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### The Diocese of Lincoln

#### Dear Friends,



July in Greater Lincolnshire: sunshine and rain, holiday crowds and quiet places, a long-awaited end of term for some and an anxious anticipation of increased expense for others...

Whatever July might bring for you, we wanted to write to everyone as high summer begins to wish those of you who are able to take holiday a wonderfully refreshing time, and to hope that if you are not able to take a break for whatever reason you might still find some space to relax and to recharge a little.

We'd like to thank you, again, for your kind prayers and warm support in recent months, which we have both hugely appreciated. The situation as we write is that Bishop Christopher remains suspended and colleagues at the Cathedral remain stepped back as investigative processes continue.

Since the Panorama TV programme earlier in the year, in which the diocese was featured, our Safeguarding Team has been working hard to support survivors and victims, as it was before the programme was aired. The diocesan culture that we are seeking to build is one in which all people will feel increasingly able to speak openly, trusting that they will be listened to, and in which everyone will be treated with respect. We are on a journey and it is a demanding one, but we believe that we are headed in the right direction. Together we will work to build a church that is as safe for everyone as it is possible to be.

However you spend your summer, please know that you are in our hearts. Jesus invited his disciples to consider the birds of the air and the lilies of the field. He did this to try to draw them away from anxiety and towards an appropriately trusting and hopeful relationship with God.As God's people today, we know that we have much that might make us anxious or lead us to feel overburdened. However, we also know that there are many things for which we can give thanks and in which we can joyfully delight.

We hope that we might all be able to take strength from Jesus' teaching and from the example of his own life and ministry. May we, each in our own way, seek to be Christ to others and allow them to be Christ to us.

With our love,

+ Mildre Courthour

The Rt Revd Dr David Court Bishop of Grimsby Acting Diocesan Bishop

The Rt Revd Dr Nicholas Chamberlain Bishop of Grantham

## The Gathering

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The Fresh Expression of church which was launched by Kate as one of the Bishop's intentional evangelism projects last summer has continued to meet about once every 6 weeks on a Saturday lunchtime.

We have obtained a grant from the diocesan transformation fund of £500 towards the rent for the Reading Rooms and the cost of the food and between 10-20 people attend. We get to know each other over a simple meal and follow this with looking at a short bible passage and having a bit of a discussion. And this is followed by pudding and shared prayer.

Shane and Natalie Blanchflower have joined Kevin, Martin, Marion, Carol and I and between us we either prepare and serve the lunch or host one of the tables in order to help guide the discussion. The accompanying photos are from our July Gathering.





Our next one will be on Saturday 14th September at 12.00 if you would like to join us.

# Mysterious Markings in All Saints'

One day in July I had a rummage around All Saints' with two graffiti hunters, Stewart and Jonathan. We were looking for medieval marks left by tradesmen, stone masons, mourners, passing visitors and local well known folks of the past. Well-armed, with an I.e.d. torch and a camera, we found loads. Mostly they were in the stair cases of the North Porch tower and the main tower, but there were lots of markings also on the South Tower window cill, and Sir Humphrey's tomb. We saw witch's marks (to ward off evil) and mason marks. The former are a bit like W and are rumoured to originate in the cult of the Virgin Mary. The mason marks we found look like a triangle surrounded by 3 others. These may be signatures but more likely to be a bench mark, in other words, to show the stone is finished and ready for use. Then there was a circle pattern, and outside a couple marks that could have been Mass Dials. And we all know of the William Stukeley engraved into the stairs going up to the school room over the porch. There are several names and initials with dates, old and new.

Later on we shall record the details properly using the Lincolnshire Graffiti Group system. Hopefully the information can be included in a Church Guide and possibly encourage people to call into our Church on the Lincolnshire Tourist Trail A few pictures are included here.

Carole Williams



#### Saints for August - September by Kex Dean

### Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo,387. (27 August)

Monica was a citizen of Thagaste, North Africa, and a Christian from childhood. She was married to a wayward husband, Patricus, who after years of licentiousness and abuse was finally converted to Christianity at the age of 40. Her mother-in-law also lived with the family at Thagaste, and contributed to the difficulties Monica encountered there.

