

“They shall not grow old.....”

We are more used to hearing those words in November at Remembrance services. However they came back to me during a recent television programme, which some of you may have seen, and which has been much talked-about. I’m referring to the programme with Sir Terry Pratchett about assisted dying, which focussed on the Dignitas clinic in Switzerland. The programme related the final story of a man with motor neurone disease, pausing on the way to talk about another man with muscular dystrophy. Both these illnesses are gradually body-disabling, while still allowing the victim to retain a good quality of brain function. The final visit to the “clinic” could not be undertaken by the mentally impaired, as they would be unable to give the necessary consents.

The programme was disturbing in many ways: the whole “process”, including the return to England of the remains, cost £10,000, although this was barely mentioned on the programme. This means it is available only to the comparatively rich.

Then of course there is the moral question: is it right to have places such as these? In this country there aren’t any – yet. Would it be the thin end of the wedge? Would unscrupulous doctors seek to make a good living out of the dying?

And what about the stance of the various religions? As far as I’m aware, no faith or denomination is in favour of this sort of legalised killing. Wasn’t it a very famous man who said, roughly 2,000 years ago something like: “I come to give life, and to give abundantly”? I can’t imagine even contemplating going to such a place, but then I’m not in the condition of the two men who featured on the programme. However, which of us knows what is just around the corner? The programme answered several questions, but asked a great deal more.

Alan.

Dear Friends,

Reverberations from the Panorama investigation into abuse at a residential home in Bristol continue to raise questions about the quality of care and protection afforded to the most vulnerable in our society. As well as the specific issues raised by the terrible suffering highlighted in that programme, there is a bigger question about our attitude as a community to those who, for whatever reason, are vulnerable to the abusive behaviour of others.

Vulnerability is a symptom of being human. It is a constant of childhood, yet at different times and in different ways we all find ourselves vulnerable – to those who care for us, to those who teach us, to those who employ us and especially to those that we love. A healthy community, like a healthy home or a healthy workplace, is built upon a trust that those with power will not take advantage of our vulnerabilities.

At its heart, safeguarding the vulnerable, whether they are children or adults, is about ensuring that we live up to that trust which others need from us. Safeguarding is a collective responsibility and we cannot opt out on grounds of not interfering. If we become aware that someone’s vulnerability is being abused, then we need to speak out lest our silence compounds the actions of the abusers - for silence in such circumstances gives consent. Yet ‘speaking out’ too frequently runs contrary to a sub-culture in an office, care home or in any place which has learned to normalise the behaviour of those who abuse their power. ‘Whistleblowers’ can themselves become victims of the powerful by being treated as the problem and a threat, rather than agents of health and justice.

To me this isn’t just about what happens in care homes, hospitals or places of work – it is fundamental to recognising that each person’s dignity is given by God, in whose image we are made. So there is a Christian dimension to all this and protecting the dignity of the vulnerable isn’t about political correctness or about human rights, it runs deeper than that.

Jesus puts it exactly when telling a story about sheep and goats in Matthew's Gospel, when he says "I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me" (25:45).

+David Grimsby

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2011 – SHOE BOX APPEAL

Yes – it's that time again – when I remind you all not to bypass those tempting little toys, coloured pencils, costume jewellery, soap – oh you know! – that you see in seaside shops and on market stalls as you stroll around in the sunshine (or as you shelter from the rain!).

Do remember – the charity asks us to supply new goods or goods that look new and nothing of a warlike nature – I suspect water pistols might be forbidden – and no liquids. As I have said before, they are not just being fussy. They just don't want a lorry load of beautifully covered and carefully filled boxes to be refused passage across international frontiers. If something dubious has been placed in a box it is very likely that it will be removed at the sorting depot but who wants to risk that?

Have fun!

