember to cancel any pre-existing standing order that you make to the church.

You can give monthly, quarterly or annually.

You can even give anonymously – though it helps to know who you are – please be assured that only the PGS administrators in Gloucestershire and Glyn will ever know how much you give – The vicar and treasurer never do.

You can also choose to Gift Aid the amount if you are a tax payer and to opt in to index linking it to inflation on an annual basis if you would like to.

We are inviting all those who currently give via their banks to transfer to this scheme and hopefully to review how much they give at the same time, but we are also encouraging those who currently use the envelope scheme to transfer to the scheme as well and inviting anyone else who currently just puts cash in the plate when they come to consider using this method in order to support the church regularly.

There is no compulsion – just take a pack if you are interested – indeed we only have 50 packs so there wouldn't be enough if you all wanted one – though we will happily order some more!!!!

If you need any help filling in the form or do not understand any of it please do not hesitate to speak to Carole, Michael (our new treasurer) or myself.



The end of the Academic Year is fast approaching and we still have lots planned, school and residential trips, Summer Fayres, sports day and other sporting activities. Our Year Six students are pleased to get their SATS exams out of the way and we are really proud of the way they have coped with them. They enjoyed taking part in breakfast which allows them time to talk and relax with their friends in a calm, quiet environment before the exams take place.

**Summer Fayre** - Preparations for both academies fayres are well under way and we hope to see lots of people at both of them. There will be lots of stalls, inflatables, a BBQ and refreshments as well as a raffle. Holbeach Bank Academy date has changed and is now during the afternoon of Friday 14th June from 1pm until 4pm. Look out for the posters and fliers for both of our fayres, it would be lovely to see as many people as possible.

**An up-date on Red Nose Day** - We are really proud to announce with all of the fundraising that Holbeach Primary Academy and Holbeach Bank Academy carried out we raised an amazing grand total of £742.50.....well done to all the Children, Staff and Parents for all of their hard work.

**Spread the Word Project** - As part of the Early Years language and communication project, the focus for this term has been Animals in Africa and carnival. This year they are visiting the Lincolnshire Wildlife Park to look at animals related to their topic. They have also been learning about African culture and are looking forward to having their own carnival in assembly during the last week of term. They have learned

about and made African jewellery and masks, African dancing, African drumming and have learned an African song - Kye, Kye Kule.



**Residential Trips** - By the time you read this Our Year 4 children will have visited Holt Hall and the Year 6 children will be looking forward to their visit to Skipton in Yorkshire for residential trips where they will have the opportunity to try canoeing, raft building and climbing. This helps boost their self-esteem and confidence and helps them to learn to work as a team. All of the children benefit from the experience and they all have a really good time.



**Sporting Activities** - Children from Years 2 - 5 were introduced to Danish Longball during an enrichment day held in school, both at Holbeach Primary Academy and Holbeach Bank Academy. We have been invited to take part in a Danish Longball Competition and will let you know how we got in the next edition.

We also have our School Sports Days to look forward to next term. Holbeach Primary Academy is on Thursday 20th June and Holbeach Bank Academy is on Monday 17th June. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather stays dry and sunny.

**Year 6 Graduation** - It's the time of year again when we all feel sad as we say goodbye to our Year 6 Pupils as they prepare to move onto their new secondary schools.

We will be holding a special joint Graduation Ceremony for Holbeach Primary Academy and Holbeach Bank Academy at All Saints Church, Holbeach on Wednesday 17th July 2019 at 10.00am. All Year 6 Parents are invited to join us and there will be refreshments and cake afterwards.

This will be a celebration of their time with us but also to look forward to the new adventures and experiences that they will have as they move into their new secondary schools.

Thank you Year 6 and Good Luck !

Executive Principal - Sue Boor



As this half term comes to an end, we want to say a huge "Well Done!" to our Y6 and Y2 children and those in all local schools for all their hard work preparing for their SATs. Our children were superb in their attitude and effort during a tiring week and deserve success.

### World Book Day - 'Mystery, Detective Day'

Children spent World Book Day dressed up and being detectives! Key Stage 2 children had to solve the mystery of the 'Disappearance of the Golden Pen'. They used clues and their detective skills to find that the dinner lady had been the culprit! Key Stage 1 children helped Detective Dog to discover the stolen library books and wrote their own riddles. Reception children became 'Animal Detectives' to help the monkey from Monkey Puzzle to find his mum, as well as match baby animals to their adult animal.



