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The Power of Prayer

In May 1940 the Second World War looked soon to be lost by the Allies. Our troops were trapped between the sea at Dunkirk and the advancing Nazi army, and mass slaughter seemed inevitable.

On 23rd May the despairing King George VI broadcast a national call to prayer, and the nation responded: you can still see grainy black and white photos of queues of people on Sunday, 26th May outside cathedrals, churches and chapels, gathering to pray for a miracle.

A flotilla of boats set sail in the hope that 30,000 people, around 10% of the forces, might be rescued. Storms came out of nowhere and battered Europe so violently that the Luftwaffe were unable to take off. Meanwhile, in a decision which his generals at the time violently opposed, Hitler had ordered his advancing ground forces to halt. The English Channel later became as calm as a millpond, in spite of the nearby storms, with the boats carrying a total of 338,000 men to safety: British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Polish.

Coincidence? Or a dramatic answer to a nation's prayers? Churchill and the King obviously thought the latter, as a national day of thanksgiving was called, two weeks after the day of prayer, to give thanks to God for what Churchill called 'The Miracle of Dunkirk'.

In the Church today we have become very used to the idea that prayer is where we align our wills to that of God, that we change, rather than our circumstances. There is truth in this, but the other side is that the Bible and history are full of examples of God changing situations, not just people.

Our diocese needs the fuel of prayer if we really are to see lives transformed. We need the kind of desperate, expectant, faith which sees God actually doing things in our world. One way in which that is happening in our diocese is through our own praying community, the Community of St Hugh, which is to be formally launched on Saturday, 28th September. But wherever we are, let's cry out to God to make a difference, not just in our lives, but in the lives of those for whom we pray.

If you would like to know more about the Community of St Hugh, please contact John Leach via email (john.leach@lincoln.anglican.org) or by calling 01522 50 40 49. You can read more about what came to be called 'The Miracle of Dunkirk' in Pete Greig's book, *How to Pray* (Hodder & Stoughton, 2019).

FORTY MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

Feast 25, October.

A group of representative English and Welsh Roman Catholics who were martyred between 1535 and 1679; they were selected from 200 already beatified by earlier popes. The forty were canonized by Paul VI on 25 October 1970. Thirteen were seminary priests, ten were Jesuits, three Benedictine, and three Carthusian monks, one Brigettine, two Franciscans, and one Austin Friar; the remaining seven were lay folk, four men and three women.

Their remembrance and use for intercessions was spontaneous and contemporary: it is exemplified by a famous series of paintings in the English College, Rome, by Circiniani. This series included, by express papal permission, martyrs of England from 1535 to 1583, who were accorded the same veneration as that given to earlier martyrs such as Alban, Boniface, Edmund, and Thomas of Canterbury. The forty include those who were executed for refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy, or simply for being priests or because they harboured priests.

Lord we as Christians remember your dignity! As we became a partner in God's nature, we refuse to return to

the old, wicked behaviour; we remember the head and the body which we are members of, we remember that we were rescued from the power of darkness through baptism and brought into your light and kingdom.

ANDREW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR.

