

Very Retro

Flexing my handyman muscles the other day, ('Have drill, will travel') I found myself installing the wall brackets for the Brown's new microwave oven (skilfully avoiding the mains cable which ran exactly where I didn't want it to). A delightful piece of technology, it has all the rounded corners and so on you make it look like Grandma's microwave from the 1950s and so not stick out like a sore thumb in a retro kitchen.

Now, a repro 1950 microwave might seem a little peculiar, but to modify the externals so's not to look out of place has point – it's not trying to be something it isn't it's just not being over-obtrusive.

Compare and contrast something I remember seeing in the Sunday supplements years ago, in the days of freezer-sized colour televisions. The 'genuine' Chippendale-style mahogany cabinet entirely hid the Box, whose decadent eye was only unveiled for private enjoyment of the guilty secrets of BBC2. The rest of the time, the telly pretended it wasn't there in the first place.

It's not easy to work out what our Christian faith should look like in a world where (at best) we might look a bit peculiar, and (at worst) be seen as a threat to peace and justice (though it IS hard to see the Mothers' Union as particularly sinister). But maybe comparing the retro microwave with the antique TV cabinet illustrates it. The microwave's very obviously what it is while it gets on with its work, but doesn't set out deliberately to jar with its surroundings. The TV cabinet, though, locks everything away so privately that no-one has a clue it's there.

For a Christian, if we're completely out of kilter with those we live among, we'll be seen as irrelevant, odd or even threatening. To be open about who are and what we believe, while not going out of our way to be misfits, is to take the Gospel to the world in a way which the world might – just – be able to latch on to. We'll argue about how much 'fitting in' is right, that's just the way of things - but to disappear from view completely, making our faith an entirely private matter, like the TV in the mahogany cabinet – we might as well not be here at all! We might think it useful to have rounded corners, so to speak – but let's at least be seen for what we are.

Fr David.

Lindsey Lodge Hospice News

The Lindsey Lodge Hospice will be holding a joint fundraiser with the Barton Town Band in St Mary's Church, Burgate, Barton upon Humber on Saturday 12th September 7.30pm start. Tickets will be £12.50 and include refreshments and can be purchased by calling in at Euronics on George Street, Barton or by phoning Mrs C Patterson on 01652 634853. We are also having a sponsored walk at Thornton Curtis on Sunday 27th September. 11am start and £5 per person or £10 for a family. Sponsor forms are available by calling 01652 634853.

Barton Civic Society

Everyone is welcome to join our visit to Pocklington on Wednesday 12th August. We will be visiting the delightful Burnby Gardens – “a haven of beauty and tranquillity” situated in the charming market town of Pocklington, on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds, and home to the National Collection of over 100 varieties of hardy water lily. There will also be time to visit the revamped Stewart Museum which contains the fascinating artefacts Major Percy Stewart brought back to Pocklington from his eight round the world tours between 1906 and 1926. And there will be time to look around the charming town of Pocklington and the beautiful Parish Church of All Saints dating back to 1200 - 1450.

Travel is by coach from the Wilderspin School Museum. The cost is £15 per person or £28 for two. Booking is essential (c/o Wilderspin National School Museum (01652) 635172.

Helpful suggestion

A member of the congregation was recently hospitalised for a few days. When she was taken ill at home, she was unable to **tell** the 999 service which of Fire, Police or Ambulance she needed. She had the presence of mind to use an ingenious form of code – (one grunt for the one syllable of “Fire”, two grunts for the two syllables of “Police”) - and grunted three times (three syllables) for “Ambulance”. This made perfect sense to the operator who duly despatched medical help.

This may be of use to others in a similar situation. Of course, a neck-pendant which only need be pressed to summon help would have been even better.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

