

## Order, Order

This year and next we anticipate that the number of people being Ordained in this Diocese will be in excess of anything we have known in the recent past.

But what are these people being Ordained for? Of course, each will have their personal reasons for seeing this step as one they must take on their journey with God. But Ordination as a Christian Minister is a public event which must be authorised by the Bishop and endorsed by the Church as a whole. So it is not simply about men and women fulfilling an ambition and achieving personal satisfaction. Indeed, some of the very best Ministers have been those who found themselves approaching their Ordination with a degree of surprise and trepidation!

Rather, the ministry of the Ordained must always be about serving others, and must never be simply self-serving in its motivation. It is about helping to open up to others that space which God clears for the transcendent and spiritual dimensions of our lives to be given the chance to flourish. As the Archbishop of Canterbury has put it, Ordained Ministry “opens a door into a place where a damaged and confused humanity is able to move slowly into the room made available, and understand that it is accompanied and heard in all its variety and unmanageability and emotional turmoil and spiritual uncertainty”.

This is a tall order, and such a ministry needs to be resourced by daily prayer – our own and others – regular times of renewal, rest and recreation. It is about creating an environment in which communities can access opportunities for times of penitence, thanksgiving and praise. If all Ministers ever do is lead worship, that is no mean thing.

Yet there always is more, because enabling people to enter the space cleared by God entails helping them to deal with obstacles put in their way by sin, society or circumstance. It is about celebrating times of joy and finding a way through dis-ease of body, mind and spirit. It is about ensuring that the door is never closed on God’s grace channelled through the Church and her Ministers into a needy world.

Be glad and grateful for those now to be Ordained, and pray for more to join them in this sacred ministry.

+John Lincoln

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### Copy Deadlines for the September edition.

Would all contributors please submit material by Sunday August 9? It’s early I know, but.....

On a minor note of style – please don’t use STRINGS OF CAPITAL LETTERS IN CONTRIBUTIONS. Our ‘house style’ usually avoids them, so they have to be stripped out manually before we send the copy off for typesetting. On the odd occasion we do need a line to be capitalised it’s much easier to put them in than to take them out when they’re not needed.

## Back to School



There was a time when as soon as the schools broke up for the Six Weeks, signs would appear in all the school outfitting shops and stationers, 'BACK TO SCHOOL'. It seemed a particularly cruel trick to those of us just freed from durance vile that we should be reminded that the new school year was nearer than we cared to think. August was, after all, all about forgetting the existence of September.

But the recharging of batteries was always to some purpose, for entering the new session at least theoretically refreshed and ready for the onslaught. Anyone who's been in teaching will know that there comes a point when the mind starts to turn to the new term, and to its possibilities. August becomes a sort of 'nursery' month where new ideas start to sprout for transplanting in the autumn.

And so it is here, too. As minds start to unwind, new ideas take shape and new possibilities emerge. This summer sees a number of new ideas and initiatives, and I ask you to keep them in your prayers as they settle down.

First of all, from early August, there will be a weekly 'Open Door' on Thursdays between 9.30 and 11.30. The thinking behind this project, based on, among other things, the Benedictine tradition of hospitality, is explained in a separate article.

We're also re-launching our children's work, with a new syllabus. Letters have been sent to St Peter's school pupils (as a church school we can ask them to send out church communications in a way which we can't expect non-church schools to be able to do), but it's open to any primary age child.

We're also re-thinking the pattern of weekday worship, and will be moving towards marking the 'red-letter days' of the calendar with a service, as well as introducing a Monday evening Eucharist at 7.00. There's already a tradition of a Monday Eucharist on PCC nights – it seemed to us that there might be a place for a service which wasn't hemmed in by other events and therefore could be quieter and more meditative, open to different ways of doing things.

## Bell Tower News



The St Mary's Ringers from Barton upon Humber, entered a striking contest held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at St Peter's Church, Middle Rasen, seven teams in all were entered, two teams from Barton 'A' and 'B', including some ringers who have not entered ringing contests before. The event was very well attended, and on a splendid evening we all tried our hardest to produce some excellent ringing.