A devout and strong-willed woman, Monica prayed continually for the conversion of her three children, whom she brought up as devout Christians. However, her eldest son caused her most grief, rejecting the faith at the age of 17. Grieved by his behaviour and company she would ban him from the house. However, after a conversation with a priest, Monica ceased hounding her son to become a Christian and instead prayed continually for his conversion. When the son left for Italy (in the middle of the night so as to avoid his mother), she followed him, travelling through Carthage and Rome, eventually catching up with him in Milan, all the time praying for his conversion. There she came under the influence of Bishop Ambrose and joined his court. Her wayward son was Augustine, who would become one of the most influential and significant Christian theologians in the



#### St. Monica

history of the Church. It was through the teaching of Ambrose, and the prayers of his mother that Augustine recommitted his life to Christ. Monica arranged for her son to marry, but Augustine refused, deciding to remain celibate. On the return journey to Africa, after Augustine's baptism, Monica died. She was 55.

Augustine writes, "t hen we went in to my mother, and told her what happened, to her great joy. We explained to her how it had occurred and she leaped for joy; and she blessed you who are `able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think` For she saw that You had granted her far more than she had ever asked for in all her pitiful and doleful lamentations. For you did so and convert me that I sought neither a wife nor any other of this world`s hopes, but set my feet on that rule of faith which so many years before You had showed her in her dream about me. And so You turned her grief into gladness more plentiful than she had ventured to desire, and dearer and purer than the desire she used to cherish of having grandchildren of my flesh."

Augustine, immediately after his conversion – Confessions.



#### Ninian

#### Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c. 432 16 September.

Although a Briton by birth, Ninian had received his education in Rome, before returning to the Isles, and settling in Galloway. Ninian evangelized the district beyond Hadrian's wall reaching up into the region of the Picts (Forfar, Perth and Sterling). He also built the first known stone Church in Britain in 397 in Galloway and established a monastery in the area of Whithorn. Ninian was influential in the establishment and success of Whithorn as a base for study and spirituality for Irish and Welsh monks. As such he played a great part in the gradual move north of the Christian faith in the fifth century. There is a recognition that much of the success of Columba in establishing Christianity in the northern regions of Britain was down to the earlier work of Ninian. He was buried in Whithorn, and his resting place quickly became a place of pilgrimage.



St. Ninian

August Diary Dates					
Thursday I	2.00	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital		
	7.00	Prayer group	9 Edinburgh Walk		
Friday 2	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms		
Saturday 3	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR		
	10.30	Baptism preparation			
Sunday 4th Aug – Trinity 7					
Sunday 4	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	Lady Chapel		
	10.30	All-Age Worship			
	12.00	Church Garden Party	The Vicarage		
	6.30	Deanery Evensong			
Monday 5	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane		
	12.00	School Holiday Lunch Project	Reading Rooms		
Tuesday 6	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice			
Wednesday 7	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel		
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR		
Friday 9	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms		
Saturday 10	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR		
	11.00	Baptism Preparation	MBR		
	Sunday 11th August – Trinity 8				
Sunday II	10.30	Holy Communion			
	6.30	Deanery Evensong			
Monday 12	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane		
	12.00	School Holiday Lunch Project	Reading Rooms		
Tuesday 13	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice			
Wednesday 14	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel		
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR		
	10.30	Home Communions			
Thursday 15	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk		
Friday 16	10.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms		
Saturday 17	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR		
	10.00	Saturday Gang working party	Churchyard		
		Sunday 18th August – Trinity 9			
Sunday 18	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)			
	12.15	Baptisms			
	6.30	Deanery Evensong			
Monday 19	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane		