Rosemary Lamert

BYAA/CCAA ON ASCENSION DAY

I think all who were able to attend agreed that the presentation of the latest acquisition of awards to the Barton BYAA and CCAA participants was a very enjoyable ceremony. As the Diocese is a bit short of Bishops at present it had been agreed that the Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey should be asked if she would do the honours and she accepted. She said, afterwards that she had enjoyed the occasion. I imagine she was including appreciation of the whole celebration in that comment. What had started life as St. Mary's Church normal celebration of Ascension Day, ended up through several subtle, or maybe not so subtle changes, as a joint Yarborough Deanery/Brigg and Barton Circuit celebration. Well, at least we had enough food for everyone which was excellent and when I spoke with

Revd Enid Knowles, the Circuit Superintendent and preacher, it was plain that she had enjoyed herself enormously. She loved the singing of the hymns and of the "Gloria", she told me and she liked the experience of the use of incense. She said she always likes the different experiences of worship one gets by taking part in someone else's tradition and I suppose that is the great glory of ecumenism, joining in with something a bit different from that to which you are more accustomed.

Anyway – back to BYAA/CCAA – well done all of you who received awards or, at the time I write this, will soon receive them. All of the BYAA candidates are now close to achieving either the Higher or Advanced Award: this latest presentation was of awards gained by February this year and it is nearly time to compile another list!

Rosemary Lamert

THE RUTH GROUP.

Tucked away in a little corner of the Old Testament (OT) is a book called Ruth, consisting of just four chapters. A group of us met for five sessions this Spring to work through it verse-by-verse in as much detail as time allowed - we didn't dawdle - and to look at it as a whole in order to see its overall shape and message. It is not overstatement to say that this book could well become a contender for the favourite book in the whole Bible, if our group is representative. On first encounter, it seems like a simple tale; but look more deeply and the book's carefully structured form is seen to be a container for a rich vocabulary expressing the whole range of human emotions, with themes and ideas which have echoes in other parts of the OT - and in our own lives: friendship, love, loss, hope, how to survive the unthinkable, and a sense of God's unobtrusive presence sustaining us. If you have a Good News Bible, you may admire the simple but expressive line drawings by Swiss artist Annie Vallotton; the characters in Ruth are drawn in words with comparable skill. Much of the book consists of dialogue so that it is almost like the script of a play; the book could profitably be read while thinking like a theatre director: 'What kind of lighting would emphasize the mood that we see in this part of the story?'

Ruth is set in harvest time, and so we kept a basket nearby at each meeting, in which we placed objects, books, things we made etc that reminded us of Ruth, which by the end was overflowing. We are so sure that others will enjoy being introduced to the riches of this book that we have decided to make it the theme of an evening prayer to which all are invited, at 6 pm on October 9th. We will be using the King James Version of the Bible, to celebrate its 400th anniversary year. Do join us if you can. Viv. *[See photo, centre pages. Ed.]*

FUN WITH NUMBERS

This year, July has 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens once every 823 years. *[We won't see this again in our lifetime! Ed.]*

This year we're going to experience four unusual dates.

1/1/11, 1/11/11, 11/1/11, 11/11/11 and that's not all...

Take the last two digits of the year in which you were born - now add the age you will be this year.

The results will be 111 for everyone in whole world. Try it and see.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

June 12 Charlotte Elizabeth Rose WHITLEY daughter of Zara Kerry Marie WHITLEY

Sebastian Markham TURNER son of Jessica Elaine SANDY and Adam Matthew TURNER

June 19 William James THOMAS son of Lorraine Joanne Louise and David Michael THOMAS

Ellie May DUNDERDALE daughter of Claire Louise SMITH and Wayne DUNDERDALE

MARRIAGES:-

June 11 Daniel Michael WHITTLE to Rebecca Pauline GAWITH

June 25 Kirk SCHULTZ to Tracy Beverley LYONS

FUNERALS:-

May 3 Kathleen Mary BRENT

June 1 Eileen Mary WEST

June 7 Monica Doreen GRAY

June 8 Joseph William (Joe) CURTIS

June 9 Beatrice Mary Elizabeth (Betty) HOUSLEY

June 20 Arthur DUCKER

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

Rebecca (Becky) Searle

George Ernest Bell

E. Muriel Bell

Rob. Cocking

Walter (Bunny) Horne

ST. MARY'S LADIES' GROUP A.G.M.