Barton 'A' team consisted of - Ruth Kitching, Donald Kitching, Daniel Young, Joan Barton, Linda Howden, Neil Jacques.

Barton 'B' team consisted of – Susan Thompson, George Thompson, Geoffrey Bryant, Linda Bromfield, Rose Lennon, Andrew Groves.

Results: First - Market Rasen, Second - Middle Rasen, Third - Barrow, Forth - Barton 'A', Fifth - Grimsby, Sixth – Barton 'B', Seventh - Caistor and Grasby.

In the end the competition was too good and the 'A' team was beaten into fourth place and the 'B' team into sixth place, but the experience was good for us all.

*Breaking news*, you will have noticed that the Bells where silent during the last two weeks, well this weekend they will be back in service, thanks to all the hard work by the contractors, our Ringing Master, Roger Lord, Andrew Lord and Rose Lennon. The first ring should be on Sunday Morning the 12<sup>th</sup> July, and we all hope that we will be able to continue our Sunday morning rings with eight ringers to keep up the standard that we have maintained from the start of this year.

*Donald Kitching, St Mary's Bell Ringers Publicity*



## 7. NURTURE YOUR SELF IMAGE

A positive self image grows out of having a strong and honest character. To achieve this there are three qualities that a person should possess. These qualities are so important that they stand on their own as a commandment.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

EXCELLENCE

CARE

## 8. FOSTER TRUST

All relationships are based on trust. Have the discipline and decency to do what is right. Continually ask yourself, "Is this the right thing to do" Do what you feel is right regardless of peer pressure or personal desires or success.

DO THIS AND CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF WILL FOLLOW

## 9. COMMIT TO EXCELLENCE

Always give the best of your ability. No one can give any more than that. If you lower your standards you invite mediocrity into your life.

YOU CANNOT ALWAYS DO YOUR BEST BUT YOU CAN ALWAYS GIVE OF YOUR BEST

## 10. HANDLE WITH CARE

Treat others as you would like to be treated WITH CONCERN AND CARE

***Anyone can follow the above "Ten Commandments" but it is a personal choice. The only person that you can change is yourself. It is entirely up to you. The great thing is that we all have the freedom to decide what kind of person we want to be.***



The Bride and Groom leave the church after the Wedding of the year

There are a few other ideas in the melting pot, things about supporting prayer, lifelong Christian learning, outreach and so on, and these will start to take shape in forthcoming months. But as August beckons, perhaps we should learn to see it as a time, not for exhausted collapse but as the opportunity to let fresh thoughts and insights appear in our hearts and minds as the clean pages of September's exercise book wait to be filled.

Fr David

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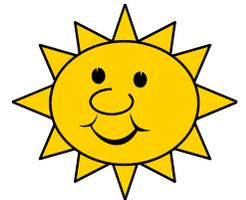
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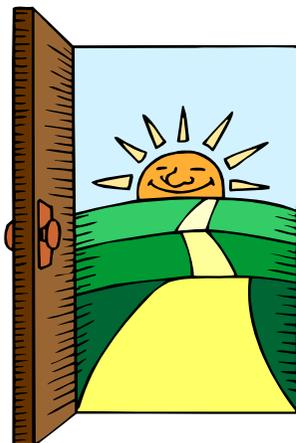
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## Open Door



The church is already open for visitors and we know that quite a number of people do come into the church during the day. What we're hoping to do is build on what happens already, but just extend the welcome a bit further.

The idea is that between 9.30 and 11.30 on Thursday mornings, starting on August 6th, the church will not only be open but staffed with people offering light refreshments (tea, coffee, cake etc). This will all be served at the back of the church, where a few tables will be set out, and it will be free, although we'll leave a box by the door in case anybody wants to leave a donation. That

way it should fund itself, although the cost is minimal anyway. All we need is tea, coffee, squash and enough energy to make a few cakes. On each table will be leaflets giving details of services/groups at St. Mary's and card and pens so that people can leave prayer requests if they wish. We will probably also add to the leaflets the information that members of the church are available if anybody would like to talk to somebody in confidence. (Kathy and I will be there on a regular basis).