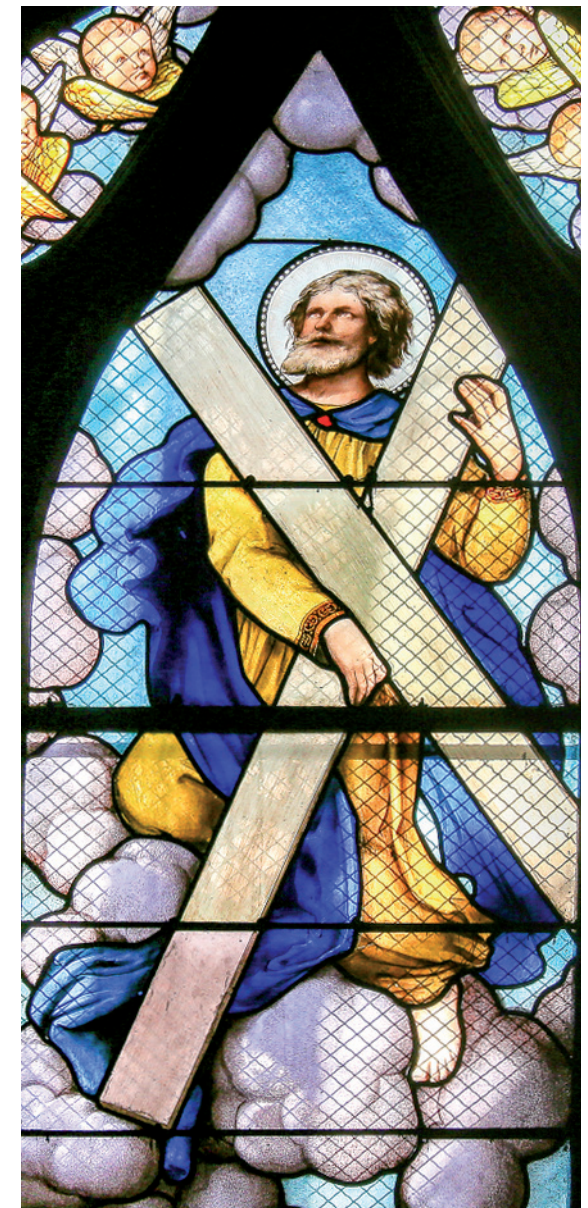
Feast Day 30, November.

Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter. He was a fisherman by trade, his home was at Carpernaum. He was a disciple of John the Baptist before becoming an apostle of Christ. In all the Gospel lists of apostles his name is among the first four; he is specially mentioned for introducing Peter to Jesus, his share in the feeding of the 5,000 and with Phillip when some Greeks wanted to meet Jesus.

It is not certain where he preached the Gospel, where he died or (even in Chrysostom's time) where he was buried. The most ancient written tradition links him with Greece: Scythia and Epirus both claimed him as their apostle, while Patras in Achaia claimed to be the place where he was crucified and preached to the people for two days before he died. An early medieval forgery attributed to him the founding of the Church of Constantinople. This claim was strengthened by the

translation of his supposed relics from Patras; it was intended to provide some counterweight to the more solid claim of Rome to possess the relics of Peter and Paul.

There was also a notable following in the West. His feast was universal from the 6th century; churches were dedicated to him from early times in Italy and France, as well as Anglo-Saxon England, where Hexham and Rochester were the earliest of 637 medieval dedications. Ancient legends include that of a journey to Ethiopia, preserved in the Old English poem 'Andreas' (once attributed to Cynewulf) and even more influential, that of a translation of his relics from Patras to Scotland. A church was built in Fife now called St. Andrews which became a centre for evangelization and eventually pilgrimage. This story, which survives in several irreconcilable forms, some of which suggest angelic intervention, is the reason for the choice of Andrew as patron of Scotland. (Andrew is also patron of Russia).



Saint Andrew depicted in the Church of Saint Severin, Paris, with his characteristic cross.

"Hello" from Sally Clifton

Hi to all the residents of Holbeach and the worshipping community at All Saints.

My name is Sally Clifton, feel free to call me Sall. I live just down the road in Sutton St James with my daughter Kirsty and our dog Bertie. Kirsty and I moved to the village on Friday 13th December 2002. It was pouring with rain that day, something the weather continued to do incessantly until the 30th January 2003 when the snow came – ooh for about a fortnight! At that time, I had 3 dogs that needed to be walked at least three miles a day, each, every day, and a baby in a pushchair. Kirsty was exactly 1 year, 1 month and 1 day old when we moved in. I wandered the wet lanes for several hours every day, walking my dogs and pushing Kirsty's all-terrain buggy (with baby), wondering why on earth God called me to this place. Then the sun came out and I fell in love with the fens. People came out of their houses (and hibernation) and talked to me. I love listening to people's stories so, in the months following, I learned a lot about village life and history.

