

Disruptive Behaviour.

Wind and fire are not exactly predictable elements, nor are they necessarily safe to be near. Anyone caught up in a gale knows that being buffeted about isn't always a lot of fun, and if fire were a nice safe thing we'd not have to keep the kids away from the matches.

But somehow, when these two worrying elements turn up in the Pentecost story in the Acts of the Apostles they get tamed. The fire gives us a nice warm glow, rather like relaxing on a Mediterranean beach, and the wind is pigeonholed (quite literally) into the fluttering of a cooing turtle-dove's wings. It's always tickled me that of the two possible translations of Genesis' opening verse, people seem far happier with 'The spirit of God moved on the waters' than with 'A mighty wind blew across the deep'.

So maybe it's not surprising that the Church, whose birthday is celebrated at Pentecost, finds the flame and the tempest unsettling, and turns them into warm bath and white dove. The alternative, the reality of an encounter with God, is all too unsettling (on the inside) and controversial (on the outside). Playing safe (and reasonable) is about the best we can manage.

Living Pentecost isn't easy. The powerful don't like it, not unless we can be labelled as slightly (or very) dotty. When the Scottish Cardinal Keith O'Brien accused the prime minister of acting immorally by favouring the rich ahead of ordinary citizens affected by the recession, reporting was muted at best. Archbishop Rowan has observed ruefully that when Church leaders are told to speak out, it usually means they're supposed to back the opinions of the one doing the telling. And the message has to travel inwards as well as outwards – radical truth is demanded of us as well as everyone else, not just a vague do-goodery on our part (so long as it's not too inconvenient), coupled with an unnerving preoccupation with the minutiae of Church politics.

Small wonder that we Christians, regardless of our churchmanship, keep Pentecost well and truly under control, a nice celebratory fog-bound High Mass, or a thumping good arm-waving Gospel sing-song (with swooning optional at both, the one through being Slain in the Spirit, the other through asphyxiation). Not that there's anything wrong with celebrating. But does it do justice to being 'led into all truth'? Is the faith of Pentecost fire and tempest in our hearts — or just a warm bath with a birdsong CD in the background? I'm uncomfortably aware of which side of the line I fall.....

Fr David

Forthcoming attractions

June 2-5: Flower Festival – open all day
June 12: Midsummer Supper – 7 pm
June 17: Prayer Breakfast at Sally Anna's – 8.30 am
June 23: Coffee Morning – 10 am
July 7: Garden Party

Please note: The Jubilee Songs of Praise scheduled for June 3 has been cancelled.

Please welcome –

- Kevin Dyke among us. Kevin is an Ordinand who will be on placement in Barton from June 10 until June 30. He will be playing a full part in the life and worship of the parish, and I'm sure he'd welcome an invitation for a meal, or just coffee and a chat.

Print Open June 9 - September 9

The Ropewalk's third biennial Print Open opens in both Gallery One and the Artspace on Saturday, June 9, and runs throughout the summer. The exhibition will feature printmakers from throughout the country and aims to show the very best of contemporary printmaking.

The selectors for 2012 exhibition were Melvyn Petterson who is a member of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers and runs Artichoke Printmaking Workshop in Brixton and artist and former Grimsby School of Art lecturer Alf Ludlam.

The exhibition is sponsored by Intaglio Printmaker, Hawthorn Printmaker Supplies and GKD Litho of Hull. The Ropewalk is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 5pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays from 10am to 4pm. The exhibition ends on September 9.

St. Mary's Ladies' Group

CHURCH OFFICIALS AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP 2012-2013

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Revd Alan Wright
Revd Liz Brown

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Andrew Sankey from Woodhall Spa was our first May speaker, talking about 'Rethinking your garden'.

Vita Sackville-West who created the garden at Sissinghurst stated, 'The more one gardens, the more one learns and the more one learns, the more one realises one doesn't know!'

Basic design points:-

- ❖ Don't fight nature (know your soil).
- ❖ Retain permanent features.
- ❖ Keep design simple.
- ❖ Keep things to scale.
- ❖ Utilise the whole garden (get rid of eyesores such as a manhole cover).
- ❖ Don't be afraid to change - get rid of plants that don't do well.
- ❖ Don't be dotty - group plants together to make a drift.
- ❖ Don't be ambitious - take your time.
- ❖ Paths are important - have a vista and a focal point (not the compost bin!!)
- ❖ Have few impact plants – yellow and red stand out like sore thumbs!
- ❖ Use them to draw from eyesores - put them the other side of an arch.