July 12 Hope Rebecca COPLEY daughter of Robert COPLEY & Rachel Marie COWLING

Sebastian-James LAVER son of Aaron Richard & Naomi LAVER

July 26 Seth George LANE son of Nina Ruth & Gareth Richard William LANE

Lucy Elizabeth FRYER daughter of Victoria Kate & Daniel Christopher FRYER

MARRIAGES:-

July 4 Sam Edward BURNETT & Leonie Beth PEARSON

July 11 Matthew Lewis SAMUELS & Louise WHYATT- WILLIAMS

July 24 Richard Paul BEEDHAM & Claire Anne SANDERS

July 25 Steven Daniel TAYLOR & Kerrie Marie DUNNETT

FUNERALS:-

June 22 Rose CRYNE

July 15 Cyril JARVILL

July 22 Betty WINSHIP

Donations for Church flowers have been received in loving memory of:-

George E. Bell

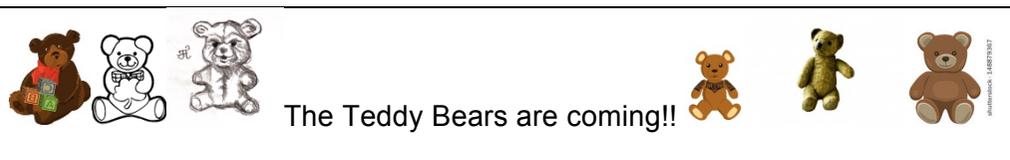
E. Muriel Bell

Clarence Robinson

Jean Ward

Casey L. Jones

Hugh Varah



Mothers' Union

"Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians Ch5: 17)

Our afternoon meeting in July was led by Sue Brumpton, the theme being the above verse. We began by singing "Make me a channel of your peace". After prayers of praise and thanksgiving, Brenda read from Matthew 25 v 31-46.

Using visual aids, which Sue had displayed on the table in front of us, e.g. local papers, magazines and street maps we held our local community in prayer. Then after prayers of confession Val read from 1 Thessalonians 5; v 12-25.

Using visual aids again (world maps and magazines) we prayed for Our World and peace. This was followed by us all reading together the words of the hymn "For the healing of the nations."

Sue then led us in closing prayers.

August 5th 9.30 am Corporate Communion

There is no afternoon meeting in August.

Flower Rota

Aug 2 Val Dukes

Aug 16 Janet Petch

Operation Christmas Child - August Update

Our Operation Christmas Child campaign has been gaining momentum over the past few months and we are now rapidly approaching the time where we pack our boxes in preparation for their journey abroad.

At the beginning of August I will be setting up the usual display and information table at the back of the Church (near the choir vestry)...please have a look and help yourself to any information and resources.

Over the past couple of years the Samaritan's Purse 'Go Boxes' have proved popular within our Church however we have found them to be rather flimsy, especially when filled with gifts! Consequently we have spent a lot of time

this year sourcing and designing our own shoeboxes – we hope you are as pleased with the results as we are! The new boxes will be available to purchase from early August for 50p each.

This year we are producing a number of 'Ready-to-Go' shoeboxes...these are our newly designed boxes which are already packed for your convenience. All you'll need to add to the box is the £3 shipping donation and a photograph/letter if you wish. Each Ready-to-Go box contains all the essential items as well as age appropriate toys and sweets. Boxes are available for boys and girls for each of the three age categories, for the bargain price of £7 each. We will be having a 'Shoebox Shop' in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Sunday services during September and October, where you will be able to purchase various individual items for your own shoeboxes, as well as our new empty shoeboxes and the pre-filled Ready-to-Go boxes.

I am sure most of you are aware of our ongoing Teddy Bear Challenge which is now in full swing. If you haven't yet got involved, it isn't too late! The teddy bear puppets are quite simple to knit and can be made in any colour from odds and ends of wool. If you're not a knitter but would like to contribute, we'd be very grateful to receive donations of wool! Look North news are planning to visit the Church during August if we can manage to knit 1000 puppets (we desperately need your help!!!) so if you have any completed teddies I (or the collection box at the back of the Church) would be pleased to relieve you of them. The deadline for the challenge is 20th September at the 9:30am Teddy Bear's Picnic Service (further details of the service to follow next month)...fingers crossed the teddies will significantly outnumber the congregation!

Operation Christmas Child's National Leadership Teams in the countries receiving shoeboxes have requested that four suit playing cards are no longer sent due to the difficulties they can cause, (some places where the shoeboxes go are rife with gambling)... however it is still ok to include other types of card games such as Uno, Snap and Happy Families.

Finally I'd just like to say a big Thank You to everyone who has already supported and contributed so much to this year's appeal. It is a privilege to be involved in such an amazing ministry and we hope that through our gifts and prayers the children who receive our shoeboxes will experience the transforming power of God's love.