After being widowed in 2010 I became churchwarden at St James and began to explore my vocation. As I was newly widowed it was decided that, for the time being, I should study to become a Reader. I was duly licensed in Lincoln Cathedral on my 51st birthday in 2014. I sent out emails to all my friends containing



pictures of me with Bishop Christopher under the heading 'look who came to my party!' Since then I have continued to study. I gained a degree in Theology, Ministry and Mission and then went on to study for an MA – I am in my final year. I love to learn; it helps me make sense of the Bible and I hope that I am able to help others to do the same. God's Holy scriptures still challenge me and the more I study, the more I realise how little I really know! I will enjoy hearing what your understanding is – you have plenty to teach me and I look forward to listening to what you have to say. My daughter Kirsty is in her final year at Spalding High School where she is studying RE with Philosophy and Ethics, Business, and English Language. We have very challenging conversations on all sorts of subjects and I am daily reminded of how much I still have to learn about life!

In my first summer in Sutton St James, out on one of my dog walks, I stopped to talk to an elderly gentleman who was waiting for the call connect bus to take

him to Long Sutton. There, he told me, he would pick up the bus to the big city. I remarked that Peterborough was such a long way for a bus journey. He looked at me, a bit odd like...



*Look who came to
my party!*

'I'm going to Holbeach,' he said. As he was in his late 90's and could remember the village before it had mains electricity and a proper metalled road to the village, I began to understand why Holbeach felt like a big city to him. So, when I tell you that I have transferred my ministry from Sutton St. James to All Saints in order to experience big city ministry you understand why I say this; I am not laughing at Holbeach, I promise.

So, as I continue to explore my vocation for the priesthood, and explore Holbeach (sans baby and dogs) I hope to meet you and listen to your stories. Although I don't need to know you in order to serve you, I want to know you so that I can serve you well.

*With every Blessing
Sall*

SOUTH HOLLAND SINGERS

Christmas Concert

7th December 2019
at Spalding
Grammar School

Harvest Festival Sunday 6th October

8.00am

Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am

All-Age Communion

12.00 – Harvest Lunch

in church – cold meats, baked
potatoes and salad followed by
fruit puddings £5.00 payable
on the day

but please sign up on the list
at the back of church

6.30 pm Harvest Evensong



October Diary Dates			
Tuesday 1	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	2.00	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	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
Sunday 6th October – Harvest Festival			
Sun 6th Oct	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All-Age Communion	
	12.00	Harvest Lunch	
	6.30	Harvest Evensong	
Monday 7	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 8	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
Wednesday 9	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
Thursday 10	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 11	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 12	9.30	Safeguarding Training	Reading Rooms
	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.00	Baptism preparation	
Sunday 13th October – Trinity 17			
Sunday 13	10.30	Holy Communion	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 14	10.00	Crochet & Knitting Group	2 Park Lane
	7.30	Elloe East Standing Committee	MBR
Tuesday 15	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30	PCC Standing Committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 16	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel

October Diary Dates			
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Small Saints Harvest Festival	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 17	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
	7.00	Holbeach Bookshop AGM	MBR
	7.00	Ladies Group	Reading Rooms
Friday 18	9.00	William Stukeley Harvest Service	
	10.00	Community Larder and Cafe	Reading Rooms
	10.30	HPA Harvest Service	
	2.00	Mother's Union	MBR
	6.30	Junior choir	
	7.15	Adult choir	
	7.30	Choir club	
Saturday 19	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 20th October – Trinity 18			
Sunday 20	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 21	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
	10.00	Harvest Donations sorting and storing	
Tuesday 22	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 23	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 24	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 25	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
Saturday 26	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	12.00	The Gathering	Reading Rooms
Sunday 27th October – Trinity 19			
Sunday 27	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 28	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 29	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30	Finance & Stewardship Committee	The Vicarage
Wednesday 30	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR

November Diary Dates			
Friday 1	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior choir	
	7.15	Adult choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 2	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
	10.30	Baptism Preparation	
Sunday November 3rd – All Saints & All Souls			
Sunday 3	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	10.30	All Age Worship	
	4.00	All Souls Service	
Monday 4	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 5	10.00	Bell Ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Patchett Lodge
	7.30	Ministry Team	The Vicarage
Wednesday 6	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 7	2.00	Care Home Communion	Holbeach Hospital
	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
Friday 8	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 9	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 10th November – 3 before Advent			
Sunday 10	10.30	Holy Communion	
	2.00	Civic Remembrance Sunday Service	
Monday 11	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
	10.45	Act of Remembrance	
Tuesday 12	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Beech Lodge
Wednesday 13	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
	10.30	Home Communion	
Thursday 14	7.00	Bible Study	18 High Street
Friday 15	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms

November Diary Dates			
	2.30	Mother's Union	MBR
	6.30	Junior Choir	
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 16	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 17th November – 2 Before Advent			
Sunday 17	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 18	10.00	Crochet & knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 19	10.00	Bell ringing practice	
	7.30	PCC meeting	MBR
Wednesday 20	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Mayfields
Thursday 21	7.00	Prayer Group	9 Edinburgh Walk
	7.00	Ladies Group	Reading Rooms
Friday 22	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	6.30	Junior Choir	Vicarage garden
	7.15	Adult Choir	
	7.30	Choir Club	
Saturday 23	10.00	Coffee Morning	MBR
Sunday 24th November – Christ the King			
Sunday 24	10.30	Holy Communion (CW)	
	12.15	Baptisms	
	6.30	Deanery Evensong	
Monday 25	10.00	Crochet & Knitting group	2 Park Lane
Tuesday 26	10.00	Bell ringing Practice	
	2.30	Care Home Communion	Nutten Stoven
Wednesday 27	9.30	Holy Communion	Lady Chapel
	10.00	Tea & Coffee	MBR
Thursday 28	7.00	Bible study	18 High Street
Friday 29	10.00	Community Larder & Cafe	Reading Rooms
	5.00	St Nicholas Fayre	
Saturday 30	10.00	St Nicholas Fayre	
Sunday 1st December – Advent Sunday			
Sunday 1	8.00	Holy Communion (BCP)	
	4.00	Christingle Service	

Holbeach All Saints Ladies Group

All Saints Ladies Group last met on Thursday 19th September, leader Sharon Cole welcomed everyone after the summer break and then moved on to the usual business items.

Sharon thanked Jean Dewhirst for her sterling work as Treasurer and welcomed Gillian Temple as the new Treasurer. For a trial period notes from previous month's meetings will not be read out but will be available to view throughout the evening and signed as seen. A copy will be forwarded to the Leader for matters arising at the next meeting. The new 2019/20 programme was issued to enrolling members. A variety of speakers and activities are arranged, including craft workshops, a musical evening, life of a local bobby and a cookery demonstration. Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 11th December menus available next month. Speaker, Dorothy Wood, was introduced and gave a fascinating talk about Hat Making from start to a glamorous finished article suitable for any special occasion.

The group is made up of ladies of all ages and denominations. We meet monthly on the third Thursday each month at 7 pm at the Reading Rooms, Church Street. Visitors fee (£1), prospective members are offered a warm welcome. Our annual subscription is £7 + £1 per session. So, if you feel like coming along, to

find out what we are all about, please do and of course bring a friend or two. Refreshments, tea/coffee and biscuits (30p) are served at the end of all meetings, which encourages a social time.

The next meeting is on Thursday 17th October 7 pm - Craft workshop card making by Jo Harvey. Then on 21st November we have a Musical Evening by Trudy Mason.

Leader Sharon Cole 01406 426568
Secretary Rita Norris 01406 423474
for further information.



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

Val Arnold, phone 01406 424503

The group meets on Monday Mornings 10.00 am at 2 Park Lane.

The Gathering

A Fresh Expression of Church



Our September Gathering was attended by 22 adults plus one young person. We heard the story of the prodigal Son using Rosamund's Godly Play kit and had some profound conversations about what it meant to be lost and found and the unconditional love & forgiveness of God.

Our next Gathering will be on Saturday 26th October at 12:00 pm in the Reading Rooms. 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, followed by pudding and shared prayer.

Shane & Natalie, Kevin & Martin, Marion, Carol and Rosamund between us either prepare and serve the lunch or host one of the tables in order to help guide the discussion.

Please do come and join us, bring a friend or neighbour, everyone is made very welcome.