While all this is going on, we intend to play music through the sound system. Since most of our visitors will be tourists who like churches, we'll probably go for the predictable Gregorian chant/Byrd masses at first, but if (as we hope) we eventually make contact with some of the mums who come down from Caistor Rd and hang around the town until they can collect their children from school again, we might have to play something a bit less overtly "churchy".

It's to do with hospitality and outreach really. It might be a bit chilly in the church in the winter but we can at least offer a hot drink to anybody brave enough to look round! As a working title we're calling it "Open Door" which does what it says on the tin and lets people know that we hope they'll come in.

*Liz Brown.*

## SCORE Weekend

Our thanks to all who supported the weekend, especially the coffee morning. The total raised for SCORE (including the baptism collections in July) is around the ?300 mark.

A number of people have asked for a copy of Graham Taylor's 'Ten Commandments' – so here they are:

### THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

#### 1. ATTITUDE

Your talent determines what you can do.  
Your motivation determines how you are willing to do it.  
Your attitude determines how well you do it.  
ATTITUDE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

#### 2. TACKLE ADVERSITY

Whether a person is at the top or bottom of any organisation they have to solve problems.  
No person achieves anything in life without overcoming obstacles.  
EXPECT THEM.

#### 3. SENSE OF PURPOSE

Stay focused on your original and primary purpose.  
DO NOT BE SIDETRACKED

#### 4. MAKE SACFRICES

You have to pay a price for success.  
DO NOT MOAN ABOUT IT  
Most losing teams/organisations are overpopulated with people who constantly complain. They draw your enthusiasm and energy.

#### 5. ADAPT OR DIE

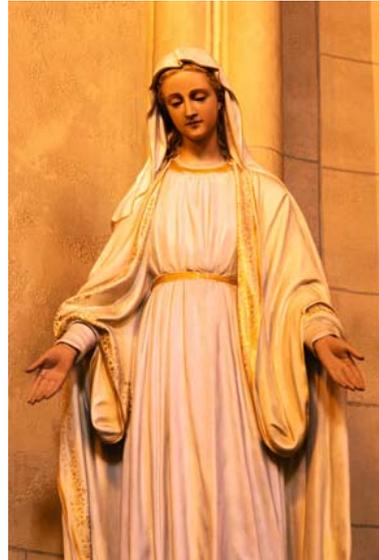
Embrace change as a fact of life. Your career is always in transition. When you reach the top there is still further to go.  
STAY FOCUSED ON THE BASICS

#### 6. CHASE YOUR DREAMS

Everything starts with a dream – it fuels your enthusiasm and vision. It gives you a burning desire to get up in the morning  
BELIEVE IN YOUR DREAMS

Christian belief that Jesus was the “human face of God”, the Incarnation. So much of Christian Tradition and Spirituality throughout the world keeps Mary apart from death and corruption. She needs no more discipline and preparation beyond “death”. Because of who she was and is she is in the presence of God.

The image of the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary gives ultimate dignity to the whole person. It redeems the body from the other ways in which the “flesh” has been regarded by the Church over many centuries. And, as in other contexts, the mind of the Church, including its moral theology, needs refreshing, and the Assumption refreshes it methinks! May I direct you to 2 Corinthians chapter 5: verse 4 to help you think about the Assumption. It does not have to be taken literally. We accept this with other aspects of our shared Christian Faith. But it does encourage us to think about and pray for the transformation of everything within the grace and love of God.



The Virgin Mary is very important to me. For me she is the first Christian to say “Yes” to God, not in submission but in obedient and loving openness to the Spirit of God. For me she is the first Christian Priest; the one who offered to the world the Word made Flesh. For me she is an icon as what the Church should be like. For me she is a powerful symbol of unity for all Christians who worship in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

It is the place and purpose of the Virgin Mary who has greatly influenced me to accept and believe in the Ordained Ministry of women. Over the years, like many men I have wrestled with this. However we would not have had Jesus without Mary. Every priest’s Ministry is so close to hers, and without her, the fellowship of Ordained Ministry that we share, is incomplete. And if we are happy to see the Virgin Mary holding up the Word made flesh portrayed on Christmas card and icon how can we refuse women the right to hold the Eucharistic Bread in fulfilment of their call to Priesthood?