### Burghley House trip - Woodpeckers, Kingfishers & Doves

The children in Woodpeckers, Kingfishers and Doves enjoyed a visit to Burghley House. They had a fantastic day learning about Tudor life. The children had a guided tour of Burghley House and learnt about the Kings and Queens who had visited in the past. They were guided around the kitchen and experienced a Tudor banquet. The children played Tudor games and learnt and performed

the Pavane, a traditional Tudor dance. The children used their knowledge of the Tudors and Burghley House in their Literacy and History work.

### Reception Trip to Ark Wildlife Park

The children in Ducks and Robins had a fantastic day out at Ark Wildlife Park. They met and fed goats, had the opportunity to meet and stroke a snake and a tortoise up close. They also had time to play in the indoor and outdoor play areas and there were lots of great learning opportunities when we walked around the animals. The children all behaved beautifully and made William Stukeley CE Primary School proud.

### Sports Week

We had a fantastic sports week where all children enjoyed taking part in workshops. They enjoyed having a go at Kabaddi and Kho Kho, sitting volleyball, skipping and circus skills. On the final day, the children's laughter could be heard throughout the whole school as the children enjoyed watching a circus performer. The children all behaved brilliantly for the visiting coaches and made us all proud when they walked so sensibly to the Holbeach Hub.



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# Holbeach Community Flower Festival

2019

Well our 6th Flower Festival was once again a resounding success and raised £3,304 for church funds including £469.50 for the Tower Fund, and all the arrangers managed to come up with some lovely ideas in response to our Cultures and Cuisines theme.

Here is an approximate break down of the income.

Mary Bass Room	1,153
BBQ	330
Carboy & Safe	317
Produce	249
Envelope Game	208
Tower Raffle	469
Stall Income	550

A huge thank you is due to Christine Penney and her wonderful team of arrangers, to Stephen Johnson of Let's Get You Moving who as well as doing his own arrangements organised all the entertainments and

craft and charity stalls that always make our festival that extra bit special.

The arrangement that stole the show was the fabulous locally sourced depiction of a chicken, asparagus & potato dinner followed by Strawberries and cream up in the sanctuary by Helen Chapman of Evolve Flowers

Thank you also to Carol Hellen and all those who staffed the BBQ and all those who helped with the Mary Bass Room Catering and made all the cakes and scones that we sold. It was pretty manic at times but we coped and there were no disasters.

The weather wasn't as good as we had hoped and so the bank holiday Monday was not as busy as it has been in previous years but a good time was had by all.



## Lincolnshire Churches Trust Sponsored "Ride and Stride"



**Summer is coming (chronologically if not meteorologically!) and it's time to brave the cobwebs in the shed and dust off your bike. Yes, folks, preparations for this year's Ride and Stride event in aid of the Lincolnshire Churches Trust will soon be underway.**

I'm sure you will all remember our valiant efforts last year, when in the East Elloe Deanery £1,840 was collected by cyclists and walkers who took part. Of that total, a whopping £1,218 was raised by us here at All Saints, Holbeach.

Well, it's nearly time for the 2019 event – please put Saturday 14th September in your diaries.

On cycle ride day participants visit any of the churches supporting the event (countywide) by walking, cycling or, if you're feeling adventurous horse-riding, scooting or even pogo stick jumping! They can choose how many to visit

and how far they wish to travel – there is no set route. All they need to do is ask friends and family to sponsor them either per church visited, or to pledge a donation for their efforts. The visitable churches in East Elloe are:

Fleet St Mary; Fleet Hargate Baptist; Gedney St Mary; Holbeach All Saints; Holbeach Holy Trinity Catholic; Holbeach Methodist; Holbeach Cemetery Chapels; Long Sutton St Mary; Long Sutton Baptist; Lutton St Nicholas; Moulton All Saints; Moulton Chapel Methodist; Moulton Chapel St James; Sutton Bridge St Matthew and Whaplode St Mary.

I should have all the posters and sponsor forms by the middle of June. (Please ask me.)

**More details to follow in the next magazine.**

**Kim Biggs, Deanery Organiser**

## All Saints Ladies Group

All Saints Ladies Group met on 10th April & 8th May. Sharon Cole welcomed everyone at both meetings and received apologies. Minutes from the previous meetings were agreed as correct.