Our next one will be on Saturday 26 October at 12.00 if you would like to join us.

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IN THE MORNING

WE WILL
REMEMBER
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A Service of Remembrance and Hope

**Sunday 3rd November
4.00pm**

All Souls Day

A Service to remember all those whom we have loved and lost.

All Welcome

If you would like the name of a loved one read out at the service please print their name clearly on the list at the back of Church.

Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 10th Nov

2.00 - High Street Parade

2.15 - Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

followed by

2.30 Remembrance Service in Church

**Monday 11th Nov 11.00am
Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**

Meet in church at 10.45am



A New School Year!

We have had a busy and exciting start to the new school year. Our new Reception children have settled in well to life in our school. They all look smart in their school uniforms and we are looking forward to seeing them have a fantastic year of learning. Our extension is now complete; it looks fantastic and blends in well with the rest of the school. We also welcome two new members of staff to the team: Mrs Steele and Mrs Griggs who'll be supporting children in Key Stage 1.

Oakham Castle Visit - Falcons and Eagles

On Tuesday 10th September, the children from Falcons and Eagles had an amazing day at Oakham Castle to introduce their topic on Anglo Saxons and Vikings. The children took part in a variety of activities such as Weapon drill training, making Viking bracelets and listening to the story of Beowulf. Throughout the day the children also had to work in teams to decide where was the best place to build an Anglo Saxon settlement, decide if someone was innocent or guilty in a trial and how to survive in Anglo Saxon times. It was such a fun packed day and the children learnt so much!



Friends of William Stukeley School

Friends of William Stukeley School raised over £10000 in the last school year. Thank you to all staff, parents, children and members of our school community who donated gifts/prizes, helped at events and for attending events such as discos and film nights. The money raised helped to fund: a sound system, new gazebos, book bags for new Reception children, the Year 6 Tallington trip, year books and the KSI Christmas party.

Minipolice

Our involvement with the national Mini-Police continues and we will be recruiting within Year 5 this term to work alongside PCSO Naomi and PC Tim Newell. Last term one of their assignments was 'Fatal Four' looking at how fatalities are caused on our roads. They were outside school checking the speed of cars and looking out for people on their phones or not wearing seatbelts. Unfortunately, they had to talk to some parents, so please remember to check your speed and put your seat belt on no matter how short your journey.



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Head Teacher -
Mr T W Emery



The start of the Academic Year

As another academic year begins we look forward to lots of exciting activities taking place. We are pleased to hear that our Year 7 Students from both Holbeach Primary and Holbeach Bank Academies have settled in at their new secondary schools and we hope that they will pop in to see us to let us know how they are getting on. It's always lovely to see former pupils and find out how they are getting on. A big thank you to Reverend Seal for the lovely photograph that she took of our Year 6 Graduation Service. We have of course welcomed our new Reception Children and they have enjoyed the start of their school life and of course a warm welcome to all new students that have joined us.

Holbeach in Bloom - The Results are in !!!!!

Again this year we have worked alongside the Holbeach In Bloom Team to work on a project that would involve staff, pupils, parents and relatives. Project Pond Life was born and what a difference it has made to our outside learning area. The ducks and chickens have a new environment and our children have somewhere that they can explore to discover all sorts of different habitats for creepy crawlies, bugs and plants. We have plans for a poly-tunnel so that we can involve the children in 'growing their own', so watch this space!!!!

We entered the East Midlands School Competition and were awarded Silver and were only 6 points away from Gold. Alongside the main competition we entered the special category of Best School Ornamental Garden which **WE WON**. A huge Thank You to Parents, Children and Staff for all of their hard work.



Executive Principal - Sue Boor
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Welcome

We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff, Mrs R Osbourne, she is Class Teacher over both of our academies. We look forward to working with her and thank her for all of her hard work.

We are also pleased to welcome the University Academy Long Sutton (formerly the Peele Community College) to the Lincolnshire Educational Trust. A lot of hard work has taken place during the summer holidays to improve the learning environment for the students and everybody is looking forward to a bright future for the academy and its students.