*David Redrobe*

## Mothers' Union Notes

### St Benedict's, Lincoln — a date for your diary.

Saturday September 19th. 10am to 11.30am. Coffee morning to raise funds for St Benedict's, the centre run by Lincoln diocese MU members to provide a welcome break for shoppers in Lincoln away from the hustle and bustle of the precinct. Gifts for the cake stall and tombola will be gratefully appreciated.

### June 17th

Our meeting was opened by Sheila welcoming everyone, especially our speakers Mike and Margaret Searle and giving apologies for those members unable to attend. We sang “For the Beauty of the Earth” and Mike read the bible passage about the Last Supper, this being appropriate to their talk on Home Ministry . Sheila then said prayers and gave out notices before passing over to Mike.

Mike and Margaret use readings appropriate to the person whose home they are visiting to give communion. To be able to distribute communion, permission has to be received from the Bishop upon application from the local priest which is renewed every 5 years. St Mary's have been administering home communions for the last 25 years: Mike, Margaret and Peter Large administer home communion with back up from the clergy. The reserved sacrament from the usual services and stored securely in the Aumbry (*by St. Thomas' Altar – Ed.*).

Margaret said what a privilege and pleasure it is to be able administer home communions. Whilst they were both working this was done straight after the Sunday service; now they are able to do this on a Thursday morning. Short prayers are said before going out to administer communion to members of the church. The sick and housebound show a deep faith and closeness to God. All visits are prearranged and are flexible over 2 days. Communion services are held at St Peters Court and Victoria House.

Margaret said it is a meaningful time for all. After a few stories (some funny) from Mike and Margaret we went briefly through the

order of service. Mike and Margaret were thanked by Beryl for a humbling, interesting, wonderful talk, saying what a privilege and honour it must be for both of them.

*August — No Meetings*

Flowers: August 14 - Brenda Skinner  
August 28 - Brenda Skinner

Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 am Eucharist. Reader — *Auriol Trubshaw*.  
Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm Speaker: Mavis Silley — MU Literature.  
Reader & vote of thanks - Brenda Skinner.  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.00pm Prayer Time: Brenda Skinner (*in St James Chapel*).

Flowers Sept 11- Carolyn Smith.  
Sept 25 - Janet Petch.

*Will all members please check the MU notice board at the back of church for information.*

**A big thank you** to everyone who helped me to celebrate my 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday on the 11<sup>th</sup> (and 12<sup>th</sup>) of July. It was a wonderful weekend - with my family on the Saturday and at St. Mary's on the Sunday, with my 'second family'. It is good to have my birthday on St. Benedict's day each year and also to share it with Fr. David, for this was the day he was licensed at St. Mary's four years ago. To have the Church bells ringing again after the repair was indeed the icing on the cake!

Many thanks to you all  
Val Duker



earth..." Intercession is not about being thankful, or praying for ourselves – that is Petition. Intercession is expressing, in love, our concern for the needs of others, no matter who they are.

Oh yes! We drink tea and coffee and eat other peoples' chocolate cake and biscuits. One evening someone brought a huge plate of sandwiches! And we talk with our mouths full! So do come, and if the house can't cope with numbers we may have to form another group. That's Church growth for you! The next meeting will be on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm.

*David Redrobe*

## **Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal 2009**

We are in the middle of the season for outings to the seaside and to places with tempting stalls and markets, so - don't forget to scan those bright shops and stalls for suitable toys and other small items (soaps? face flannels? colouring books and crayons?) to put in your shoe boxes this year. Don't forget that warlike items such as toy soldiers and also marbles (potential sling shot?) are banned. The 2009 leaflets giving the usual precise instructions about the boxes will be available by the end of the summer holidays.