Father David chaired the meeting at which he thanked the committee and Group for its support given to the church which has included donations towards the heating repairs, the bazaar and garden party, making Christingles, Christmas child shoebox appeal, Ash Wednesday service refreshments and most recently the new curtains in the hall (which the ladies are going to make jointly at a sewing bee).

Pauline outlined the speakers we had had throughout the year and mentioned the wide range of outings and theatre trips.

Kathleen, our treasurer, informed us we had spent £6,000 on speakers and eating out and £2,000 on travel - we certainly know how to have a good time! Two members of the committee, Beryl and Yvonne, resigned and were replaced by Shan and Elizabeth. Officers remain the same.

Paul Wright brought two of his World Challenge team, Tom and Jessica, (both 6th formers at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Horncastle) to speak about their voluntary work in Malawi (for which they had to individually raise £3000 to be able to take part). Hazardous rope bridges and terrain plus very basic camps were shown on power point and video. This was done to thank the ladies who had donated money or books to their project of refurbishing a

library in a village school with about 80 children in a class which resembles an outbuilding. The smiles on the children's faces and the welcome said it all (our children as they say 'don't know they are born'). [See photos, centre pages. Ed.]

At another meeting, Diane Askew stepped in to speak about her holiday to the U.S.A. with her late husband, Graham. She showed us many of the well known sights including the twin towers in New York, the Empire State building, The Statue of Liberty, a statue of John Wesley; they visited the famous Red Lodge where Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane use to meet. Most interesting was her reference to the Amish people who still live as they did in the 1800s and don't rely on anyone for anything, even having a dedicated house for their senior family members who they look after, work when they feel able still feeling valued (a lesson we could follow in our society instead of all our 'old peoples' homes'!)

Chris Patterson came from the Lindsey Lodge Fund raising Committee to receive the £1250 we raised at our Royal Wedding Dinner. S.W.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

Sheila welcomed everyone to our June meeting with a special welcome to Vivienne Rowett our speaker. Sheila gave out notices and apologies. We sang "How lovely is your dwelling place" followed by Psalm 24 read by Angela Henson. Sheila said prayers then passed over to Viv saying that there was no doubt that Viv would give a "unique presentation" of "Embroidering a journey through psalms". Viv began by saying how prayers are usually very personal although we still use prayers from two to three thousand years ago, an example being the amazing collection of The Psalms. Reading these brings beautiful pictures to mind. Viv's tribute to the psalms is reflected in the embroidered squares she has made, each depicting a different psalm, each completed one being stitched on to a panel of the skirt which Viv was wearing. Viv brought a selection of different books and bibles showing pictures and sketches reflecting the appropriate psalm, also showing a power point display of each square she had completed. She went on to explain how each idea was depicted and how upon

reading a particular psalm brings to mind different images and objects to reflect on. Viv has been making and embroidering these psalms for quite a long while and work is still "in progress"!! There are 150 psalms in our bible but more in the Greek version, Viv has completed 26 squares which are displayed on her "psalm skirt" others are being worked on, awaiting completion. Viv has made a mobile phone holder depicting psalm151 (from the Greek version) showing David's harp and his sheep. Viv says that the psalms could be interpreted as text messages from David, what a lovely idea! Angela thanked Viv for a wonderful talk saying that it was a mark of a "good teacher" making the talk interesting and fun with no yawns from the listeners!

July 6 9.30am Corporate Communion: Reader Auriol Trubshaw

July 20 2pm Speaker: Rev Annabelle Barber: Grimsby Hospital Chaplain. Reader and Vote of Thanks: Beryl Crompton.

July 27 2pm Prayertime: Leader Brenda Skinner.

Flower Rota: July 10 Beryl Crompton; July 24 Viv Rowett.