At the April meeting, Joyce Layfield and Pat Duncan reported that plans were in hand for the group flower arrangement in Church for the flower festival. Names were taken for the June outing to Norfolk Lavender Gardens and afternoon tea. Payment £20 for travel and tea due at the May meeting. Sharon had submitted an annual report of the group activities to the Church Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Stewart and Susan Hogg were introduced, they gave a talk about the life of an Antiques Stallholder. They began as a hobby attending fairs in the county of Norfolk then taking them as far afield as Wales. They started in a small way with various items of interest to specialising in collectors' pieces, including enamelled jewellery. They brought along some beautiful ceramic pottery and hand-drawn cartoons, which were unique. It is a fascinating life for a stallholder, encompassing competitiveness and buying and selling within a very friendly group of people. They shared some humorous stories. After the talk, members showed interest in the use of unusual items on display. Rita Norris gave a vote of thanks for an interesting evening. Refreshments were served and the raffle drawn.

At the May meeting after the usual formalities, matters arising were discussed. Joyce Layfield and Pat Duncan were thanked for their beautiful arrangement at the Flower Festival. Photographs were available to view. Members were reminded of the details for the outing on Thursday 13th June to Norfolk Lavender. Jean Dewhurst collected payments. Jean Vince has not been well her thanks were passed on to everyone for the card she had received. No further business was discussed.

The speaker Bridget Hunter was introduced. Bridget was a former Magistrate who told us about the 'Ups and downs of being a JP. As a sitting Chairman supported by 2 juniors or wingers Bridget's title was Madam Chairman and she was addressed as Ma'am. This work was unpaid (except for expenses) and she was expected to take part in 26 sittings a year. The day's proceedings would include a wide variety of cases and bring Bridget into contact with many 'interesting' characters. As Bridget was also a Commissioner in the Scouting movement, it wasn't always easy for her when outside of work if she was recognised. How could she be sure if the person she met had previously been 'before her' or just wanted to say hello again Akela! We all now had an insight and more understanding of the local Magistrates Court. Sharon gave a vote of thanks. Refreshments were served and raffle drawn.

### Diary dates:

**June outing – Thursday 13th leaving Laddies at 1pm.**

**July A.G.M - Wednesday 10th July entertainment and a light buffet.**

**We have August off, beginning fresh again on Wednesday 11th September 7 pm, meeting in the Reading Rooms with a new programme.**

We are a group of ladies who meet and listen to a variety of topics and sometimes participate in a light craft evening. We enjoy refreshments and socialising at the end of meetings. Are you thinking about coming to see what we are about, bring a friend you will be made very welcome. The annual subscription is £7 (subject to review perhaps a small increase only if needed). Meetings £1 fee visitors also £1. Tea/coffee and biscuits 30p.

### Contacts are:

**Leader Sharon Cole 01406 426568 or Rita Norris secretary 01406 423474**

## Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

At our meeting on 17th May, we discussed the Flower Festival display, how well it had lasted and been admired by many, the hard work of everybody involved with the Festival had been rewarded.

Joyce and Corinne then talked of their visit to Kate's licensing, including meeting her new Parishioners. Joyce showed a photograph of the "ORANGE" Kitchen.

### Lady Chapel Flowers 2nd & 9th

**June Linda Beverley Stone,  
16th & 23rd Jackie Sheldrake,  
30th Joyce Fines.**

**7 & 14th July M Venni,  
21st 2 weeks for A Dacey.**

Members agreed to meet at 2 Harwood Avenue at 2:00 pm on 21st June and were reminded to bring outstanding Overseas boxes with them. The July meeting date will be finalised at the June meeting.

**Joyce Fines - 01406 420160**



You are invited to a

### Parish Garden Party

**Sunday 16th June from 12.00pm**  
**The Vicarage Garden**  
**5 Church Street**

Bring a savoury dish, salad or pudding, a bottle or a carton, and a garden chair if you need one.  
*Trampoline and garden games for children.*