*Rosemary Lamert*

## **The Blessed Virgin Mary (15<sup>th</sup> August)**

We believe that the Christian life is for learning about the meaning of faith and love in the context of the Christian Faith. We are not really given much time to do this, so our expectation is that there will be greater opportunity as we experience faith and love in all its fullness beyond what we call death. Of course, at this point myth, symbol, imagination, anticipation and hope come into play. We run out of words because the mysteries of God ultimately are beyond words and something else has to take their place otherwise what is the point of it all?

Two Old Testament "dreams" fascinate me. Elijah and Enoch transcend death and are taken into the presence of God. These dreams seem to have influenced the imagination of early Christians as they sought to come to terms with the Mother of Jesus after her "death". We cannot exclude her from our Worship, our Thanksgiving and Intercession, because of who she was and the integral part that she played in the birth of the fundamental

## The Prayer and Reflection Group

In our home there is a “little and large” version of the famous icon by Rublev. It has had various titles, one of which is “The Hospitality”. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are seated together in love, around a table. On it is a white cloth and a chalice. They sit, turned to one another, sharing understanding looks, held together in peace and unity. It is a most profound icon which deserves much reflection.

It reminds us as people with homes, belonging to the Church, that Christian hospitality is very important. This hospitality can become one of the “resting places” mentioned in the Fourth Gospel.

So I would like to renew our invitation to come and rest awhile in the hospitality of what we call “The Prayer and Reflection Group”, which, whenever possible, meets on the first Monday of each month in our home, 82, West Acridge.

You will receive a warm welcome. It is not a “holy club”, like some organisations I could mention! There is no register or roll call and you don’t have to send apologies for absence if you cannot come to it.

Come just as you are even though you may not have a Ph.D. in Prayer and Spirituality! If you are the sort of person who says, “O God, I cannot pray!” great! The group needs people like you, just as it needs the curious, and those who have been put off by “prayer meetings” whose liturgical content is usually limited to “We just want to Lord, we really do”, as though the good Lord doesn’t know what we are trying to do! We do not bash at the gates of heaven trying to get God’s attention. So what do we do?

I believe that deep down in the centre of each one of us there is a conversation going on between the Spirit of God and our spirit. Prayer is seeking to listen in on that conversation, bearing in mind that primarily prayer is for God’s benefit. In order to listen we need to shut up and create a silence. God is a real gentleman! He won’t interrupt until we stop talking!

So we create silences for each other. We listen to music. We listen to each other in quiet conversation. We listen to the Scriptures. In our prayers we seek to listen to God. We share Orders of Evening Prayer that are not authorised by the Church of England but which seem to be perfectly acceptable! That is because they are in safe hands! Because we are not a club we also have prayers of Intercession which reflect the world in which we live; prayers influenced by “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on

## Thought for the Day

This popular ‘spot’ may finally be opened up to ‘minor’ religions and non-religious contributors.

The news comes after a number of campaigns for the two and a half minute section of the Today programme on Radio 4 to be changed.

Mark Damazer, Controller of Radio 4, said yesterday that he regarded the allowing of non-religious perspectives as a “finely balanced argument”. Speaking on Feedback, the station’s forum for listeners’ opinions, he said that the Trust was discussing the future of the slot. “They may well suggest . . . that we should take in a wider range of voices,” he said.

The trust will consider whether the benefits of including secular views outweigh the “distinctiveness that the slot gets from being faith-based”.

It agreed to review the section after receiving representations from listeners and secular organisations and will announce its decision in the autumn.

## News from Ropery Hall

After an all too brief summer lull, The Ropewalk is gearing itself up for a full programme of events in the autumn at Ropery Hall and at Ropewalk Contemporary Art & Craft.

At Ropery Hall one of the undoubted highlights is the visit of Mr Film Night himself, Barry Norman, who will be appearing on stage on Friday, October 9, talking about the icons of the silver screen - and why not – memoirs of a film lover. And on Saturday, November 28, that original grumpy old man, Arthur Smith, will be doing what he does best – making people laugh.