THE ROPEWALK

The third edition of The Ropewalk magazine is out now and in it are details of all things summer – from the biennial Humber to The Wash open exhibition to details of a collection of ceramics just right to grace any table, inside or out, from the Craft Gallery.

And as well as details of what is happening right now at The Ropewalk there are also details of things to come in the exhibition galleries in September including a touring exhibition, Eduardo Paolozzi: General Dynamic F.U.N., from the Hayward Gallery.

Ropery Hall has details of its only August gig, the return of Australian Chloe Hall, this time accompanied by fiddle player, Silas Palmer, as well as details of live music, theatre, comedy and film during September. The Ropewalk magazine can be picked up, free of charge, from the Craft Gallery or the Ropery Coffee Shop as well as other venues throughout the town

VICTORIAN DAY – SUNDAY JULY 31

Members of Barton's Civic Society are reprising their popular Victorian Day on Sunday July 31 when, from 11am to 4pm, a large part of Queen Street will be crowded with characters from the Victorian age.

Come along and soak up the atmosphere, experience comic street theatre, dramatic monologues, children's games and activities, vintage cycles, Victorian lessons, have your photo taken with Barton's Strong Man or simply watch Barton pass you by from the seat of a horse drawn carriage.

There will be stalls promoting wares from local charity groups and refreshments in the beautiful gardens of 8 Queen Street while the Wilderspin National School will provide the backdrop to the day's entertainment. This will be the fourth time that the Society has organised a Victorian Day which has been organised by members of the Heritage sub-committee.

“SAME JESUS ... DIFFERENT FLAVOUR CHURCH”

by Russ Westfield. Pastor, New Life Church, Scunthorpe.

The above phrase has helped New Life Church understand its place within the faith community and enabled it to celebrate and encourage the many different flavours of church within North Lincolnshire.

In order for our communities to grasp any concept of the fullness of Christ, God has need to paint with a very rich palette. Some churches display the bold and radical nature of Christ, whilst others are called to portray the delicate nuances and soft tones of His ministry. One thing is certain, no single church has a monopoly on God's canvass. Rather, each church should revel in the palette God has given it and joyfully represent Christ within its community in ministry and mission. New Life is a thoroughly Pentecostal church which tries to bring hope to the communities it reaches. Its thriving congregation and small groups have enabled New Life to run successful community projects within Scunthorpe which, by the grace of God, are changing lives.

From Sunday 2nd October 2011, New Life will bring its flavour to Barton upon Humber where it will meet weekly in the Dance Studio of Baysgarth Leisure Centre. The congregation and its small groups will compliment the well respected ministry of other churches. We thank God for Rev'd David Rowett and other ministers who have helped us over the last year as New Life's leadership team have prayed about and planned for the launch of the congregation.

We hope that New Life will simply bring a freshly coloured brush stroke to God's canvass. Our desire is that this will enable the community in and around Barton upon Humber to capture just a little more of the richness and breadth of Christ's love.

God bless you. Russ

ELSHAM GOLF CLUB

Elsham golf club were pleased to have been chosen as the venue for two of the Ladies' groups' recent functions.

We thank the Ladies' group for the kind comments expressed on page 20 of the June Parish News.

Elsham golf club has a long standing connection with St Mary's Church, going back many years. The club records show one of our founder members to be the Rev George Lewthaite.

The golf club are delighted to be the sponsors of this month's front cover.

GLIDER FLIGHT AND RINGING OUTING

By Andy Bennett

At the Guild 6 Bell striking competition last year the first raffle prize drawn was an opportunity to have a free glider flight at the Peterborough & Spalding Gliding Club. I was lucky enough to have my ticket drawn first, however it is a very long way from Barton to Crowland (where the glider club is) so it was decided that we'd make a day of it and combine my glider flight with a small ringing outing.