		August Diary Dates	
	12.00	School Holiday Lunch Project	Reading Rooms
Tuesday 20	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
Wednesday 21	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	2.00	Care Home Summer Church Service	
Friday 23	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
Saturday 24	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
		Sunday 25th August – Trinity 10	
Sunday 25	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 26	12.00	School Holiday Lunch Project	Reading Rooms
Tuesday 27	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
,	2.00	U3A Talk in church	
Wednesday 28	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Friday 30	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
Saturday 31	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
		September Diary Dates	
		Sunday September 1st – Trinity 11	See our Website
Sunday I	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	for latest Diary Events
	10.30	All Age Worship	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 2	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
	12.00	School Holiday Lunch Project	Reading Rooms
Tuesday 3	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
Tuesday 3			Patchett Lodge
Tuesday 3	2.30	Care Home Communion	Fatchett Lodge
Tuesday 3		Care Home Communion Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Tuesday 3 Wednesday 4	2.30		
	2.30 7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
	2.30 7.30 9.30	Ministry Team Holy Communion	The Vicarage Lady Chapel MBR
Wednesday 4	2.30 7.30 9.30 10.00	Ministry Team Holy Communion Tea & Coffee	The Vicarage Lady Chapel MBR Holbeach Hospita
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Wednesday 4 Thursday 5	2.30 7.30 9.30 10.00 2.00 7.00 10.00 6.30	Ministry Team Holy Communion Tea & Coffee Care Home Communion Prayer Group Community Larder & Cafe Junior Choir	The Vicarage Lady Chapel MBR Holbeach Hospita 9 Edinburgh Walk

		September Diary Dates	
		Sunday 8th September – Trinity 12	
Sunday 8	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 9	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 10	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
	7.30	Standing Committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 11	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communions	
	7.30	CTEE Taize Service	Lutton church
Thursday 12	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 13	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
	12.00	The Gathering	Reading Rooms
		Sunday 15th September – Trinity 13	
Sunday 15	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 16	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 17	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	7.30	PCC meeting	MBR
Wednesday 18	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 19	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 20	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	2.30	Mother's Union	2 Harwood Ave
	6.30	Junior Choir	Vicarage garden
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 21	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.00	Junior Choir Car Wash	Churchyard
	10.00	Saturday Gang working party	

	Sep	tember - October Diary Dates	
	9	Sunday 22nd September – Trinity 14	
Sunday 22	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 23	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 24	10.00	Bell ringing Practice	
•	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 25	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 26	7.00	Bible study	18 High Street
Friday 27	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 28	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	Sunda	y 29th September – Michael & All Angels	
Sunday 29	10.30	Morning Worship (CW)	
	4.00	Confirmation Service at St Mary & St Nicolas	Spalding
Monday 30	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 1st Oct	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 2	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 3	7.00	Prayer group	
Friday 4	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 5	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.30	Baptism preparation	
	Su	unday 6th October – Harvest Festival	
Sun 6th Oct	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Worship	See our Website
	12.00	Harvest Lunch	Diary Events
	6.30	Harvest Evensong	

#### HOLBEACH PRIMARY ACADEMY

#### The End of the Academic Year

As another year draws to a close, for some of our pupils it will be their first or last year at Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank Academies. This year as others has been busy with hard work, fun and successes. There will settling into new schools for Early Years and Year Sevens at the start of the new academic year and we wish them all a great start to 2019-20.

Summer Fayre - Was a great success with lots of parents staying after they had collected their children. They enjoyed the hoopla, tombola and lots of other stalls. The most popular attraction though was the teachers in the stocks where pupils had the opportunity to throw wet sponges at their choice of teacher. Mr Fiddler, Miss Penney and Miss Palmer were good sports and took part - thankfully the weather was lovely and sunny so they didn't take long to dry out !! Many thanks to all the parents, children and staff, for making it such a success.

#### Sporting Activities - On

Wednesday 10th July Holbeach Primary Academy hosted the Ultimate Frisbee Competition and despite the odd light shower was very successful. Seven schools took part, with a Years 3/4 teams and Years 5/6 teams. An inspired Year 3/4 team won all of their matches and to win the trophy and Gold medals. The Year 5/6 team won 4 of their 5 matches, but by scoring more points in their matches also secured 1st place, together with compliments from visiting teachers' on the quality of their performance.

Unfortunately we had to change the date of Sports Day because the horrible weather but finally on July 1st it went ahead. There was a fantastic turnout of parents, families and friends to support and cheer on the children. Congratulations to Farmer House (Yellow) who were this year's winners. There were only 7 points between 4th place and 1st, so the outcome really did go down to the final race.