## The Saturday Gang



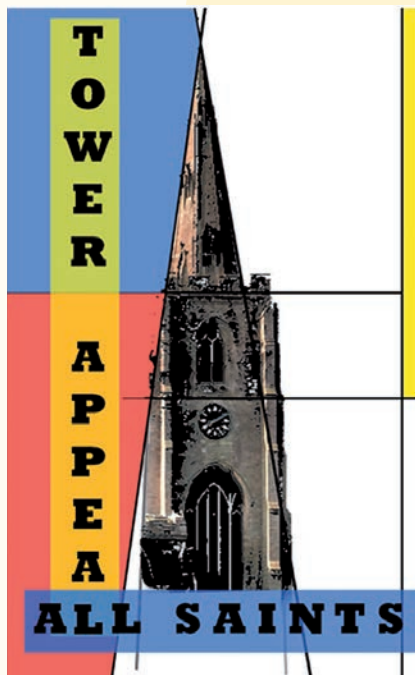
If anyone has a couple of hours free on Saturday the 8th June from 10.00am to 12.00 noon your help would be greatly appreciated with tidying and maintenance work mainly outside.

As mentioned before no special skills are required just a willingness to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in. Doughnuts and tea will be provided free to keep your energy levels up and if you have any gardening tools please bring them along with you.

We will also be meeting up on the following dates, **13th July, 17th August and 21st September**, if anyone is available for any of those dates you will be most welcome.

**If you need more information please talk to Mick Boylan**





Having been launched at the St Nicholas Fayre the Tower project is now well underway. £76 was raised at the 2018 St Nicholas Fayre from the sale of mulled wine and spiced apple punch, half of which was used as prize money.

A fund-raising target 'thermometer' has been purchased which is currently on display on the High Street entrance to the churchyard in order to keep the public informed of our progress.

The raffle at this year's Flower Festival raised £469.50 and the PCC has already put aside £20,000 from reserves to kick start the appeal so we are off to a good start. One or two individuals have also, very kindly, made specific donations towards the appeal, and Sara Williams ran one of her popular Sunday evening Quiz Nights at the Horse and Groom on 14th May raising a further £120.

The Tower Appeal fund-raising team plan to have a fund-raising event of some sort each month and would appreciate any help anyone can offer for any of the following events.

**14th June 6.30pm**

Sale of cakes at the Junior Choir Concert & Awards evening

**6th & 7th July**

Stall at Holbeach Food Festival – We plan to sell 'stones' for £5 each to stick on a giant scale diagram of the tower.

**19th July 2.30 - 4.30**

Mothers Union fund-raising Afternoon Tea at 2 Harwood Avenue – open to all (not just MU members)

**September** - Possible car wash by the junior choir on a Saturday morning

**October** - Light Party

**November** - Stall at Tesco

**December** - St Nicholas Fayre

**March 2020** - Fund-raising Ball at the Community Centre

We plan to apply for grants towards the end of this year with the hope of starting work on the tower in the spring / summer 2020 if we have enough funds.

You can follow our fundraising progress on the target sign in the churchyard and if you wish to donate you can place a donation in the safe at the back of the church in an envelope labeled tower fund, please gift aid this if possible.

**If you are willing to help with any of these events please contact:**

**Isobel Hutchinson – 01406 426882**

**Carol Hellen – 01406 362283**

## Regular Parish Events



*All Saints Prayer Group*

Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at the home of Pam Rix

9 Edinburgh Walk

**6th & 20th June**

**4th & 18th July**

7.00-8.30 pm - 01406 420417

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**13th & 27th June**

**11th & 25th July**

at 18 High Street

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

Sign up list at the back of church.

## 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

**June**

6th Nell, George and Queenie - lovely memories.

10th Phyllis Burton, happy birthday memories of a beloved mother.

14th Happy birthday to Cecily Taylor

28th Birthday Memories of Brian Bowell.

**July**

2nd In memory of Michael Gregory.

2nd Sponsor wishes to remain anonymous.

21st In memory of Stephen Dacey.

26th In loving memory of my husband Don, from Mary.

29th Jessie.

30th In memory of Frank Arnold.



## Kate's Licensing at Breadsall, Smalley & Morley



*Kate with Rosamund and Bishop Nicholas at our Easter Day Holy Communion this year*

On Thursday 9th May, 35 of us set off to Derbyshire in the late afternoon to support Kate as she moved on from being a much-loved Curate at All Saints to the next milestone in her ministry, as Priest in charge of her own parishes, and not just one but three sister churches coming together for the first time. A big challenge and a lot of hard work that we all know she will be perfect for.