On Saturday 14th May a group of Barton ringers travelled the 2hrs south to Crowland and the glider club. The previous month it had been glorious weather with hardly a drop of rain so, as soon as we had got to the glider club the heavens opened. The very friendly members of

the club showed us around and tried to ease my nerves. We then decided to head off to ring at Crowland while it was raining and then come back for the flight if it had dried out. There were 2 other ringers at the glider club who were very pleased to hear why and how we were there and they came to join us in ringing. We had a superb ring at Crowland with some excellent striking and several of our number got to experience the very long draught for the first time. The weather had brightened up and we went back to the glider club for my flight.

I was very nervous as I was being strapped into the parachute and went through the pre-flight training (how to bail out if necessary, what all the dials mean and what the joystick does). John, my instructor in the seat behind me, was very good and calming and very clear in his instructions. The little tow plane towed us up with a very bumpy run along the runway and took us up to 3000ft to the accompaniment of a rendition of The Dam Busters Theme from the supporters. Phrases like 'Tally-Ho' and 'chocks away' were also heard. Not long after releasing the tow rope John let me take control and I did a bit of steering for about 10mins or so. The views over the local area were breath taking and the sky was clearing so that we could just make out the Wash in the far distance through the haze. It was surprisingly noisy, bearing in mind that there is no engine, with the wind rushing past the little ventilation window in the canopy. John took over about half way through the flight to try to find a thermal to gain some lift but the weather was not right for producing thermals. John brought us in surprising fast for a safe but very bumpy landing. I was presented with a certificate and my 2 months' free club membership before we all went back and sat outside the club house for a picnic lunch.

Our next stop of the day was the lovely ring of 8 at Market Deeping. Once again there was some superb ringing which does help make the day that much more enjoyable. Our final stop of the day was for a pub meal in the evening in Lincoln, half way home, where we all said our goodbyes at the end of a thoroughly exhausting, but absolutely magical day.

I'd like to thank Philip Green for organising the raffle prize in the first place; it was a very generous prize. I'd like to thank the people at the glider club for their hospitality and especially John, my instructor. I'd

also like to thank the ringers of Barton who organised the towers, and pub meal and who came along to help make the day so enjoyable.

[See photos, centre pages. Ed.]

HOW THE INTERNET BEGAN

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a young wife by the name of Dot. And Dot Com was a comely woman, broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com.

And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her - as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load - but simply said, "How, dear?"

And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)."

Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. The drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent.

To prevent neighbouring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was called Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures: Hebrew To The People (HTTP).

But this success did arouse envy. A man named Maccabia did secrete himself inside Abraham's drum and began to siphon off some of Abraham's business. But he was soon discovered, arrested and prosecuted for insider trading.

And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy

horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS.

And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. And he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drum heads and drumsticks.

Lo, Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others!" And as Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known, he said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com.

Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE).

And that is how it all began. *[With apologies to those who don't have computers. Ed.]*

ATTENTION ALL BUDDING ORGANISTS!

The shortage of church organists seems to be a general issue in our area of northern Lincolnshire. Rosemary Field [Music Development Officer for the Diocese of Lincoln] is hoping to get together a support group based at All Saints' Church, Winterton. This group will be aimed at retired people who are piano organists but who are interested in improving their organ playing skills to help with this issue. *The group will be open to those of any denomination* and not just the Church of England.

We plan that this new support group will have a first meeting at 3pm on Wednesday 6th July at All Saints' Church, Winterton. Those who want any further information may contact me [Robin Shawyer] at

01724 734285 or e-mail: rdshawyer@gmail.com
Robin Shawyer All Saints' Church, Winterton

OVER TO YOU.....

A saying in a magazine caught my eye this week-

'A man travels the world over in search of what he needs and returns home to find it.' This is true at different levels of our life- before I had my ankle operation I would trail round Hull looking for shoes and always end up at Mr Clarke's! A lot of us go away to university only to end up working where we were brought up (perhaps this would save a lot of money as not so long ago the L.E.A. paid ones fees on condition you came back to work in the area.). People move away to different parts of the country or live abroad and end up returning 'home'. Many of us feel the need to explore different faiths or patterns of worship but then decide they feel secure in their Christian roots. As the words of a song I sang at St. Peter's School this week tell us:-'Our God is a great big God and he holds us in his hands' or as my mother used to say 'You can always go home when you have nowhere else to go!! Have a good month!! S.W.