Harvest Festival

On Friday 18th October, we will be holding our Harvest Celebration at 10.30am at All Saints Church, Holbeach. We will be once again be giving donations to the Holbeach Community Larder and any donations that you are able to give are greatly appreciated. We do hope that you will be able to come along, enjoy the service and support us.

Open Mornings - We warmly invite current and prospective parents to our Open Mornings on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at Holbeach Bank Academy and Wednesday 13th November at Holbeach Primary Academy - from 9.00-10.30am and from 11.00-11.45am

Please come along and join us, view our pupils at work and experience our exciting curriculum. We look forward to you joining us. If you would like any further information, please contact us at:-

Holbeach Primary Academy -
01406 422397 or
enquiries@holbeachprimaryacademy.co.uk
Holbeach Bank Academy -
01406 423375 or
enquiries@holbeachbankacademy.co.uk

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

The 2019 Ride and Stride event for the Lincolnshire Churches Trust took place on Saturday 14th September. Truly blessed with the best weather we've had for the event in many years, fourteen wonderful volunteers set out on foot or on their bikes to visit churches in the East and West Elloe deaneries in order to raise funds for the Trust and for their respective churches. It really was a perfect day for us, and I was lucky enough to cross paths with many lovely people either stewarding churches or taking part in the ride.

From here at All Saints, Holbeach, I'd like to thank the following participants: Pam and Barry Lancaster, Neil and Matthew Simons, Geoffrey Gott, Joyce Hardy, Sue Sims, Mick Boylan and Pat Mears. Also very grateful thanks to the team of stewards who between them kept a welcome for everyone all day.

Thanks also to Doreen Mulligan, walking for Holy Trinity Catholic Church, and to John and Helen Rout, cycling for Moulton All Saints. We also appreciate the lovely photography taken by Mick & Sue, and thank you to Matthew for his separate write-up.



If you were kind enough to sponsor one of these wonderful participants, please pay them within the next month, so that I can deal with the paperwork by the end of October.

I'll give an update on the money raised in the next magazine.

Best Wishes
Kim Biggs

East Elloe Deanery
Organiser



Ride and Stride by Matthew Simons

I was very much looking forward to this year's ride and stride, as last year I was unable to participate due to the fact that I was recovering from a broken arm. For a nice change, the weather on the day of the event was rather pleasant, and so we were able to fully enjoy the day.

My dad and I started our cycle ride from our home in Holbeach and set off for Moulton Chapel. We went to Sutton Bridge via a number of churches leaving Gedney and Fleet for the journey back.

We enjoyed lunch with unicorns and supporters in Long Sutton. Unfortunately, both a pair of sunglasses and the sponsor form were lost in Moulton Chapel and Long Sutton respectively, but the latter was found untouched when we returned.

The Saturday Gang



The Saturday Gang met on Saturday 21st September for the last time this year.

I want to thank everyone who has joined us on our get-togethers since April to help with the upkeep of the church. Most people, I think, would agree that we have worked hard and done an excellent job. I would especially like to thank all of those who turned out on the 21st to help with painting the railings in Church Walk. It was the best turnout we have had in a long time. Margaret, Sue, Kim, Philip, Roger, Michael Barton, Nigel and James did a fantastic job on the railings. They all enjoyed it so much they suggested we all get together again to complete the task weather permitting.

For more information please talk to Mick Boylan

St Nicholas Fayre & Light Extravaganza

The 6th St Nicholas Fayre including a light extravaganza takes place in and around the church on Friday 29th November from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Saturday 30th November between 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. On the Saturday evening, there will be another opportunity to visit the light show.

Refreshments will be available throughout the whole event but there will be no craft stalls on the Saturday evening. We are looking to expand the light show this year with further details being made available nearer the time. However, in order to do this, we have been working hard to raise the necessary funds throughout the year.

On 18th October at 7:30 pm we are holding a further fundraising event - Wine Tasting at the WI Hall. We hope that as many people as possible will support this event. Please contact me if you are interested in attending.

