

Addresses etc

**Oh no, not again.....**

*Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. (Acts 20.30)*

*For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. (1 Corinthians 11.18-19)*

*Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' (1 Corinthians 1. 10-12)*

Oh no, not again; for the second month running he's quoting the bible! Has he taken leave of his senses? (Answers on a postcard, please.) What's that all about? The above three extracts show that even in the early church there were divisions and mis-information. It seems that nothing much has changed over 2000 years!

Oh no, not again. Yet again an *anonymous* communication has been sent to the Bishop of Lincoln. This is now the second such missive; a third, identifiable, one was also sent. Irrespective of the content of these letters, human feelings are involved. None of us likes being criticised, but when that is done by faceless people, it seems all the more hurtful. No answers can be provided; no "other side of the coin" can be put. I was always taught, as I'm sure many of us were, if you can't say something nice about someone, then don't say it at all. The people who send this sort of missive are thankfully

just a very tiny and unrepresentative fraction of the folk in this place but it's still damaging to the Church (in its wider sense), to St. Mary's, and most importantly, to the individuals concerned. They hamper the proper work of the church – spreading the Good News about Jesus Christ.

It's actually surprising how far St. Mary's reaches out. On their recent trip to climb the "Three Peaks", David, Liz and Geoff encountered a gentleman at the Pen-y-ghent registration station, who, on hearing they are from Barton, remembered a man from many years previously who led parties from Barton – his name was Brian. This of course is Brian Robinson, who celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday recently. (Happy Birthday, Brian.) We never know how far our influence may spread.

Alan.

### **MOTHERS' UNION NOTES**

Linda welcomed everyone to our May meeting with a special thank you to Sue Brumpton who had stepped in at last minute after the change of date of the Glanford Group Summer Lunch from May 21<sup>st</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>. We held our usual short service, singing "The King of love my Shepherd is", and the reading from Genesis chapter 9 v 8-17, which mentions God's covenant to us, Him placing a rainbow in the sky as a sign of this covenant to us, was read by Brenda Skinner. Linda led prayers, with Brenda Skinner reading out a special prayer for the kidnapped Nigerian girls who are from a town in our link diocese.

Sue (dressed very colourfully to reflect words in her talk) spoke about "colours of the bible". There are many colours (approx 16) mentioned in the bible all with spiritual meanings, Sue chose to look at three, red, blue and green. There are colours all around us in God's creation. The symbol of hope is God's rainbow which he gave as a reminder of His covenant to us.

RED-(blood and atonement) red, scarlet and crimson are sometimes used in the same sentence in the Old Testament. Red is common, earthy, ruddy – a colour reflected in dusty earth and burning fires. The colour is used to describe Esau and David, vibrant earthy men. The others scarlet and crimson seem to be associated with finer expensive items such as the elegant woven embroidered linen and royal robes. Although God uses scarlet and crimson when referring to the cost of sin in Isaiah ("your sins be like scarlet and red like crimson"). Even a scarlet robe was put on Jesus when He paid the price for our sins by dying for us on the cross. Sue read out poems written by Sara J which reflected on the individual colours mentioned.

BLUE – (Heaven and heavenly grace) The Jewish prayer shawl had a fringe of blue which has a fascinating history. The colour blue was used in many of The Tabernacle furnishings. It is used throughout scripture to describe royalty. The blue dye for the prayer shawl is said to have come from the glands of a snail found in the Northern coasts of Israel, it took 12000 snails to produce 1.4grams of dye! The biblical blue of the prayer shawl is the same hue as the royal blue on the flag of Israel. Because of the loss of the recipe the fringe is now white and broad bands of blue and black are on the body of the shawl.

The blue of the sea and sky reflects God's Glory.

GREEN-(new life) As in "verdant pastures" sung in our opening hymn, there are many shades of green. These remind us of new growth, new life especially seeing lambs in the fields and leaves on the trees. There are many references to green in the bible. When we see towering trees we should be reminded of the Greatness of God, in this context green is the symbol of strength, power and vigour that comes from God Himself. Green is the colour of life. Psalm 52 v.8 says "But I am a green olive tree in the House of God I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever".

Sue closed by reading a "Rainbow Prayer". Val Dukes thanked Sue for painting pictures with the words used in her talk, also saying what a joy one feels when seeing a rainbow in the sky.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Corporate Communion  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm Speaker Lynne Atkin Reader/vote of thanks Sue Brumpton  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm Glanford Cluster Committee Meeting (no prayer time at St Mary's)  
July 30<sup>th</sup> Glanford Summer Lunch 12 noon St Paul's Ashby. Speaker Ven. Andrew Ballard

Flower Rota

July 13<sup>th</sup> Val Dukes  
Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> Janet Petch

PLEASE NOTE NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST.

### **A Writer's Prayer**

*Lord,  
may the cloud of words  
that is omnipresent over my head,  
with your blessing,  
pour down as a shower upon me.  
Let them percolate through my brain and,  
via the conduit of this pen,  
reappear as sentences,  
formed and erudite,  
upon the paper in front of me.  
May those sentences be the source of pleasure to many,  
provoke thought in at least a few  
and be the cause of harm to no one.*

Amen

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### **St. Mary's Ladies' Group A.G.M.**

The Meeting opened with the introduction of the Chairperson, Sue Brennan (Diocesan Reader), followed by the Ladies' Group prayer.

Sue said that she was honoured to be asked and proceeded to comment on the interesting and varied programme that we have. She then thanked the Group for the contribution made to church life through Christingle making, serving teas after the Ash Wednesday Service and church cleaning. Also money raised at the Christmas and Summer fairs through the cake stalls. Shân Hewson then gave a resumé of the Year's events and thanked the committee for their support and hard work. Thanks were given to Sheila Tilley who has stepped down after many years service on the committee.

The Treasurer then gave her report, of which the most outstanding feature was that we had donated money to various organisations, the greatest being to pay for a Shelter Box for the Philippines.

The Committee members would remain the same:-

Shân Hewson- Leader, Sue Wright- Secretary, Kathleen Smith –Treasurer, Elizabeth Elliot, Julia Schofield, Jill Fraser, Vicky Vickers plus Jill Deer, Aileen Arnott and Maggie Crowther.

The Constitution was then updated (from 1970!!).

Alterations were that:

- The Officers would usually hold office for three years.
- The Leader would have Christian beliefs and the Vicar's approval.
- The fees would be a predetermined amount unless changed at the A.G.M.

These changes were accepted by all members present.

The meeting ended with a cheese and wine supper.

**The Ladies' Group Prayer** (written by Pauline Chapman)

Dear Lord, we ask you to bless our Group each night and day.

Be thankful for friendships that might come our way.

Give us strength in time of need.

Help us to perform that worthy deed.

Grant us love and peace of mind and keep our faith in all mankind. Amen.

### **Performance in the Park 2014**

This year's season of Performance in the Park, organised by the Barton Tourism Partnership, begins this month and will take place at two venues, Baysgarth Park and the grounds of nearby Bardney Hall.

This year only two of the Performance dates are held on the traditional Sunday afternoon with one being held on a Saturday and the fourth on a Thursday evening.

In July there are performances by Bash Street Theatre on Sunday, July 6, in Baysgarth Park and at the same venue, on Saturday, July 19, the Equity complaint Illyria will be performing Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine. Live theatre at Baysgarth Park comes to an end on Sunday, August 24, with the Storytellers Theatre Company performing the Emperor's New Clothes.

Before that, on Thursday, July 25, Bardney Hall's grounds host Illyria's performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's The Pirates of Penzance in a concert which starts at 7pm.

Tickets to see the Bardney Hall performance cost £12 while the remaining performances at Baysgarth Park all start at 2pm and are free.

### **Church Windows**

People may have noticed that two windows in the main part of the church have recently been repaired, and the more observant may also notice the work which has been done on windows in the tower, including new wire guards. The work was done with the help of an interest-free loan from the

Church Repair Society which will be repaid over the next three years at the rate of £350 per quarter. I am recruiting a group of parishioners (so far there are eight of us) who are prepared to contribute £10 a month for three years to help re-pay this loan. I would be delighted to hear from anyone else who would be prepared to join us. With Gift Aid I think ten people would cover it and, if we got more, the extra money would go into the fabric fund. It would be wonderful if, as a result of this work, the fabric fund grew rather than shrank! Please get in touch with me if you would like to help.

Geoff Brown

### **FROM THE REGISTERS:**

#### **BAPTISMS:-**

June 22 Lillie Anne GIBSON daughter of Jessica Rose SIMS & Jack Thomas GIBSON

Brooke-Ella HESELTINE daughter of Emma Christina HARDY & Dale Kevin HESELTINE

June 29 Junior James Edward IBBOTSON son of Alison Elisabeth POWELL & Alan Steven IBBOTSON

#### **MARRIAGE:-**

June 14 Peter Raymond DAVIES & Zara HUMPHRIES

#### **FUNERALS:-**

June 6 (Baby) Dee-Jay WEBSTER-SKINNER

Lily Beryl MORGAN

June 10 Annie Elizabeth (Betty) SIDELL

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

Clarence Robinson

Jean Ward

Casey L. Jones

Rebecca (Becky) Searle

Andy Mercer



Bash Street Theatre



St. Mary's Bell Mufflers (below); one of them in place (above)



St. Mary's Midsummer Dinner



## **St. Mary's Bellringers**

A new set of muffles has been purchased to match the ones donated in memory of former Tower Captain, Geoff Bromfield which means the bells may now be rung fully muffled as explained in the June issue. This will be done for the first time in many years on 4th August to commemorate the beginning of World War I. (Pictures; centre pages)

A band of ringers from North Cave visited on 7th June. They remarked how lovely the bells are to ring and were impressed with being able to watch them on the TV screen via the camera in the bell chamber.

Ringling will take place on 2nd July for Bike Night and any visitors will be welcome to come up into the ringling chamber to see how things are done or to even have a go!

Joan Barton

## **The Shoebox season is fast approaching!**

It is that time of year when we can start planning and preparing the joys we are going to pack into our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We had a very positive response to last year's campaign (170 boxes were collected from St. Mary's Church) and I am hoping that together we are able to enrich the lives of many more children through this year's appeal.

I am sure that most of you are familiar with the campaign, however I will (towards the end of July) be setting up a display and information table at the back of the Church – please have a look at it and help yourself to any of the resources which you require.

Once again we are suggesting several ways which you can contribute to the appeal:

1. Fill a shoebox with simple gifts
2. Knit...hat, scarf, gloves, puppet, bags etc.

3. Make a financial contribution towards the postage of someone else's box that may not be able to afford to fill a box and pay the postage. (The current rate is £3 per box.)

4. Donate individual items and gifts. These can be placed in our collection box under the display table.

5. Pray for all aspects of the appeal and ultimately the children whose lives will be enhanced by our generosity.

Last year I found that most people appreciated the availability of shoeboxes which were 'wrapped and ready to fill'. As the demand for the wrapped shoeboxes increased and my free time to wrap them decreased, I was relieved when Samaritan's Purse began selling brightly decorated "Go" boxes. These proved very popular and I intend to use these from the start of this year's appeal. I will leave a constant supply of them under the information table – please feel free to help yourself. (The cost of the Go boxes is 32p each...if you are able to make a contribution towards them it would be greatly appreciated!)

We will be holding a Shoebox Celebration Service at 9:30am on Sunday 16th November – further details of this will be published nearer the time.

If you need any other information about the appeal you can catch me after the 9:30am Sunday services (excluding August), telephone me on 07717 761392 or email anytime on [occbarton@btinternet.com](mailto:occbarton@btinternet.com)

Julia Wilson

## **Wilderspin National School**

One of the Church School's former pupils, Miriam Stead, came back to school in June. Following an interview we had with Miriam in Beech House as part of our oral history project we invited her to come and have a look at her old school. Miriam attended the school in the 1920s and can recall her first day in great detail. "I was five", Miri told us, "You didn't get told what to expect – my sister just took me, and that was that. I started with my

friend who lived down my road– we were friends all through school and she became a lifelong friend.”

Going through the School with John French, Miri recalled her first two teachers with fondness, “There was Miss Lawson, and Miss Hussock especially was motherly – just right for that age. Then we went up into the Juniors' and had Miss Daddy which was very different. She was very strict.”

Seeing the fire place in the corner of Miss Daddy’s classroom, Miri recalled the times, when someone had done something wrong, “like not answering your name when the register was called - you had to come out to the front and kneel on the wooden floor and keep very still. You daren’t move! But I do recall snippets of things Miss Daddy told me – more than anyone else.”

“Woe betide anyone who didn’t have a hanky when there was a handkerchief drill”, Miri told us; “One, take your hanky out. Two, put it on your nose. Three, blow! Four, put it back in your pocket!”

Miri said she loved school. “Anything I could learn I would. You learnt discipline and the value of discipline.”

There was a special cake to welcome Miri back to her old school after ninety years. Apart from the pleasure of the visit, Miri’s recollections were a most valuable addition to our oral history archive and knowledge about the School.

Looking ahead, part of the Barton Arts 2014 programme will take place in the School. The Graham Saunders Lecture: Music of the First World War is on Tuesday 1 July, 7pm (Tickets £4) and Warnings to the Curious: The Ghost Stories of M. R. James is on Saturday 5th July, 7.30pm (Tickets £7). Tickets for both events are available from Euronics and the Ropewalk. Refreshments will be on sale at both events. Tel. 07950 425908 for more details.

With the summer holidays fast approaching it’s time to think about what to do with the kids. We have one suggestion – enrol them in our Retro Classroom Crafts for Kids sessions which run throughout the summer

holiday. Everything from rag rugs to peg dolls – each Thursday during the summer holidays children aged 5-13 can try out one of several crafts their parents or grandparents will recall. Come back each week to try a different craft. The first session is on Thursday 24th July, 1pm-3pm. The cost is £2 per single session or £1.50 per multiple sessions. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Telephone the School Museum (01652) 635172 to book.

### **Barton upon Humber Civic Society**

We were treated to a splendid talk in May by Stuart Burgess about a national wartime secret with a local connection. It wasn’t possible to watch the D Day commemorations without thinking about the brave men of the 79th Armoured Division who honed their skills and tweaked their designs for the amphibious tanks that were to take part in the initial attacks on the Normandy coast seventy years ago. Secret “swimming tanks” were developed to support the infantry on D Day and then to cross the Rhine as part of the advance on Berlin. It was at Burton upon Stather that these Duplex Drive tanks were tested for the river crossings – the Trent, apparently, had the right width and water velocity to mirror the conditions the tank crews would face in Germany. A section of the River Trent was requisitioned for trials and training, and a slipway or tank ramp was constructed at Burton – parts of which are still visible today. The story of the DD tanks has been a closely guarded secret, but thanks to years of research by Stuart, he was able to share with us new information, images and personal stories.

Our AGM is on the 18th July and will be followed by a talk by Geoff Bryant about the diaries that record the experiences of Tom Kirk and his work as a GP, and wartime life in Barton. All are welcome. The next 51 Fleetgate Open Day is on Sunday 27th July, between 1pm and 4pm. Admission is free, and there will be guided tours.

<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)</b>
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	Bike night		No Ladies' Group meeting
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Thomas Apostle</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 pm		Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am – 12 noon		Summer Garden Party in Church and Hall.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 3</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>2.30 pm</b>		<b>Service at The Willows</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Sung Evensong</b>
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	10.30 am and 11.15 am		St. Peter's School services
	2.00 pm		Service at Westbridge House
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio divina
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 4</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>8.30 am</b>		<b>Prayer Breakfast</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>4.00 pm</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Said Evening Prayer</b>
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	10.00 am		Diary meeting (Vicarage)
	<b>7.00 pm</b>		<b>Said Eucharist and PCC</b>
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	am		Home Communion
	All day		Year 5 Church Schools' Festival in Church and Hall
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio Divina

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 5</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Choral Evensong</b>
	<b>Parish</b>	<b>News</b>	<b>deadline</b>
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	<b>Mary Magdelene</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
			<b>NO MU Prayer Time</b>
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>James, Apostle</b>	
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio divina
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 6</b>	
	<b>8.00 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Parish Eucharist</b>
	<b>11.30 am</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Said Eucharist with hymns</b>
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	12 noon		Glanford Summer MU lunch, St. Paul's Ashby.