**Residential Trips** - Our Year 6 children were fortunate to have the opportunity to visit Skipton on a residential trip. After an early start they arrived safely and enjoyed their first activity of canoeing. Plenty of wet clothes to bring home !! Day 2 saw another early start for a busy day up the mountain. The children navigated, climbed and abseiled on a rainy day but kept smiling.





#### Mini Police 2018/2019

This was the first year of the Mini Police program, which was formerly known as the JPCSO scheme. Nine Mini Police Officers were elected back in September and they have taken part in numerous tasks both in and out of school. The Mini

Police have worn their uniforms with pride on the playgrounds in school, they have helped dinner staff and children in day to day duties.

Their favourite duty by far has been the "Lincolnshire Police Fatal 4" task. This involved the children using the speed gun on Boston Road in Holbeach, assisted by the Police in a marked car, stopping vehicles that were speeding or drivers not wearing a seatbelt, and speaking to them about the offence.

Music Assembly - We have been very lucky to have had some exciting musicians visit us and provide us with some interesting assemblies. Travelling by Tuba featured weird and wonderful instruments from every continent. Feel the South American Samba Beat and the calming African Spiritual, New Orleans Jazz and British Pomp and Circumstance.

Executive Principal - Sue Boor Office - 01406 422397

# **School Trips**

- Years 5 & 6 had fantastic visits to the We'll Meet Again Museum where they LINCOLN

learnt all about the World War II, and rationing and got to hold some of the guns that were used and some of the uniform that was worn. Everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Year 6 Graduation - We held a special joint Graduation Ceremony for Holbeach Primary Academy and Holbeach Bank Academy at All Saints Church, Holbeach on Wednesday 17th July 2019. We were so pleased to see so many Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunties, Brothers and Sisters attend. It was a really lovely Ceremony. Our Year 6 Children shared their favourite memories of Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank Academies with us all and sang some songs for us. It was then time for the presentation of the Awards. There were Academy Stars, a Science award, Jeremy Meldey Problem Solving Award, Good Citizen Award, Creative Writing Award, The Norman Vince Award and Carole Kenyon Artistic

Award. All Year 6 pupils were also presented with a Leavers Hoody from their Academies PTFA. There were also celebratory refreshments and cake!

Many thanks to Reverend Seal for the lovely photograph you took for us.

Well done to all of our Year 6. We are proud of you and Good Luck in September!!



#### William Stukeley C of E Primary School

#### **Ducks & Robins Circus WOW day**



the children's Roll up, Roll up – The performance and Ducks and Robins behaviour was had a fantastic circus wow day where choir! they enjoyed making and eating popcorn, making a colourful

a used milk carton, exploring some circus equipment and the day was finished off nicely with film time when we enjoyed watching 'Dumbo'

#### **Junior Police Community Support Officers**

Our IPCSOs have had a busy time working with PCSO Naomi Newell this year. As well as helping to make sure our playgrounds are a fun place to be, they also

did a check on the speed of cars passing our school.

#### Year 6 Church Schools Festival

Pupils in Year 6 had a fabulous visit to Lincoln Cathedral to take part in the 2019 Year 6 Church Schools Festival. The day began with the opportunity to participate in various activities such as Big Art and singing. This was followed by a hugely informative tour of the cathedral. The afternoon concluded the events with a wonderful act of collective worship shared with the other schools.

#### **Music Festival**

On Tuesday 11th June, our school choir joined with six other primary schools to perform songs on the theme of Space at the South Holland Primary School Music Festival. They performed their own individual piece and then participated in a workshop with professional musicians



#### London Visit

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 had a tiring but amazing day in London! We visited the Natural History Museum and then went to the Apollo Victoria Theatre to watch

a performance of the musical Wicked! We all had a great time!

#### Year 6 Leavers

It is the time of year when we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. Our church service allowed us all to reflect on the successes of our Year 6 pupils and send them with our prayers and best wishes as they start the next part of their learning journeys in their new schools.

#### End of Year

We cannot believe how guickly we have reached the end of another school year. We would like to thank our staff and governors for all their hard work during the year that ensures that our school moves from strength to strength.We thank The Friends of the School and the many volunteers for all they bring to our school community. Finally, we thank our amazing pupils for their hard work and determination to meet every new challenge. We look forward to welcoming our new Reception children into our school when we return in September. Have a wonderful summer break!