Anyone interested in having a stall should contact Rachel Flood on 07880750060 or email her at: rachelflood451@hotmail.com

All other enquiries, including tickets for wine tasting to Jane Francis on 07909 682351 or email: janejanefrancis@btinternet.com



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With Amps of Oundle

In aid of St Nicholas Fayre
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or message 07909 682351

Organ Restoration

The organ restoration is well underway and so far, all is going to plan. The chancel is screened off, so here are a few pictures of the work hidden away from view.

Scaffolding has been erected and the choir organ dismantled. The board held by Malcolm Spinks, the organ builder, is covered in solenoids. There are 400 in total on several boards and all but a few of them are stuck solid. The blower box has been removed and sealed with duct tape ready to go and have all the asbestos removed from it. The work will continue until mid-November.



The work has been made possible by Clifford Godfrey who has funded the full restoration in memory of his wife Iris. We are very grateful for his kind generosity.



Care Home Ministry



Our annual care home and dementia friendly service was held in church on Wednesday 21st August.

Fortunately, we were blessed with lovely weather, which made for a very pleasant wheelchair walk from both Mayfield and Patchett Lodge, and it was lovely to be joined by residents and carers from Holbeach Hospital.

The theme of the service this year was 'the picnic', which was ably created and led by Lynne and Judy. Their talk was beautifully played out with the use of a picnic blanket and wicker picnic hamper packed with goodies, including a beautiful loaf of bread and delicious fish-shaped biscuits, made by Lynne, which were shared out to all. Everyone sung up really well to the hymns, accompanied by Kim on the keyboard.

Following the service everyone enjoyed a lively afternoon tea, provided by our volunteers, and a good old chat with friends both old and new, which

rounded off a very enjoyable afternoon for all the care home residents, carers and ministry team alike.

A big thank you to everyone who came and all the volunteers who helped make the service possible.

In Holbeach there are five Residential Care Homes, Patchett Lodge, Beech Lodge, Mayfield, Nutton Stoven and Holbeach Hospital, which is also a Hospice for those needing end of life care. The Care Home Ministry Team visits each of the homes once a month to provide a Communion Service with hymns, readings and prayers. If you would like to help with this ministry in any way you would be very welcome.



Regular Parish Events



All Saints Prayer Group

Meets fortnightly on
Thursdays at the home of
Pam Rix

9 Edinburgh Walk

3rd & 17th October
7th & 21st November

7.00-8.30 pm - 01406 420417
All Welcome



BIBLE STUDY

Currently exploring stories from
St Luke's gospel

The group meets fortnightly on
Thursdays at 7 pm

alternating with the Prayer Group
so that members can attend both
if they wish

10th and 24th October
14th and 28th November

at 18 High Street
(Home of Alan & Lynne Barks)

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

October

1st - Remembering David

4th - In memory of
Thomas Merrison

9th - Remembering the
birthday of
Evelyn Cunnington

9th - In memory of
John Henry Onyett

30th - Jean Kelly - birthday
memories of a much
loved mother in law

November

11th - Natalie and Steve
Storey - happy
Holbeach memories

12th - Happy birthday to
John Taylor

12th - Happy birthday to
Harry Taylor

28th - Remembering the
birthday of
Leslie Cunnington

School Holiday Lunch Project

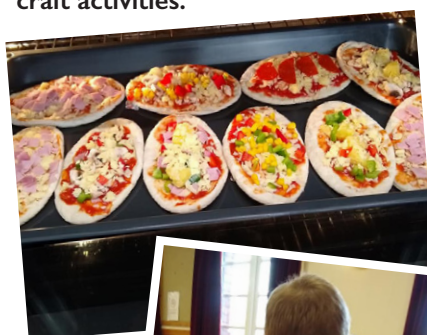
A wonderful team of volunteers came together to support the School Holiday Lunch Project with the aim of providing a nutritious lunch and some craft activities for primary aged children once a week during the holidays in the hope that we might target those children in receipt of free school meals who might struggle with food poverty during the 6 week summer holiday. The take up was poor – with between 5 and 12 children each Monday, but those children who came thoroughly enjoyed their time with us. The kitchen team soon got into the swing of catering and the children themselves helped by designing their own pizzas and making up their own Eton mess for example and they had some wonderful craft activities kindly provided by Sandra – they particularly enjoyed the junk modelling, the stone painting and the glass painting.

