

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY

By the time you read this I might just be getting used to wearing a dog collar and being smiled at in the street by people I don't know. There's something rather strange about staying in the same place, seeing the same people and yet everything seeming very different. But maybe that's only surprising if we expect to encounter God in special situations and not in the everyday business of our daily lives.

Over the past few weeks I've thought quite a bit about the way God takes hold of the ordinary and transforms it into something quite different. Perhaps it's no accident that most ordinations take place right in the middle of what we call "ordinary time" - that vast expanse of green vestments and no special occasions. Just when the Church's year has become ordinary, God does something quite extraordinary in the lives of men and women who have the privilege of serving the Church in ordained ministry, and no matter whether we're ordained or not, there's a message there for all of us.

Whatever our situation, we don't have to look beyond it to encounter God, because God is present in every moment of even the most routine day. What transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary isn't a blast of spiritual fireworks, but taking the time to discern the presence of God in the here and now, to become aware of the action of God in our lives and to listen to what God might be saying to us. Once we have God at the centre of our existence our lives are open to transformation – right here in the "ordinary time" of our daily routine. For most of us, life won't be a succession of heroic or exciting acts, but if we recognise God in the events of the day and use those events as a means of encounter with God, we can help to transform not only our own lives, but the lives of the people we meet on the way. St Therese of Lisieux said "I prefer the monotony of obscure sacrifice to all ecstasies. To pick up a pin for love can convert a soul." Maybe we should all try to discern God in this most ordinary time of the year. If we do, we may find it's anything but ordinary after all.

*"Fr. Liz"*

## OVER TO YOU

Waking up to clear blue skies and wall-to-wall sunshine is a good start to the long summer holidays well deserved by teachers and pupils alike. Let's hope it continues and children enjoy all the available activities and keep safe too.

Being "confined to barracks" after surgery makes me realise how restricted one is and how reliant on others. The kindness and care given to me by the consultant and nursing staff have been outstanding, not to mention my family and friends. But it has also given me time to reflect on how much we take our "bodies" for granted. In 1Corinthians 12 we are told, "A body is not a single organ, but many.....if one part suffers, all suffer together; if one flourishes all rejoice together."

So when I am hopping from A to B on my good leg, I realise how I took for granted being active and independent, and how we should treat our bodies with respect and remember we only have one body to carry us through our earthly life.

Also, it would do everyone good to experience the difficulties faced by those with disabilities – even being taken round a supermarket in a wheelchair is hazardous; people seem to think one is invisible or indeed a lesser being! [Note from Alan who is typing this: I really WAS trying to be careful!]

So let's all enjoy the summer, keep active and healthy and thank God for all the help and support He gives us.

Keep smiling!

Sue. W

## DISCIPLESHIP AND LAY TRAINING 2010

Courses are open to all, and are normally delivered in the deanery. The Parish Foundation course can be used as part of a discernment process leading to authorised or other forms of lay and ordained ministry.

There is no charge except for Youth and Children's training and the Mission Shaped Ministry course for which bursaries may be available.

### Exploring Our Faith (formerly known as the Bishop's Course)

A course for those wanting to deepen their understanding of the Christian Faith and grow in their discipleship, becoming better informed and reflective Christians who live out their faith in the modern world.

Units of six sessions each include: **Worship, the Bible, God in the World, The Old Testament, the New Testament, Ways of Praying, The Church and Churches, and What Christians Believe.**

### The Parish Foundation Course (formerly known as the Lay Ministry Course)

A 17 session course to help church members **think through the story of their faith**, how that relates to themselves, their church and society, and how this understanding helps them to reach into their community.

Sessions are concerned with making the connections between the **stories in scripture with participants' stories, the story of worship, Anglicanism, and the local community**, and then leads into **Being Collaborative, Being a Missionary Church, Gifts and Skills, God's Call, and Developing as a Church.**

Further modules (number of sessions in brackets,) include:

**Developing as a Pastoral Visitor (6)**

**Developing as a Worship Leader (6)**

**Developing Parish Mission (7)**

**Developing Work in and With Schools (6)**

**Developing as a Spiritual Companion (5)**

**Working with Children (6)**

**Leading Funerals, for Authorised Lay Ministers only (8)**

***Mission Shaped Ministry, Rural and Urban***, long and short courses.

A **very practical course relevant to the local context, rural or urban**, for Christians of **all ages and traditions** who want their churches to be more effective in mission. **Designed for busy people**, for individuals, groups and teams. Includes **Listening to God in your context** and **Qualities of Christian Ministry**, lay and ordained. **Varied learning styles** and **resources** with **coaching, mentoring and learning networks.**

**Day or Evening Courses** can also be provided on a wide range of topics including:

Home Communion

All Age Worship

Hospital Visiting

Setting up and Running a Senior Citizens Club

Ministry to Elderly People

Collective Worship

Ministry to those with dementia and their families

Care Home Ministry

The Ministry of Healing and Reconciliation

Marriage Preparation

Baptism Preparation and family support

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Please see any of our parish clergy if you interested in any of the above.