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The Parish Giving Scheme was launched at our Sunday morning service on 12th 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.



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# Lincolnshire Churches Trust Sponsored "Ride and Stride"



This annual event will take place on Saturday 14th September, all around the county (and most of England, in fact.) and it would be great to have as many people as possible involved in one way or another.

#### What's it all about?

The event is a fund raiser for the Lincolnshire Churches Trust, which was founded in 1952 by Lord Ancaster and Bishop Harland to preserve and protect our churches. It is non-denominational, and will help any Christian church or chapel which is over 100 years old. The Trust is a vital source of funding to our lovely Lincolnshire churches for things like re-roofing and masonry work, and this deanery has benefited through grants given in recent years, so their work is very important to us – we may well need their support financially in the future. Each participating church keeps half of the money raised by its cyclists/walkers so raising as much as possible promotes the work of All Saints too!

# What happens on the day?

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.



#### How can I help?

If you would like to cycle, walk etc. round a few of our local churches, (or further afield) please ask me for a sponsor form or pick one up in church. There are many interesting churches (of all Christian denominations) on the official list to visit. Why not ask friends to take part too? (Please note that the Highway Code should be followed at all times, and that participating children should be accompanied by an adult.)

If you can't walk far or don't have a bike there are other ways to help, too:

• We need stewards in all the churches to welcome participants and sign their forms. At All Saints



we have a steward's rota of I hour slots – please see the list at the back of church and sign up if you can help.

- Sponsor one of our cyclists/walkers.
- Put up a poster in a window or on a notice board to help spread the word.

If you can help, even in a small way, please get in touch with me. Oh, and pray for good weather, please!

For further details go to http://www. lincolnshirechurchestrust.org.uk





# All Saints Ladies Group

#### All Saints Ladies Group met on Thursday 13th June & Wednesday 10th July.

For the Thursday meeting, we gathered in Church Street Holbeach at I pm to alight the Community Bus, which was driven by Michael.We were soon on our way to Norfolk Lavender, a look round the gardens and shops and afternoon tea. The weather was not desirable but with chins held up and an adventure to look forward to nothing like the pouring rain was going to put us off from enjoying our afternoon outing. On arrival, we were straight into the various shops, which kept us well occupied until 3 pm; then we met in the restaurant for an afternoon tea delicious. Most enjoyable to share tea with friends. Jean Dewhurst was thanked for organising the visit and Pat Duncan for arranging transport.

On Wednesday 10th July it was the AGM. Members were welcomed by Sharon Cole, apologies received and noted. Minutes from the 2017/18 AGM were read and signed as a true record.

Matters arising: Annual subscription to remain unchanged ( $\pounds$ 7) with meeting fee ( $\pounds$ 1).Visitors ( $\pounds$ 1) first two meetings then encouraged to join. Sharon thanked the committee for their support during the past year. Jean Dewhirst – Treasurer and Jean Vince assistant treasurer wished to stand down. Both were thanked for their work over the past few years. (Jean Vince was unable to attend the meeting our good wishes to be conveyed by Sharon.) Appointed committee for 2019/20: Leader Sharon Cole, secretary Rita Norris, Treasurer Gillian Temple, assistant treasurer Pat Duncan and refreshments Christine Reynolds. Patricia Ashley agreed to be Group visitor – (a none committee post).

Correspondence: A letter was read from the Snarey Trust Trustees with a request to consider changing our meeting night to accommodate Guide/Brownies use of the Reading Rooms for their weekly Wednesday evening meetings. Members had, where possible been made of this matter. After a short discussion, it was proposed our meetings take place on the third Thursday evening of each month starting on Thursday 19th September at 7 pm.A show of hands agreed.A request to the Snarey Trust for a few smaller folding tables to date has not been met. For the Groups future as much advertising as possible using press reports, posters and to investigate the possibility using The Voice local free paper. Thank you to Ashlings for including our bi-monthly reports. The committee will meet in July and begin to arrange a 2019/20 programme. We enjoyed refreshments of tea/coffee and cakes. The raffle was drawn.