The full programme will be out shortly and, when launched, available to view on [www.the-ropewalk.co.uk](http://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk).

## Garden Party

Our thanks to the many people involved in organising what has to have been one of our best garden parties ever. Particular thanks are due to the Lawlesses for offering us their



wonderfully upgraded garden, but we're also indebted to Martin Reed for his help with moving things around, to Julia Tyson and her children and helpers for the dancing, and to Auriol and all the Social Committee for putting things together for the day.

We also offer our sincere thanks to the generous gifts of raffle prizes which were made by the Barton Shopping Centre, Greendale Florists, Bensons, Tastee Foods, Crisp & Fresh, Partners Tea Rooms & Curtis Hair Studio. It was most kind of them all, especially at this time of belt-tightening, and we at St. Mary's thank them all again.



## Donations for Church flowers

A donation has been received in loving memory of Don. Broughton

*Shirley Creasey*



## Parish Registers

### Baptisms:

**July 12** Eve Mae Schultz, daughter of Tracy Beverley Lyons & Kirk Schultz.

**Charlie Mason Lunn**, son of Nicola Jayne & Andrew John Lunn.

**July 19** Amy Nicole Rawson, daughter of Victoria Sagar & Barrie Mario Rawson.

**Leah Nicole Smales**, daughter of Gemma Louise & Nikky Smales.

### Marriages:

**July 18** Ian Peter William Wilson and Julia Marie Tyson.

### Funerals:

**July 14** Leslie Barrie Ailsby

**July 17** Helen Bashall.

**July 28** Vera Atkin.

## Residential Home services in August

Willows Service will be at 2-30pm on 2nd August. The others will recommence in September--times to be advised later.



was also impressed by the number of members which stands at 104 and the fact that we have a waiting list!!! The group fulfils a need in the town and surrounding villages.

Apologies were received from Anne Chapman, Kath Lambert and Jean Barley.

Pauline gave a report on the last Years' meetings.

The treasurer gave her report and it was interesting to learn that the group had given over one thousand pounds in donations and spent nearly four thousand pounds eating meals in or out!!!! The committee was duly elected with Pauline Chapman as Leader, Angela Duke, secretary, Kath Smith as treasurer and Sue Wright, Roseanne Crowder, Carole Cooke, Kathy Clapson, Glenda Stanley, Jill Fraser as committee members.

A cheese and wine supper followed the meeting and raffle prizes were won by Celia Atkinson, Margaret Searle, Sheila Tilley and Eileen Oliver.

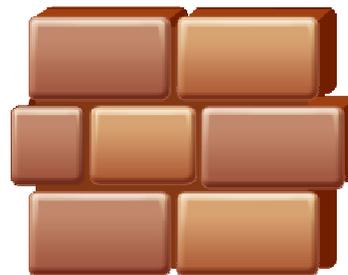
S.W.

### ***The True Meaning of Life - The Dalai Lama, 2009***



“ We are visitors on this planet.  
We are here for ninety  
or one hundred years  
at the very most.  
During that period,  
we must try to do something  
good, something useful,  
with our lives.  
If you can contribute to other  
people’s happiness, you will  
find the true goal,  
the true meaning of life.”

## **Wall of Life**



Church leaders and members are among those giving enthusiastic support to the new Wall of Life initiative, an interactive campaign across the UK by the NHS Blood and Transplant service.

The Anglican Bishop of Southwark, Tom Butler and the new Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, Vincent Nichols are among those who have publicly backed the life-saving campaign, launched officially at the end of June 2009 and now gaining momentum through media and

government advertising.

Wall of Life (<http://www.walloflife.org.uk/>) aims to promote awareness of and support for organ donation to boost the number of people joining the National Health Service organ donor register.