Alan.

## **BARTON SENIOR ALLIANCE**

.....will be holding their annual service and tea, courtesy of Barton Town Council, at 2.30 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at Trinity Methodist Church. All Bartonians over 50 are welcome. Transport can be provided by phoning Jane Glover at Independent Living on 636208. Residents from the town's three homes are also invited and assistance is provided by pupils from Baysgarth School.

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

### **BAPTISMS:-**

July 11th

Abigail Nicole BEEDHAM daughter of Claire SANDERS and Richard BEEDHAM

Mason Michael TITTERRELL son of Victoria Louise GREEN and Andrew Michael TITTERRELL

### **MARRIAGES:-**

July 23rd

Graeme Ross PLUM to Stacey Joanne WARD

July 31st

Mark Eddie WILSON to Victoria COULAM

A donation for Church Flowers has been received in loving memory of Jean Ward and Clarence Robinson.

## **TUESDAY EVENING EUCHARIST**

We are reviewing the viability of the 7pm Eucharist on Tuesdays. If you are a regular, or irregular, attender at that service and have a view, please let one of the clergy know.

## **HOW ABOUT GOING FOR A WALK?**

Penny Golland, a trained Walk Leader for the Walk to Health/NHS partnership and former parishioner of St Mary's has started a Thursday evening walking group 6pm-7pm around Barton for women

only. It starts at Baysgarth Park Lower Car Park, Brigg Road, at 6pm. Participants only need comfortable shoes and clothing and maybe water. It's not a hike or ramble, just an evening stroll.

## **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOEBOX APPEAL 2010**

It does seem a bit daft to mention Christmas in the August Parish News, but I should just like to remind all faithful supporters of the shoebox appeal – and perhaps anyone who has not ventured in the past but would like to have a go! – that the summer months, whether you are on holiday idling time away in a bazaar to escape the hot sun or the pouring rain, or are having an away-day – are ideal for picking up tempting box-fillers. Wherever we go there are shops and stalls with brightly coloured pencils and crayoning books, hair ornaments, gaudy skipping ropes and small toy cars etc.

Remember though, not to be tempted by marbles or any other toys of a war-like character or that could be used as weapons, breakable items of any kind, or clothing other than hats scarves and gloves or mittens.

The leaflets-cum-envelopes-cum-labels will be available at the beginning of September and anyone interested in finding out more information concerning this project is very welcome to contact me – Rosemary Lamert - on Barton 634518.

## **PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP**

This group meets on 2nd August at 8.00pm at 82 West Acridge. Present, former and new "groupies" are welcome. The theme will be "The Transfiguration".

## **LADIES' GROUP**

At the AGM on July 7<sup>th</sup>, Alan thanked the Ladies' Group for their contribution, financial and otherwise, to the life of St. Mary's. He said that the church valued the links it had with the Ladies' Group, and hoped the Ladies' Group valued the church. Pauline Chapman, Angela Duke and Kathleen Smith remain as Leader, secretary and treasurer respectively; committee members Carole Cooke, Cathy

Clapson and Glenda Stanley retired and are replaced by Beryl Crompton, Yvonne Thompson, Sheila Tilley and Jean Atkinson.

Members are reminded that subscriptions are due at the first meeting in September, and that there is a waiting list!

### **AUTUMN SEASON AT ROPERY HALL**

An Audience with Jonathan Miller is just one of the highlights of the new autumn season at Barton upon Humber's Ropery Hall.

For this season, now in its fourth year, the Ropewalk Events team has placed an emphasis on theatre with a literature bias as well as live music nights, comedy and film in conjunction with J-Night and mtm promotions.

For regular attendees of events at Ropery Hall, the Loyalty Scheme – support nine events and get your 10<sup>th</sup> ticket free – continues while there are reduced admissions for students on two performances and for those with stamina a weekend ticket for Robin Ince, Jonathan Miller and Milton Jones is available for a special discounted price of £30 – a saving of £5.

The entire programme is available to view on [www.roperychall.co.uk](http://www.roperychall.co.uk) and tickets can either be bought online, by telephone on 01652 660380 or in person at The Ropewalk.

### **OUT OF THE MOUTHS.....**

#### **GOOD SAMARITAN**

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan.

She asked the class, 'If you saw a person lying on the roadside, wounded and bleeding, what would you do?'

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, 'I think I'd throw up.'

#### **DID NOAH FISH?**

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'

'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

#### **HIGHER POWER**

A Sunday school teacher said to her children, 'We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times, but there is a Higher Power. Can anybody tell me what it is?'

One child blurted out, 'Aces!'

### **STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL**

Now that the Stewardship Renewal campaign has run its course, I'd like to thank on behalf of St Mary's (in other words, everything we do, and every life we touch) all of you who took part in it in any way. We seem to have increased our giving by somewhere in the region of 20-25%, which at the very least gives us a more solid platform from which to work in the next few years and eases some of the immediate financial pressures on us from our day-to-day budget.

Although we intend to send out individual letters to people, there's always a chance that someone will get missed out by accident, or by a letter going astray. So I do thank you: those who were able to increase their giving, or embark upon a new way of giving; those who had recently increased their giving; those for whom personal circumstances made an increase difficult or impossible, but still took part in some level in what we were doing. And, of course, I thank the team for giving up so many hours in planning and visiting from their already crowded diaries.

I hope, too, that the programme answered any questions you had about where our money comes from, and where our expenditure lies. The next few years are not going to be easy ones for anyone, and churches, like other charities, may find it hard going. Thank you all for your part in helping underwrite our future.  
David.

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>Trinity 9</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
	<b>2.30 pm</b>		<b>Service at The Willows</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Evening Prayer</b>
<b>Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham all this week.</b>			
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	8.00 pm		Prayer and reflection (82 W. Acridge)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm		Wedding
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>Trinity 10</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am		Toddler Time
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm		Wedding
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>BVM</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communion: St. Peter's Court and Victoria House
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	am		Home Communion
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>news copy</b>	<b>deadline</b>
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00 am	- 1.00 pm	Peal attempt on church bells
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>Trinity 12</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>

	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>		<b>Baptism</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Evening Prayer</b>
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.15 am		Toddler Time
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.</b>		<b>Trinity 13</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist with hymns</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Evening prayer</b>
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>			Bank Holiday

## MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup> was opened by Sheila with words of welcome, especially to our speaker Father David Rowett and to the ten visitors who had joined us for the meeting. We sang the hymn "Be thou my guardian and my guide" followed by a reading from Acts of the Apostles read by Brenda Skinner. Sheila gave out notices and apologies from members unable to attend. She then said prayers before passing over to Father David who spoke to us about his and Viv's pilgrimage in Northern Spain. Whilst talking he showed pictures from along the route. The pilgrimage "Camino de Santiago" will be undertaken by approximately 250,000 pilgrims during the year of 2010. The next time St James' day falls on a Sunday is 2021, The Spanish Church designates these years as holy years. St James is the patron saint of Spain and his bones are buried in a casket in the "compostela" (cemetery) in Santiago. These pilgrimages started about 1200 years ago. We are lucky to have a stained glass window of St James (away for repair at the moment) in St Peter's church. This shows St James as a Pilgrim holding a staff and carrying a scallop shell and gourd. Pilgrims rely on the hospitality of others - that is why they should travel light!!

David started by showing the map of places they were to go through en route. This route is 749 kilometres on foot and took David and Viv 29 days 2 hours to complete; poor Viv suffered with several blisters on

her feet whilst David was lucky having only one on his hand from holding his staff!! The weather was not kind, much of the time it was wet and cold, it being the coldest spring in Spain for 137years! Passing through the towns, David showed pictures of pilgrims' bridges and gateways. Blue signs depicting the scallop shell showing the way, much like the signs we have in this country for our heritage trails. There were lots of different churches and cathedrals showing all kinds of architecture, some very unusual. On the sad side David and Viv passed memorial signs for pilgrims who had died or been killed en route. As David showed the pictures some were funny, such as abandoned boots along the way; he had lots of funny anecdotes to say about them especially the ones of him posing alongside unusual statues and the pilgrims' refuges where they stayed overnight showing rows and rows of bunk beds in long dormitories, "no ensuite facilities there then"!! As they neared Calica going into the mountains the sun began to shine showing stunning views of the distant snow capped mountain range. Approaching Santiago even the manhole covers bore the scallop shell sign. Upon arriving at their destination there was a long queue to receive a certificate to say they had completed the pilgrimage - when they began they had to have a "pilgrim's passport" which was stamped along the way. In the square looking over the queue of pilgrims was a statue of St James. Santiago Cathedral had a very exquisite elaborate interior. Having been able to complete the pilgrimage David said he felt very privileged and it gave him a deep sense of satisfaction. David was thanked by Brenda Skinner for a very interesting display of pictures and stories of the pilgrimage especially the funny anecdotes. One felt to have travelled the pilgrimage also.

Brenda Skinner

Flower rota

August 8<sup>th</sup> Val Dukes August 22<sup>nd</sup> Brenda Skinner