GIDEON'S INTERNATIONAL

Do you know there are approximately three hundred million people who do not have access to a bible? Is there a bible growing dust on your bookshelf? Perhaps you are one of those people who is not sure where to start reading? Gideon bibles have a guide in their front of them to find the right place for the right situation such as sorrow, fear, relationships, anger or other needs. They also have a reading plan for a year. Have a look in the little red testament a child, when in Year 7, brought home from school.

We greatly appreciate the backing of St. Mary's which each year has been the equivalent of one hundred testaments. If we were to lose this backing it is equivalent to having to miss out one school each year in our distribution. We distribute testaments to thirteen

Comprehensives in the Scunthorpe area and also to hospitals and retirement homes.

Some people object to Gideon's because it is a business men's organisation that does not admit women as full members. Old ways are slow to change and only an edict from our headquarters in America can do this. Meanwhile is it right to stifle our distributions for the sake of modern thinking?
Dennis Cowe.

Fri 1 st July	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 2 nd	2.00 pm		Garden Party in church grounds
Sunday 3rd July		Trinity 2	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		No service at St. Mary's
	10.30 am		Ordination of Revd Liz Brown at Lincoln
	2.30 pm		Service at the Willows
	6.00 pm		Choral Evensong
Mon 4 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter at Barrow
	7.00 pm		Revd Liz Brown's First Mass
Tues 5 th	7.45 pm		In Depth group (Caistor Road)
Wed 6 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	2.00 pm		Standing Committee (Vicarage)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group outing
Fri 8 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 9 th	10.00 am		SCORE Coffee Morning
Sunday 10th July		Trinity 3	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist (Preacher: Revd Mary Vickers)
	4.00 pm		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Evening Prayer
	6.00 pm		Choral Evensong at Saxby
Mon 11 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.30 pm		Teaching Evening (Hall)
Wed 13 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist

	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	7.15 pm		Ministry Team meeting
	7.30 pm		Servers' Guild service
Fri 15 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 16 th	12.30 pm		Wedding
	4.00 pm		Wedding
Sunday 17th July		Trinity 4	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Family Worship and Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Parish Eucharist
Mon 18 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communion at St. Peter's Court & Victoria House
	7.30 pm		Foundation Course
Tues 19 th	12 noon		Society of Catholic Priests service
	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 20 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
	Parish	News	Deadline
Thurs 21 st	am		Home Communions
Fri 22nd	12 noon	Mary Magdelene	Said Eucharist
	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sunday 24th May		Trinity 5	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong
Monday 25th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm	James, Apos.	Eucharist and PCC
Wed 27 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		MU Prayer Time
Fri 29 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sunday 31st July		Trinity 6	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong

TRAIDCRAFT



Joshna from Saharana Cottage Industries, Bangladesh and her son, Shappon Ali.

Why you matter

Fairtrade in the UK is worth a staggering £1 billion a year - the largest Fairtrade market in the world. It's a fantastic achievement and one for which we thank God and for which churches like yours can take a great deal of the credit.

But the wider availability of fair trade products in supermarkets has given some people the impression that somehow, the job is done and that we don't need to bother anymore.

They're wrong - but we know that mistaken belief can make life difficult for you, so here are a few answers to some of the questions you might get asked:

Why is it better to buy from a Traidcraft stall/outlet than a supermarket?

Supermarkets are great at what they do - selling large volumes of products at very competitive prices but they can only work with Fairtrade certified

food producers who can supply them in the volumes they need.

So they offer no opportunity to commodity producers who aren't yet at that level - but would like to be - or to the millions struggling to support themselves and their families making crafts, textiles, jewellery, ceramics, or paper and card products for which no internationally agreed Fairtrade standard yet exists.