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.

#### Mothers'UNION Christian care for families

Members did not meet in July as they attended Monica Venni's tea for the Tower appeal.

There is to be a quiet morning on Mary Sumner Day, Friday 9th August, from 10:00 am at Christchurch Dawsmere, guests are welcome to join us.

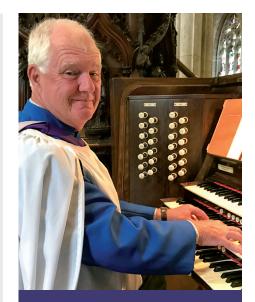
Our meeting on 20th September at 2:00 pm will be in the Mary Bass Room.

Jackie Sheldrake to arrange the Lady Chapel flowers during August and Joyce Fines throughout September.

Having counted the Overseas Collection Boxes, the Branch has been able to send £150 to the Mother's Union Emergency Relief Fund.

# Confirmation

The next confirmation service will be on Sunday 29th September at 4.00pm at St Mary & St Nicolas Spalding.We hope that one or two adults and a handful of our Junior choir will be confirmed at that service.There will be no evening service at All Saints that day.



# **Organ Restoration**

Following his wife Iris's funeral, in May, Clifford Godfrey has offered to fund the full restoration of the choir organ in her memory. This is a tremendous offer as it is something we would have been highly unlikely to fund in any other way. Malcom Spinks, who looks after our organ, has taken on the contract and it is hoped that the work will start in late August or September between the end of the wedding season and the start of Remembrance. While the work is undertaken we will probably screen off the chancel, use the nave altar and sit the choir in the front pews and use the keyboard to accompany services. Further details to follow.



The remaining dates for the Saturday Gang meeting this year are the 17th August and the 21st September. The following is a list of jobs to be undertaken by anyone who feels able to and would like to join in with the upkeep of our church. We meet from 10.00am until 12.00 noon during which time in order to keep your strength up tea and doughnuts are provided. If you have a couple of hours free and you are twiddling your thumbs thinking of something to do, come and join us, your help would be greatly appreciated. As mentioned before no special skills are required just a willingness to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in. If you have any gardening tools please bring them along with you.

#### List of Jobs For The Saturday Gang 2019

**1.** Print a copy of the history of how the model church was created, frame and fix to the display cabinet when completed.

2. Work on the north porch gates to be completed – may work on them midweek and paint midweek one gate at a time.

**3.** Leaves and weeds to be cleared from the slate border.

**4.** Clear leaves from and tidy the south porch.

**5.** Cremated remains area to be completed with slate and liner. Additional slate to be purchased to complete and top up.

**6.** Finish painting the church railings.

**7.** The floor at the altar should be cleaned with distilled water with vinegar added.

8. Michael Slater has volunteered to come in to clean the bell tower and carillon room with assistance from other Saturday Gang attendees. Face masks and gloves will be required to do this work.

**9.** Quotes for repairs to the MBR floor and lay new carpet. Ask Mary Bass to make a contribution.

**10.** Rope handrail for tower.

**11.** Mary Bass room upper side windows to be cleaned.

**12.** Re-arrange prayer books so that they are used more evenly.

**13.** Finish washing down the pews.

**14.** Woodworm to be treated.

**15.** A sign to be placed by the rose garden to explain the purpose of.

If you need more information please talk to Mick Boylan

#### Regular Parish Events



#### All Saints Prayer Group

Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at the home of Pam Rix 9 Edinburgh Walk 1st & 11th August 5th & 19th September

7.00-8.30 pm - 01406 420417 All Welcome



# BIBLE STUDY

Taking a break during August. Returning in September: 12th and 26th September

at 18 High Street (Home of Alan & Lynne Barkes) 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  $\pounds 1000$  a year to run the floodlights but for  $\pounds 10$  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

August

Ist - In loving memory of Doris and Cyril Wellington.

2nd - In loving memory of David Duncan.

5th - Birthday memories of George Hector.

12th - Maureen and Tony Howard, remembered for their love, laughter and happiness.

15th - Remembering the birthday of Jean Cunnington.

21st - In memory of David Walsham, 1976.