One or two families really benefitted enormously from what we did and all

those who came enjoyed it.

We need to research how best to help those in real need should we do the project another year and may just follow the most successful aspect of the way they did it in Boston by providing packed lunches for people to pick up and take away.

Thank you to George, Audrey, Jenny and Carole who staffed the kitchen, and to Gill, Angela, Sandra and Una who ran the craft activities with a bit of help from Pel on the door and to Chris who provided a number of Baker Ross craft activities.



From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the church family:

28th July -
Hallie Dunham & George Myles

18th August -
Robyn Holmes & Olivia Harding

25th August -
Esmee Griffiths & Arla Blakey

22nd Sept -
Jared Manning & Edward Cundy

Funerals

We offer our sympathy to the families of:

7th August - Derek Coward

16th Sept - John Retchless

20th Sept - Matthew Lancaster

29th Sept - Jean Seymour

Weddings

27th August -
Adam Straw & Emma Clayton

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| • UHT Milk | • Cereal |
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| • Tins Potatoes | • Toilet Rolls |
| • Noodles | • Dog & Cat food |
| • Jam | • Cup-a Soup |
| • Tinned Rice Pudding | • Toothpaste |
| • Tinned Steak Pies | • Tinned Fruit |
| • Gravy Granules | • Tinned Tuna & Sardines |
| • Tinned Cold Meats | • Washing Powder |

2019 Confirmation Service

**29th September
at St Mary &
St Nicolas Spalding**

Matthew, Tom and Lily from the Junior choir will be confirmed along with Neil Simons, Lauren Evans and Sally Clifton. Pictures in the next edition of the magazine!

Matthew, Tom, Lily and Neil attended a preparation workshop at which they made bread for our harvest service and learnt about the origins of the Communion service and how we celebrate it in church.



BOSTON WOMEN'S AID South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service

Once more our branch of the Mothers' Union will be making a collection in aid of Boston Women's Aid. It will take place the weekend of 16 and 17 November. Boston Women's Aid has been providing specialist domestic abuse services for women and their children for 30 years. This much needed service has expanded its work to include support for men experiencing domestic abuse. Hence the new name the South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service to reflect this development.

This year their request is for the following items

- Toiletries
- Cleaning products (NO Bleach)
- Boys and girls pyjamas for 2 to 10 years
- Christmas presents for ladies

If you are able to help, please bring your contribution in to Church on the morning of either Saturday 16 or Sunday 17 November. If you are unable to get to Church, please contact me and I will organise a collection. The refuge homes continue to be very busy with women and children in great need. South Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Service will be very grateful for your contributions as supplies are always in need of replenishment. If you would like to know more, please contact me.

Jackie Sheldrake - 01406 423458

Reverend Michaela Dean, Mothers Union Chaplain, enrolled Corinne Scott as a member. Corinne was welcomed by all six members of the Branch.

Members agreed, that as well as the collection for those who have suffered domestic abuse, they would like to fill a bag for those who have been rescued from slavery. This is a new Mothers Union initiative known as Clewer bags.

The annual Songs of Praise for the Deanery is at Lutton Village Hall on 12th October at 2:00 pm. This will be led by Diocesan Chaplain Rev Sylvia Rice Oxley and her husband, Rev Richard Rice Oxley. There will be a Raffle and Faith tea.

Lady Chapel flowers Harvest Isobel for Monica Venni and 20th and 27th Linda Beverley Stone. The next Branch meeting is on 18th October at 2:00 pm, the theme being Harvest.

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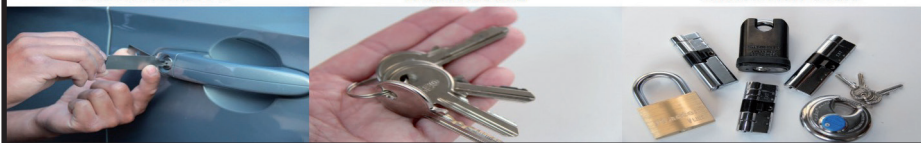
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