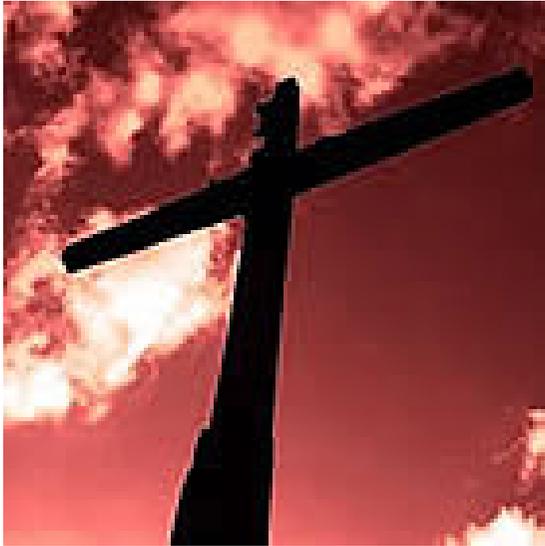
Wall of Life is based around an online mosaic created from people's photos posted on the site to show their support for organ donation. The photos combine into an image of two-year-old Louisa McGregor-Smith, whose life was saved by a heart transplant in 2007 at just five months of age. Around 62,000 people need to upload their photos onto the Wall to build Louisa's image.

Those joining Wall of Life can then pass details to their friends and families to download a personalised widget on their social profiles and websites, spreading the message across social networks.

Wall of Life is part of a national campaign to highlight the constant need for organs in the UK.

More than 10,000 people currently need a transplant operation, of whom 1,000 - three a day - will die before an organ becomes available, say experts. However, reasons ranging from complacency to superstition or anxiety may dissuade people from signing up as donors and there has been public debate about whether an opt-in or opt-out system is best.

To sign up and get more information, go to: <http://www.walloflife.org.uk/>



## Methodists and the BNP

**The Methodist Church** has become the first major denomination in the UK to ban all its members from joining the British National Party (BNP). A resolution passed by the annual Methodist Conference declared that “No member of the Church can also be a member of a political party whose constitution, aims or objectives promote racism. This specifically includes, but is not solely limited to, the British National Party”.

The news follows a similar ban on Church of England clergy, but the Methodists have gone much further, saying that no-one can even be a member of the Church while also belonging to the BNP.

“We must be clear that racism is a denial of the Gospel” said Rev Sylvester Deigh, who proposed the motion. “An openness to all people, regardless of nationality, is at the heart of Methodist identity” he continued.

The BNP have in recent months attempted to appeal to Christian voters, claiming to be protecting the UK’s “Christian heritage”. They have fielded the Rev Robert West as their candidate for the Norwich North by-election on 23rd July, though he has failed to make clear in which church he has been ordained.

## Ladies’ Group

Ann Barnes, who has spoken at our group before, gave a demonstration of ‘Dressing the Victorian Table’. An expert flower arranger and teacher she began by showing us a beautiful Victorian lace shawl modelled by Elizabeth Elliot (chosen because she had won a recent flower arranging competition at Newark Show) and how ladies would always wear a corsage- on the chest for a lady or the waist for a young girl. More ample ladies would wear a ‘bosom bottle’ in their cleavage in which to place the flowers!!! Also she showed us a typical evening purse in which to carry ones smelling salts, silver pencil and dance card and also a painted silk fan with ivory spindles and embroidered kid gloves.

The head gardener was responsible for the table decorations and the ‘pot boy for supplying him with all his pots in the garden. He was the lowest of the low being fed the food the other servants did not want and often living in the potting shed.

Her first arrangement designed by Mrs. Beeton consisted of peacock feathers and lace favours using an ‘lurn’( a-tall vase consisting of tiered small glass flutes on a central stem) This was the surrounded by lemons, limes and grapes which would have been grown in the hot house.

Anne then continued to assemble three further table centres which one would certainly not be able to see the other side of the table through!! They all used foliage from the garden and were raised up high on Victorian glassware usually on stems, a lot of which we all recognised from our grandmother’s pantry regret parting with thinking they would never be used again. They were then completed with fruits or cakes or sugared almonds and one even had a pineapple as its centrepiece. Throughout the demonstration Anne talked about Victorian ways including how they used twigs or stones instead of ‘oasis’ or anecdotes of her visits to the Chelsea flower show. Most impressive was how she knew all the names of the flowers. This was a superb evening and Anne was thanked by Sue Wright. Shirley Smithson won the pineapple arrangement raffle prize.