26th Florence Sheila Waters, in loving memory of a darling mother.

#### September

3rd - Happy birthday to Alice Taylor.

4th - Remembering Roger.

I 3th - Happy birthday to Hector Taylor.

26th - Happy birthday to Julia Taylor.

28th - In memory of Annette Walsham, 2006.

# A Thank You from Kate

I have put off writing this for because it seems so hirad -asit, 4 1 lept it, 1 still could sweak quietly back to the pers and slip into a Stall for Evensoring and no one would he the wiser.

But I am two weeks in now. 1 have had one gathered service and a Surday moving between the three Churches. I am enjoying the people, Slowly putting names to faces resisting bull on participation in all things and trying to Take things Steadily. I would like to be here ber the long haul.

I am writing to thank you all. For your gette training of a chursy Decreest Everybody at All saints church Currete, for exploring and preising Holheach. God with Met for your great generosit God with Met for your great generosity When I least . ( I am hoping to buy one OT phil Biggs' great skies because 1 miss them and the little prager desk is where I begin my days-knows allowing). Thank you So durch.

Thank you also To these who came To support the at the licensing. I hadit realized how much I would read people around we who trought (could do this thing, thank you also for your proyers and cauchs, for books, photos and of course my heantiful state. I will continue to pray her you always. love one another, support one arother (buy tains Traded Tea!) And as you and I are chrown deeper into christ & we will renown connected, AU blassings + with guite some sochers to by boother, late.





#### From the Parish Registers

# Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

26th May -Harvey Adams & Nia Hall

23rd June -Frank Ringer & Edi-Mae Seth

30th June -

Cody Goddard

2|st |uly -Elsie McPolin & **Oakley Whittenbury** 

# Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

24th June - Ivy sanders

8th July - Geoffrey Bassett

**12th July - Christine Gregory** 

# Weddings

Ist June - Daniel Andrew & Milena Heron-Cruz 20th July - James Hensey & Sally Kerry

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Dried Milk

• UHT Milk

Tinned Custard

Savoury Rice

• Tins Potatoes

Tinned Rice Pudding

Tinned Steak Pies

Gravy Granules

• Tinned Cold Meats

Noodles

• Jam

- - Shower Gel
  - Hand Soap
    - Toilet Rolls
      - Dog & Cat food

Pasta Sauces

Cereal

- Cup-a Soup
- Toothpaste
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tuna & Sardines
  - Washing Powder

## **Choir News**

#### **RSCM** Awards -

Congratulations to Dirk Reynolds, Jude Browes and Sophia Tibbs who all passed their silver RSCM awards with commendations. In recognition for their commitment the PCC paid their entry fee for these exams. They will be presented with their awards at the RSCM event in Lincoln Cathedral in October.

On an overcast evening on July 19th we held what has become an annual end of term event in the vicarage garden – the Choir BBQ. Barry dons his chef's cap and does a sterling





The choir busy in rehearsal for singing John Rutter's For the Beauty of the Earth for the wedding of a former chorister Emma Clayton.

job on the BBQ and we finish by toasting marshmallows round the fire pit.

This year, as last year, the rain held off for the cooking and eating and when it began the rain the adults moved into the kitchen and the Juniors carried on playing rounder and going on the trampoline in the rain and got completely but uncomplainingly wet while George and Alesha kept the fire pit going. A very happy evening and it is wonderful to see the way our young people get their own games organised and ensure that everyone feels included.We are so lucky to have them.

Photo: Barry manned the BBQ



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

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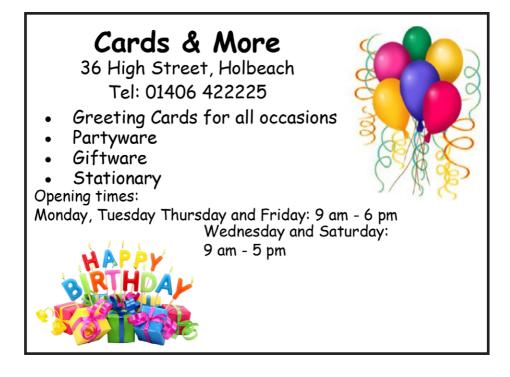
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