Traidcraft can - and does! A large part of our effort is directed towards helping some of the poorest and most marginalized producers gain their share of the growing global fair trade market. Sales from Traidcraft stalls/outlets like yours play a vital role in making that work possible.

How can supermarkets sell some Fairtrade products more cheaply than Traidcraft?

Between them, the four largest supermarkets (Tesco, Asda, Sainsbury's and Morrisons) have around 75% of the UK grocery market. Tesco alone has a weekly turnover of around £1 billion - as much as the whole Fairtrade market in the UK for a year! Even the smaller supermarket chains are still very large compared to Traidcraft.

Their size means they can achieve economies of scale and efficiencies that smaller trading operations, like ours, just can't hope to match. They can afford to offer products at lower prices because their operating costs are, proportionately, much lower.

So you're asking your supporters in the church to pay more?

In the case of a few products - yes. If you believe what we are doing is right, if you want to see more families given the opportunity to work their way out of poverty, more communities enjoy the sort of amenities we take for granted - clean water, a school, a clinic - then choosing, consciously, to buy from your Traidcraft outlet rather than the supermarket is the way to help.

Why does Traidcraft sell its products to the supermarkets?

Because Traidcraft was set up to change the way the world trades - and getting the mainstream to adopt fair trade is part of our mission.

Although the fair trade market has grown impressively in recent years, it is still only a tiny fraction of trade in the UK, let alone the world. If we can move the 'big boys' even a little way towards fairer trade, that will open up huge opportunities for many more producers.

And supermarkets offer Traidcraft access to a whole group of customers who might otherwise never come across fair trade products.

Why is my support so important to Traidcraft?

Because Traidcraft was created as a Christian response to poverty and the support of the churches has been critical to its growth and achievements - and will always be so.

Because consumption involves choice and the choices we make when we spend our money send powerful signals to government and business.

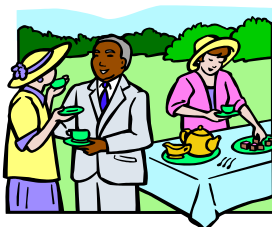
Because Christian living can, sometimes, involve sacrifice - and people who are prepared to be self-sacrificial make impressive role models for others.

Because you're making a difference - to all the families who can look forward to a brighter, better future because of what you do.

On behalf of them - and us - thank you!

SPECIAL EVENTS IN JULY

GARDEN PARTY – in the church and grounds – on Saturday 2nd from 2.00 pm.



Rev. A. E. Brown's FIRST MASS – Monday 4th at 7.00 pm – refreshments afterwards.



SCORE Fundraising weekend

Saturday 9th July

in the Church Hall

from

10.00am till 11.30 am

COFFEE MORNING

Meet GEORGE KERR, former Manager of Lincoln and Grimsby, and former Scunthorpe player.

Cake stall, raffle(gifts always welcome).

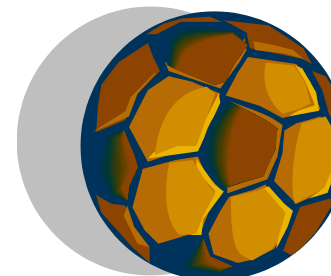
Everybody welcome – come in club colours!

Sunday 10th July

9.30am Parish Eucharist

Address – Revd Mary Vickers, currently Urban and Industrial Chaplain in North East Lincolnshire, previously Chaplain to Women's Sport and Loughborough University.

(coffee afterwards)





Some of the Ruth Study Group members



Horncastle Grammar School Students in Malawi



Ladies' Group cheque presentation (apologies to Pauline for the reflection!)



Bell ringers and gliding in South Lincolnshire

HANDEL'S MESSIAH IN CHURCH

How well the Messiah went! The chorus and soloists were so good. We in the audience stood to sing the Hallelujah Chorus. Can we do it again next year? Or is that too much to ask? I have told many friends what a good evening they missed. Thank you Alan, Geoff, the singers and everyone involved.

Annabelle Pounder