Julia Wilson

Reading the Bible

One of the most embarrassing questions that a regular churchgoer can be asked is how often he or she reads the Bible. Some people might say that because we have three readings from the Bible every Sunday morning over the course of three years we have learnt all about the Bible. That is certainly not true, because the three passages read out at the Eucharist or the two read at Matins or Evensong are extremely short and rather selective.

So I hope that I will not embarrass you when I say that if hearing the Bible at services is all that you do, it is really not enough. Saying your prayers daily and reading the Bible daily are the essential minimum requirements for any claim at all to being a Christian.

If you want to improve your knowledge and understanding of the Bible you need to read it regularly. But merely reading is not enough. The Bible is a very complex collection of ancient literature, and much of it needs help to understand and to relate its content to present-day life. For that reason it is a good idea to read some manual that will help you understand what you are reading. The Ethiopian eunuch in the Acts of the Apostles was unable to understand the book of Isaiah without Philip helping him by explaining what it meant. A good guide to daily bible reading are the booklets and other materials published by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

BRF has a long tradition of publishing Bible-reading notes. They publish New Daylight, Guidelines, The Upper Room and Day by Day with God in a variety of formats (regular print, deluxe, PDF downloads, audio and braille, email and iOS apps for iPhone or iPad). The little pocket-sized booklet guides appear three times a year for about £4 each and some titles are available currently to order from Val Dukes. Sample copies of some of them are available. They are small enough to slip into a pocket (and smaller than most bibles) and are easy to read and are written by scholars with experience of life and understanding of the Scriptures. You will of course need a Bible as well. Nowadays many homes do not have a Bible, but we assume that yours is one that does.

For further information visit www.biblereadingnotes.org.uk

Peter Large

Belfry News

As usual the St Mary's ringers have made sure that our bells ring out every Sunday morning and ensured that our four learners make progress every week. On Sunday 12 July no fewer than 14 ringers appeared for Sunday morning ringing - very few towers in Lincolnshire would have so many dedicated members.

A couple of other happenings will be of interest to readers - on 6 July, St Mary's entered a team in the local branch striking contest held All Saints' church, Waltham. Of the five teams the Barton band had the fewest faults so was declared the winner and will go forward to the all-county contest later in the year. The team included Andy Bennett (conductor), Jenny Bennett, Geoff Bryant, Linda Howden, Donald Kitching and Rose Lennon.

On 8 July we received an Email from Dr Gudrun Warren, Librarian and Curator at Norwich Cathedral. It read - 'I am organising an exhibition to commemorate the centenary of the death of Edith Cavell who is buried at Norwich Cathedral. When her body was repatriated in 1919, a peal was rung at Dover, fully muffled with the tenor open at backstroke. I have found a recording on YouTube of your [St Mary's, Barton] ringing similarly for the re burial of Richard III and I wonder whether you would be willing for me to incorporate this recording onto the exhibition at Norwich Cathedral to give an indication of how the peal for Edith Cavell might have sounded'. What an honour for the Barton ringers and how wise was our decision earlier in the year to obtain sufficient muffles to ensure we can undertake such muffled ringing.

The Bishop of Lincoln writes.....

At this time of year, as the days draw out and the sunshine begins to turn the barley a golden yellow, many of us are fortunate enough to be looking forward to the prospect of a summer holiday and a break from our normal routine.

This year, however, it is inevitable that some of us will do so with a twinge of anxiety. One inevitable result of the recent appalling acts of terrorism in Tunisia, Kuwait and France is a heightened sense of our own vulnerability and mortality. For the friends and family of Carly Lovett and Claire Windass,

who were so tragically killed in Tunisia, there is immense sadness as they struggle to come to terms with their loss.

These atrocities were perpetrated by a tiny minority who have a very warped and horrifically misguided view of what it means to be a Muslim, particularly during the month of Ramadan. The teaching of the Christian faith is that love is stronger than evil, and while proper justice is appropriate, revenge and scapegoating are not. It is incumbent upon all of us who follow Christ to continue to welcome the stranger among us, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Please hold in your thoughts and prayers all those who have been affected by these tragedies, that through the grace and love of God they may find strength and comfort in the very difficult days ahead. Pray too for the peace of our world, and for men and women of goodwill wherever they may be, that together we may be united in our work for peace and justice in the lives of all God's children.