June is the month when we have our A.G.M. and this was chaired by our Curate, Kathy Colwell. In her opening remarks she thanked the group for their hospitality inviting her to the Harvest Supper when she began her ministry here and making her feel welcome in the Parish. Also, on behalf of the Clergy and congregation, for all the things the group has contributed to the church such as the fine altar cloth and pulpit fall. She

## Never Give Up - The Dalai Lama, 2009.



“No matter what is going on,  
never give up.  
Develop the heart.  
Too much energy in your country  
is spent on developing the mind  
instead of the heart.  
Develop the heart.  
Be compassionate,  
not just to your friends,  
but to everyone.  
Be compassionate.  
Work for peace  
in your heart and in the world.  
Work for peace.  
And I say again,  
Never give up.  
No matter what is happening,  
no matter what is going on around you,  
Never give up.”

## In a packed programme.....



Garden party in the sun

A full write-up would fill the magazine! But some photos might give a flavour of the last few weeks. Several have been suggested for a caption competition, but the Editor's nerve didn't (quite) hold – yet! More can be found on the Barton Blog – start at <http://bartonuponhumber.blogspot.com/2009/07/st-marys-church-garden-party.html> and navigate your way around from there.

July's been quite a month – a fine warm day for the garden party in the delightful surroundings of a Barton walled garden, the Wedding of the Year as Julia and Ian 'tied the knot' to the accompaniment of our refurbished bells, and the unpredictability of the attenders at the pet's service (not to mention Arts Week and Bike Night) have made for a most entertaining time.



Wedding of the year

## August Diary

*This year there will be a 6pm service of Evening Prayer on all the Sundays of August.*

*Please note there is no Tuesday evening Eucharist until September 8<sup>th</sup>.*

### August 2<sup>nd</sup> - Trinity 8

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
2.30 pm Service at the Willows.  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Mon. 3 10.15 am Toddler Time.  
Wed. 5 9.30 am Said Eucharist  
Thu 6 9.00 am Said Eucharist (The Feast of the Transfiguration).  
9.30 -11.30 Open Door (see article)

### August 9<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 9

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
4.00 pm Baptisms.  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer.

Mon. 10 9.30 am Staff meeting.  
10.15 am Toddler Time.  
Tue. 11 Youth Group visit to Walsingham.  
Wed. 12 9.30 am Said Eucharist.  
Thu 13 9.30 -11.30 Open Door

### August 16<sup>th</sup> - The BVM

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer.

Mon. 17 10.15 am Toddler Time.  
Home Communion at St. Peter's Court (10.15) & Victoria House (11.00).  
Wed. 19 9.30 am Said Eucharist.  
Thu 20 9.30 -11.30 Open Door

### August 23<sup>rd</sup> - Trinity 11

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer.

Mon. 24 10.15 am Toddler Time.  
Wed. 26 9.30 am Said Eucharist.  
Thu 27 9.30 -11.30 Open Door

### August 30<sup>th</sup> - Trinity 12

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer.

Mon. 31 Bank Holiday.  
Wed. Sep 2 9.30 am Said Eucharist.  
Thu 3 9.30 -11.30 Open Door.

### Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - Patronal Festival.

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
11.15 am Sunday Club.  
6.00 pm Festal Evensong.

*Morning Prayer is usually said at 9am Monday-Friday in the St. James' Chapel.*

## Ordination of Kathy as Priest

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Lincoln Cathedral

Tickets for the coach to Kathy's ordination are on sale from Alan from July 1st at £5 on a first-come-first-served basis. The coach will leave St. Mary's at 8.45am, and leave from the Cathedral at about 12.45pm, depending on the length of the service. There *will* be services at 8.00 am, and at 6.00 pm but there will be no 9.30 — we do encourage members of St. Mary's to come and support Kathy.

She will preside at the Eucharist for the first time on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm.