

Addresses

### Time like an ever-rolling stream.....

When I was a small boy growing up in Chessington in South West London, the London railway terminus of our branch line was at Waterloo. It seemed to me strange then, as a naive youngster, that they should name a battle after a railway station. It was only later that I realised my error. [It always seems odd that many clergy are fascinated with – or obsessed by – railways.]

In June we marked the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo; it's one of several anniversaries or commemorations we have had recently – the 800th anniversary Magna Carta, various WW2 remembrances in the last two months. Later on this year, in October, we in Barton will commemorate a WW1 battle of one hundred years ago. Of course in November there will be the usual national Remembrance services. There are those who think that such events long gone shouldn't be remembered, that we should be living for today and tomorrow rather than in the past, and yes, perhaps some things **are** best left where they belong. But events that helped shape our history, events where lives were lost **should** be remembered – not necessarily celebrated, but duly considered for what they are and were, and the legacy they leave.

All major religions are based on events and people in the past – Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism – these events and people are not forgotten, but what they have left us is learned from and built on. After all, isn't that what history's all about? I wonder what people in future centuries will say about **us**?

Alan.

PS. Congratulations to David Rowett and Ivan Howitt on 30 years each of ordained ministry.



**Coming soon – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30 am Teddy Bears' Service and Teddy Bears' Picnic.**

## St Mary's Ladies' Group

A coach load of ladies and their friends left Barton for the journey north to Ripon to visit the Himalayan Gardens near Boroughbridge. The later part of the journey was delightful, passing through pretty moorland villages bedecked in spring flowers with lambs gambolling in the fields. The gardens were part of a working farm and there were new-born lambs in the sheds waiting to be admired.

After a stop for coffee and delicious scones we followed directions to the top of a valley where we could see the start of the hundreds of rhododendron and azalea bushes in many beautiful colours spread below us. Numerous paths led through the bluebells, cowslips and other trees and shrubs to the lake at the bottom, fed by numerous streams all with their indigenous plants. Scattered throughout the gardens were metal sculptures, displayed to great advantage among the gorgeous orange, pinks, reds and purples of the rhododendrons. There were birds and animals, human forms and some abstract works, but all fitted in well with the landscape.

After a break to admire, and for some to buy plants in the shop, we made our way to a nearby hostelry to enjoy a late lunch before making our way home.

The Ladies' Group A.G.M. was held in June with the usual agenda of a summary of activities, speakers and outings. Rev. Alan Wright chaired the meeting at which there were 79 members- the biggest attendance ever!! He thanked the group for all they do and give to the church. Shân Hewson stepped down after three years in office as Leader and was replaced by Sue Wright. Beryl Brazier took up the mantle of Secretary. Otherwise the committee remained the same as last year.

A cheese and wine supper rounded off the evening.

Our last speaker of this season was Pam Todd who entitled her talk A Kaleidoscope of Travel, and she gave a very interesting talk about her life and travels. She left school with few qualifications and gained a commission in the RAF, getting experience in organising travel and supplies for Airforce personnel. She then joined P&O Shipping Company and was offered a job organising activities on cruise ships, the beauty of this being that she could go ashore for the whole day whenever the ship was in port, thereby ensuring she learned a great deal about each port of call.



Pam subsequently became a Red badge guide of Britain and joined VIP Tours, taking rich foreigners around the British Isles where she met two Americans from Dallas who invited her to stay. Whilst there she was hired by a travel agent dealing with business travellers only, mainly hiring Lear jets to take people to the oilfields. She left this company and gained experience with both Leisure and Business customers and on her return to the UK set up an agency for the AA based in Leeds. This was also a Tour Operator and Pam went out to Kenya to organise activities there. After some time she opened her own agency in Wetherby and travelled the world visiting South Korea amongst other places and meeting Mother Teresa in India.

She sold the agency when she married and taught Travel and Tourism in Leeds and then Scunthorpe before becoming a Travel Counsellor, providing tailor-made holidays for clients. She then answered many questions from the audience.

### From the Bishop of Lincoln:

At the beginning of July I will be ordaining nine new deacons and nineteen new priests at two services of ordination in our Cathedral. For me, as bishop, ordination services are a special moment. I am deeply moved and humbled to see these people stand before God, ready to commit their lives to following Jesus and to serving his church.

The process that leads to ordination is a long and sometimes arduous one. It takes years of reflection and study to discern the essential nature of the call from God which each individual experiences. While not everyone is called to pursue a life in the ordained ministry, that model of reflecting and studying to discern God's call to us is one which all of us can follow. Although the way ahead may not always be clear, the one thing of which we can always be certain is that God is calling us, and he has work for each of us to do.

I know many of you will be walking alongside these new deacons and new priests as they explore and begin to live out what the call to ordained ministry means for each of them in their lives and in the congregations in which they will be serving.



The lifelong task for each one of us is to do as these new deacons and priests are doing; to listen to God's call; to reflect on its meaning for us; to answer and respond in our own lives. Each one of us - wherever we are, whoever we are and whatever gifts and skills we have been given - is called to use our gifts to the glory of God and in the service of others.

May God be with you as you discern his will for you that, in grace, you may be enabled to respond with joy.

Bishop Christopher

### **Waterside Food Festival**

Barton's third Waterside Food Festival takes place this year on Sunday, July 12 along the Ropewalk Promenade and after the previous two festivals suffered from gales and torrential rain organisers are very much hoping that 2015 will be very much a case of third time lucky.

The Waterside Food Festival is expected to attract large crowds, not only for the stalls featuring food from local producers but also the cookery demonstrations in Ropery Hall by Nigel Brown of the Nigel Brown Cookery Academy and live entertainment by Dolce Brass and the comedy gardeners of the Fairly Famous Family who promise a five-a-day fun show packed full of tasty fruit and vegetable themed juggling and comedy cookery.

Organised by the town's Tourism Partnership, the Waterside Food Festival opens at 10am and continues until 4pm.

### **FROM THE REGISTERS:**

#### **BAPTISMS:-**

June 14 Trinity MULLEN daughter of April Villacampa & Craig MULLEN



June 28 Ada JACKSON daughter of Jennifer BRADSHAW & Adam JACKSON

#### **FUNERALS:-**

June 8 Bridget AYRES

June 22 Rose CRYNE

A donation for Church flowers has been received in loving memory of:-

Rebecca (Becky) Searle

### **Very early date for your diary**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – 7.30pm – Louth Male Voice Choir in St. Mary's Church

### **Barton's Help For Nepal**

On behalf of Barton Rotary Club and ShelterBox, may I thank the members of St Mary's Church for their donation of £361.25 and St Mary's Ladies' Group who raised £150 for ShelterBox's work for the people of Nepal, following the recent devastating earthquake. Adding to this, pupils of Bowmandale School held a "wearing uniforms back to front day" raising £385 plus Barton Rotary Club donated £600. ShelterBox is a Rotary partner charity and has many volunteers amongst its staff, including the young Response Team Members who fly to the disaster zones to organise the distribution of help.

ShelterBoxes, which contain a family size tent, cooking equipment, sleeping bags, etc., are stored in Nepal, ready for emergencies and have already been distributed by the ShelterBox volunteer teams. They have also provided tents to four hospitals in Kathmandu to be used to provide extra accommodation and have also supplied 500 UN specification tents to villages and towns.



500 ShelterKits, arrived in Nepal within three days, via RAF transport. These contain tools, tarpaulins, rope and fixings to make roofs watertight and provide simple temporary shelters.[See picture – centre page.] Other items supplied include Solar Lanterns. The ShelterBox teams are working with local Rotarians in Kathmandu to take responsibility for the equipment as it goes through customs on arrival and jointly help with the distribution.

By the last week in May, over 15,000 people had been provided with shelter, with 4,236 ShelterKits and 1,754 ShelterBoxes distributed. ShelterKits costs about £35 each and a complete ShelterBox £590. So far, people in Barton and the villages have paid for over 20 ShelterBoxes since the Haiti earthquake in 2010.

John Green, President - Barton Rotary Club

## **The Bishop of Lincoln's SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

### *Why was the fund set up?*

The fund was created out of a desire, expressed by the Bishop of Lincoln, The Rt Revd Christopher Lawson, to make historic funds available to the people of greater Lincolnshire to help transform lives in the traditions of basic Christian beliefs – to love your neighbour as yourself.

The purpose of the fund is to deliver two of the marks of mission, namely:

- Respond to human need by loving service
- Seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation

We are looking to build fair, just, sharing communities for people living in greater Lincolnshire and to make life more comfortable, ease distress and isolation for those most in need.



### *How much money is available?*

It is hoped that the fund will invest up to £1m into schemes, groups and organisations in greater Lincolnshire to help improve social justice across greater Lincolnshire. Grant awards will normally be for between £5,000 and £25,000, and will be made in advance.

### *Where did the money come from?*

The fund is made up of £667k from the Diocese of Lincoln historic assets, and £333k from the Government in a match-funded scheme. It is managed by an independent trust with 7 trustees (four appointed by the diocese of Lincoln, and three appointed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation).

### *Who can apply?*

The fund will be available to groups that are:

- Churches involved in social justice work (not for direct mission activity – the Transformation Fund may be able to offer support for this in the future)
- Voluntary or community organisations that should ideally be able to evidence links to a local church community

### *What sort of projects will be funded?*

Projects that are most likely to receive funding will be in the following categories:

- Social cohesion
- Isolation
- Poverty
- Older people
- Children and young people



### *When can we apply?*

The panel will sit four times per year to consider applications. The closing dates for these are 14th Sept, 1st Dec, 1st March and 1st June. Payments will be made in advance, and funds are to be spent within a year of receipt (unless otherwise agreed).

#### *How do we apply?*

Please contact Sue Fortune, at Lincolnshire Community Foundation, who is administering the scheme.

Email : sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com

Telephone : 01529 305825

#### **Mothers' Union notes**

“KEEP CALM AND LET'S PRAYER TOGETHER”

Brenda led our afternoon meeting in June with a short prayer time.

The theme being “SUMMER” and how we look forward to holidays and sunshine to refresh our bodies, but how important it is to refresh our souls by the use of prayer and thanking God for the world and all creation. We sang “All things bright and beautiful” followed by a reading from Mark 4 v 26 to 34 which was read by Sue. At the end of the prayer time by way of thanking God for books, authors and our ability to read and enjoy, each member read out their favourite poem/prayer/reading which everyone enjoyed especially the story behind the choices made. Brenda had made special bookmarks which she gave out to everyone as a special reminder of thanking God for our reading abilities.

Linda gave out notices and during refreshments we discussed ideas for the rest of this year's meetings.



July 1 9.30am Corporate Communion

July 15 2pm Meeting in Church Hall

#### Flower Rota:-

July 5 Brenda Skinner

July 19 Joyce Gibson

#### Prayer for Creation:-

God gave sunshine , birds and trees the star filled sky above,  
He gave us beauty, flowers and friends and special people to love.  
And then because each life would bring its share of stress and care,  
He gave to us a wondrous gift - the miracle of prayer...  
How good it is to know His love is always there to comfort, help and guide us  
Through the miracle of prayer. AMEN.

( Taken from The Mother's Union Book “The Prayers We Breathe”)

#### **Visitors' Views.**

Extracts from May and June:

Peter and Chris Sheasby, Retford - So pleased it was open.  
David and Brenda Fox. Doncaster- Thank God for our freedom to worship.  
Angela Pearson, Beverley- My parents married here in 1952.  
Pam Millford, Suffolk -Alleluia and Praise the Lord.  
Adam and Helena Hudaczek, Grimsby.  
Daniel Morgan All Saints York-Lovely church, very peaceful, thank you!

Thank you D.B.R. for this contribution.



**Over to you.....**

I think that during my lifetime I have seen the Magna Carta three times, two of which were on school visits - from the Count School as it was then called and in the second year at the Grammar School (now demolished!!).The third was at a normal Cathedral visit.

I don't think I really knew then its significance in the great scheme of things and could never understand why it is only one page long. I have passed the spot on Runnymede many times with Alan on our visits 'down south'.

I was privileged to be invited to the Cathedral for the 'Service of Celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Sealing of the Magna Carta' on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

It was attended in procession, by Her Majesty's Judges, The High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, HM Lord Lieutenant and the Princess Royal as well as the Cathedral contingent of The Bedel, Choir and staff, the Bishops of Lincoln and Grimsby to name but a few!

The objective was to give thanks for the rights and liberties we have enjoyed since then in this realm and to salute all those who have worked over the centuries to secure and defend them. And to those who have used them all over the world to frame their constitutions.

We then listened to readings from the bible, one of which was read by the Princess Royal, and sang appropriate hymns such as 'For the healing of the nations', 'All my hope on God is founded' and of course, the National Anthem.

We listened to a new setting of the 'Magna Carta Te Deum' by Michael Berkley, written specially for the occasion and who, with his wife, attended the service for its first performance.

After a very moving and poignant service the procession made its way out again and we were invited to attend a reading from the Magna Carta given by Robert Hardy (of 'All creatures great and small' fame - not one of the previous Bishops!) and an insight into the History of Lincoln since 1215 given by Dan Cruickshank.

I can't understand why more of this event hasn't been made locally - even in our own church. The only thing happening is bell ringing.

If you have a chance go to Lincoln and see the 'Barons'!

Have a good month.....

S.W.

<b>Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)</b>
	10.30 am and 11.15 am		St. Peter's School services
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 pm		Songs and Scones (Hall) – Barton Arts event
	6.00 pm		Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Thomas, Apostle</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	6.00 pm		Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am – 12 noon		Garden Party (Hall and Church)
	2.00 pm		Wedding
<b>Sunday 5<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>2.30 pm</b>		<b>Service at The Willows</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Choral Evensong</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter (Wrawby)
	6.00 pm		Wedding Rehearsal
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	all day		Ladies' Group outing
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Benedict	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	12 noon		Wedding
<b>Sunday 12<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>4.00 pm</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>
	<b>6.00 pm</b>		<b>Said Evening Prayer</b>

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	evening		Ladies' Group Outing
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	All day		Yr 5 Church Schools' Festival
	2.00 pm		Service at Westbridge House
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am		Lectio divina
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 7</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>Sung Evensong</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	<b>7.00 pm</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b> and PCC
			Home Communions this week
	<b>PARISH</b>	<b>NEWS</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	am		St. Peter's School service
	<b>7.00 pm</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
<b>Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mary Magdelene</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	11.00 am		Wedding Rehearsal
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm		Wedding
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>James, Apostle</b>	<b>Said Eucharist</b>
	11.00 am		Lectio divina
	4.00 pm		Wedding
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Trinity 8</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 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am		Toddler Time
<b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30 am</b>		<b>Said Eucharist</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>		<b>Trinity 9</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>Said Evening Prayer</b>



## Teddy Bear Hand Puppet



**You will need:** Double knitting yarn. No 8 or 4mm needles. Garter stitch throughout

**Cast on 18 stitches & knit for 4 inches.**

Next row: cast on 10 stitches & knit to the end (28 stitches)

Next row: cast on 10 stitches & knit to the end (38 stitches)

**Continue knitting for 1 inch.**

**Next row:** cast off (loosely) 10 stitches & knit (28 stitches) to end of row.

Next row: cast off (loosely) 10 stitches & knit (18 stitches) to end of row.

Continue knitting 18 stitches for two and a half inches.

**Cast off loosely,** leaving about 18 inches of yarn for sewing up.

**Knit 2 pieces the same** and sew together, leaving the bottom open.

Turn right sides out.

**Face:**

- Stitch 2 ears, by 'pinching in' the 2 top corners
- With contrasting wool stitch a nose, 'smile' and eye
- Make a scarf from a crochet chain or plaited wool. (Secure centre back to keep in place.)

All puppets should be given to Julia or taken to the Church before 20th September so they can take part in the special Teddy Bears Picnic Service after which they will be packed into the shoeboxes ready to be sent abroad.

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