+ Christopher Lincoln

Wilderspin School Museum

We are looking forward to a summer of creativity for children and grownups alike.

Our popular Children's Retro Crafts returns throughout the summer holiday. Sessions run every Thursday from 23 July to 20 August between 1pm and 3pm. Each session gives children a chance to practise a forgotten craft their parents or grandparents may recall from their own schooldays. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Places are limited so to avoid disappointment booking is strongly encouraged. Tel (01652) 635172.

Informal Retro Craft sessions for Adults are also planned – if you would like to go of some forgotten schooldays crafts, and are interested to know more, please get in touch or speak to Shân Hewson. We can then arrange session times that are convenient to as many people as possible.

On Bank Holiday Monday 31 August we are having a family arts & crafts event. Make Do & Mend runs between 11am – 3pm and is free. There will

be arts and crafts using odds and ends – with lots of ideas to renovate, recycle and rejuvenate around the home! There will be stalls selling a range of arts and crafts, talks and demonstrations, and a lot of sharing recycling ideas around the home. Families will enjoy a scavenger hunt too! We are grateful to Arts Council England and to North Lincolnshire Council Community Pot for supporting this event.

Bookings for stalls are now open for amateur and independent craftspeople and commercial crafters who recycle to create, and for local charities and other organisations.

During the summer we will be supplementing our usual sale of used books with a collection of hardback titles covering a range of topics including natural history, transport and military. Our Book Corner is open Thursday – Sunday 10am – 4pm from 27th July to 31st August.

Arts Events

August heralds the final two Performances in the Park organised by Barton Tourism Partnership for the 2015 season.

On Sunday, August 16, the Storytellers' Theatre Company makes a welcome return with its adaptation of Frances Hodgson Burnett's well-loved classic that tells the tale of orphan Mary Lennox who discovers a secret garden which has been locked for 10 years.

With a music score, a full theatre set including an original Victorian wheelchair this production is brought to life right in front of your eyes. This show is a "must see" and is sure to delight audiences at every performance.

On Bank Holiday Sunday (August 30) Fool's Paradise makes its first visit to the town with The Maniax, a fast paced comedy show with plenty of shenanigans and gags. Watch in awe (and participate too!) as a spectacle of chains, padlocks and stunts unfolds before your very eyes.

These mischievous chaps perform an extensive repertoire of mind-boggling tricks, contortions, and laugh-out-loud jokes.

Both performances begin at 2pm and are free thanks to support from Barton Lions and Barton Town Council. Refreshments will be available at Baysgarth House Museum raising funds for the Museum.

A word of thanks.

Having been most successfully 'got' at the 9.30 on July 12th (I congratulate my colleagues and their co-conspirators, for keeping a secret is easy, but keeping a secret 'secret' is quite another matter), I'd just like to thank people for their kindness and their generosity. The new cassock had already been ordered (and now I understand why I was being urged to get my act together and get it made), and I have taken the liberty of using the left-over cash to go towards a rather less clerical coat. Thank you, too for other presents, cards, cakes and good wishes received, and a particular expression of delight at the new apron, courtesy of the Alliss design studio (and complete with corkscrew). [See picture pages.]

30 years in the priesthood, still often leaves me feeling like a beginner (my old training incumbent has just celebrated his 50th anniversary – and is still running eight parishes!), but it is a great privilege, and remains one I don't take lightly. Thank you all for your support and prayers and friendship over the last ten years. It really does make all the difference.

I shall now go and look forward to receiving free prescriptions...

Fr D

Saints in every Generation.

One of the things which impressed us when Bishop Christopher came to the diocese was his determination to help us all deepen our discipleship – there'd been a lot of emphasis over the years on training, but not much about growing in the faith in the first place.

On September 26th, he's arranged a day at the Cathedral celebrating and further exploring our Christian calling. As well as a seminar with John Bell of the Iona Community, there'll be various other activities going on during the day, as well as a parallel event at St Peter-in-Eastgate for children and young people from 2-10.

For more information, see the poster at the back of Church, or pick up a leaflet.

Visitors' Views...