We were most warmly welcomed by the churchwardens at Smalley, and given a cup of tea before the service began. It was a great joy to be in such a packed little church for a truly joyous service with some of Kate's favourite hymns and an inspiring sermon by Right Revd. Jan McFarlane

the bishop of Repton, who preached about bread, and our need to eat fresh bread daily, both literally and spiritually if we are to grow in faith.

The communities there have promised to look after Kate for us.

Those who stayed overnight, also called into the rectory at Breadsall for coffee the next day and confirmed that the kitchen is indeed very orange, but that the house is lovely and light and she and Tom have a nice big garden to enjoy.

For those who have asked, Kate's address is:

The Rectory, 57 Rectory Lane,  
Breadsall, Derbyshire DE21 5LL



### Junior Choir Concert & Awards Evening

**Friday June 14th  
6.30 - 7.30pm**

Come and listen to our Junior Choir as they share their many musical talents with you and get presented with their awards for 2019.

Refreshments to follow



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.

### From the Parish Registers

#### Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

**8th April - Jack Watson**

**11th April - Patricia Ahronson**

**29th April - Alex Buchan**

**8th May - Doris Smith**

**8th May - Susan Hall**

**13th May - Iris Godfrey**

**14th May - Terence Gosling**

**15th May - Rosemary Makant**

#### Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

**24th March - Lexi-Mai Patmore & Freddie Richardson-Smith**

**28th April - Joshua Powley**

#### Weddings

**23rd March - Joshua & Jade Pack**

**11th May - Huw & Laura Sharman**

## Responding to climate change together

The Diocese of Lincoln and the University of Lincoln are seeking to be leaders in Lincolnshire in responding to climate change through the staging of a conference focused on science and theology. The international conference, which is to be held on the 30th and 31st of August and 1st of September 2019 at the University of Lincoln and Lincoln Cathedral, will offer lectures, discussions and workshops with the aim of identifying responses to reduce human-induced climate change.

The conference will feature speakers from Lincoln, Polynesia, New Zealand and the United States, and will see dialogue between the disciplines of theology and science in seeking to reduce the size of the carbon footprint inherited by future generations. A further intended outcome of the conference will be the launch of an updated environmental policy for the diocese and details of processes designed to measure the effectiveness of actions taken.

Bishop Christopher has invited participants from Polynesia to tell their story of rising tides and severe storms. In looking ahead to the conference, the bishop has said: "Water can take life and give life. It is easy for us to lose touch with nature but the reality is that rising tides and tropical storms combined with drought and falling reservoirs leaves us with too much water and not enough water. In the UK we are somewhat shielded from the impact of such threats but places like Fiji and Tonga, which have endured immense changes in weather patterns, are a wake-up call for us all."

Bishop Christopher is hoping that as many people as possible will be able to attend the conference, and as well as the lectures there will be art displays, a market place showcasing the work of groups and businesses seeking to lower their carbon footprint, a dinner and a service in Lincoln Cathedral.

Speaking with regard to the new diocesan environmental policy, the Revd Richard Steel (diocesan Mission Team Leader) has said: "Our environmental policy will include commitments about how we run the diocesan offices and the use of glebe land, and it will encourage churches to take their own actions, as part of our commitment to the national 'Ecochurch' scheme. We will also be including a section detailing possible personal actions, with many practical suggestions.

"We believe that taking practical action in our care for creation is no longer a fringe interest for activities but rather a vital contribution that Christians can make to the future of this planet that God has given us, and a 'core concern of the Church's evangelising work'."

For more details, including ticketing information and speaker biographies, please see:  
[www.wateroflife2019.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.wateroflife2019.eventbrite.co.uk)

Enquiries may also be made by calling 01522 50 40 50 or by emailing:  
[wateroflife.conference@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:wateroflife.conference@lincoln.anglican.org)

The carbon footprint of the conference will be calculated and offset with a tree planting project in Lincoln.

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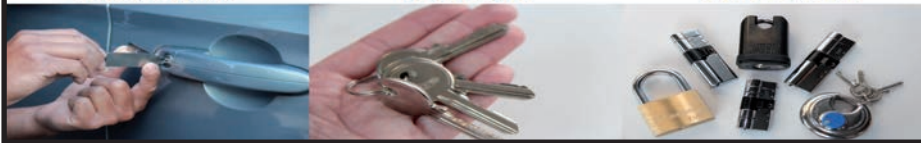
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