Excerpts from the June/July pages:-

Helena and Adam Huduczek, Grimsby
Daniel Murgon, York All Saints- Lovely church, peaceful, thank you.
T. and C. Richards, Theddlethorpe, Lincs.
Mike and Sandy Maude- New Zealand –Beautiful church . So full of Spirit and History.
Sarah and Martin Van Ryckevorsel, Vermont, USA
.Ivy Loftus, Durham- Very quiet.
Maureen, Hull- Great church, enjoyed the visit.
D.B.R.

Over to you....

August is a time when many people young and old spend a lot of time thinking about the next stage in their lives such as their careers, education, transition from one school to another, university etc. or just taking time to recharge their batteries from a lot of hard work.

Through my Bishop's Visitor role I receive a letter each term to deliver to my school which is St. Peter's. Because the letter is for children it is always easily understood (not like some 'messages' we are subjected to!!)

This term he refers to what the children have learnt not just academically, but in citizenship and learning to be part of the community, discovering and exploring the world about them and finding their place in it. (I think this can be applied to every age group.)

Whatever our next step, we are all going to meet new people and have new experiences. Jesus taught us to always to treat others as we would like to be treated and the word to sum this up is respect. We should give thanks for all the opportunities we are given to learn more about our world and care for and enjoy it. Words from the song 'One more step along the world I go' give us a helpful message:-

'And it's from the old I travel to the new; Keep me travelling along with You.'

Enjoy your holidays whenever they are.....

S.W.

Rotary Club

In a picture on the photo pages, Amy DuBois is seen being presented with a certificate to show Barton Rotary Club's thanks for her work collecting and donating very large amounts of clothes for newly born babies. As part of the Rotary Shoe Box scheme, the clothes, and other items for babies, are taken with the Shoe Boxes by volunteer Rotarians to Romania, to needy families and orphanages.

Barton Rotary Club organises collections of baby clothes around the Christmas period but Amy continues to donate very regularly throughout the year. The certificate was presented by the Barton Rotary Shoe Box co-ordinator Peter Kipling.

Year 5 Church Schools' Festival

On July 16th, 60 year 5 pupils from Barton St. Peter's, Ulceby St. Nicholas, Wootton St. Andrew's and New Holland Primary School came to St. Mary's to have an activity day. In small groups they all enjoyed "Bread and fish" in the Hall (bread courtesy of Tesco and fish courtesy of Regal Fish), a craft activity decorating a Rainbow fish, and a church trail. Some engaged with drama, and some with handbell-ringing.

As it was a fine day, all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the churchyard. The day concluded with a short service and a presentation of drama and bellringing. One child on the way home was heard to say "That was one of the best five hours of my life". For the organisers, that makes it all worthwhile.

Garden Party.....

.....is not really the correct name for it, as the event was held indoors, due to unseasonal weather. Auriol had drummed up support for many stalls - who can refuse her? - and her efforts were rewarded with the £770 that was made. Thanks to all who helped, and came.

Sunday 2nd Aug		Trinity 9	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Mon 3 rd	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Wed 5th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	6.00 pm		Wedding Rehearsal
Thurs 6th	9.00 am	Transfiguration	Said Eucharist
Sat 8 th	12 noon		Wedding
Sunday 9th Aug		Trinity 10	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Mon 10 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Tues 11th	7.00 pm	Claire of Assisi	Said Eucharist
Wed 12th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Sat 15th	9.00 am	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Said Eucharist
Sunday 16th Aug		Trinity 11	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Mon 17 th			NO Toddler Time
	Home	Communions this	week
Wed 19 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Thurs 20 th	Parish	News Deadline	
Sat 22 nd	11.30 am		Wedding

Sunday 23rd Aug		Trinity 12	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Said Eucharist with hymns
Mon 24th	8.45 am	Bartholomew, Apostle	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		NO Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Eucharist and PCC
Wed 26th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Sunday 30th Aug		Trinity 13	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Wed 2nd Sept	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corp)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group



David's presentation on July 12th – cakes from Auriol Trubshaw (left above) and Dorothy Fagge; The Alliss Fashion House apron, complete with corkscrew (below).



Youngsters from St. Peter's School get to grips with a rainbow fish during the recent Yr 5 Church Schools' Festival in St. Marys'.

Amy DuBois is presented with a certificate of appreciation by Peter Kipling from Rotary.





The Church Hall during the Summer "Garden Party, which raised over £770.



A family enjoying a Teddy Bears' Picnic – you can enjoy yours on September 20th here at St. Mary's