He also advocated labour-saving ideas such as:-

- ❖ Keep lawns whole without adding flower beds in them.
- ❖ Don't have grass slopes (cause many accidents when cutting).
- ❖ Put right plants in the right place.
- ❖ Choose evergreens that maintain their shape-use beech, yew or thuja for hedging.
- ❖ Roses - shrubs are best of the Ragosa family.
- ❖ Rockeries - don't even think about them - have a raised bed instead.
- ❖ Decking is a slimy rat run in this climate - have paving instead.
- ❖ Have fewer bedding plants.

Julia Schofield, herself a keen gardener and flower arranger, thanked him for a very interesting talk.

We had an hilarious evening with our second speaker of the month, Jenni Storr, whose talk was entitled 'And another thing' or 'a lovely grumble!' She gets some of her ideas from the Daily Mail and spotted a headline - 'We are a nation of grumblers - we all grumble 1,300 times a year on average!! We are all becoming Victor and Victoria Meldrews!'

Mobile phones are an issue- why do your grandchildren always know how to use them better than you? Why do people always shout?

Bus passes - Stagecoach issued a leaflet on how the bus pass holders should use the buses!!

- First decide which bus you want.
- As it approaches you will be able (hopefully) to see the destination and number.
- If it is your bus signal the driver to stop but you must wait for it to stop and the doors to be fully open before you get on.
- Tell the driver where you are going - he should be able to help you.
- If you have a pass have it out ready.
- We do give change - please check as you get on.
- Please feel free to use the drop down seats.
- Sometimes the bus back home leaves from a different stop.

I ask you!!!

She finished with these double entendre messages:-

Staff should empty the teapot and then stand upside down on the draining board.

Would the person who stole the stepladder please return it or further steps will be taken.

In Devon a sign on a swimming pool read - Caution, water may be wet!!

HUMBER BRIDGE HALF-MARATHON

This year's Humber Bridge Half Marathon is on Sunday June 24th. It will all happen an hour earlier than last year and the fast runners will pass through Barton from around 9.20am. This should not cause worshippers at St Mary's Church too many problems arriving for the 9.30am Service. Most of the runners will, hopefully, have passed through the first part of the route along Holydyke through to Barrow Road by the time the Service and a cup of coffee are over (could maybe arrange a slightly longer sermon?). The Whitecross Street - Barrow Road junction is the best place to cross the route by car if there are still runners passing by and the marshals will do their best to get you across when it is safe to do so.

Hull and Barton Rotary Clubs apologise for any inconvenience caused. A leaflet will be distributed throughout the town and villages, which will show the route and other details shortly before the event.

Last year, over 2,000 runners took part, raising over £70,000 for charities. This year the main charity to benefit is The Teenage Cancer Trust new unit at Castle Hill Hospital. It is specially designed for teenagers and serves North Lincolnshire and East Riding area patients. The event is sponsored by

the Co-operative who are also providing Iso-Tonic drinks for the runners, as well as some of their staff taking part.

St. Mary's Bellringers

The Open Tower afternoon advertised in the May edition of the Parish News for the 7th July has now been changed to Saturday 14th July to avoid clashing with another event. Final details will appear in the July edition.

St Mary's bells were rung on St. George's Day, 23rd April at 7pm

Congratulations go to Robert Petherbridge who rang his first Quarter Peal on 24th April, well done Robert! The Quarter created another milestone being the first to be rung using the new simulator.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Barton-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire

St. Mary

Tuesday 24 April 2012 in 43 mins (16cwt)

1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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| 1 Robert N. Petherbridge | First Quarter at first attempt |
| 2 K. Joan Barton | |
| 3 George A. Thompson (C) | |
| 4 Geoffrey F Bryant | |
| 5 Linda Howden | |
| 6 Daniel Young | |

There are a number of weddings for which the bells will be rung throughout the summer.

With preparations to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics gaining momentum St. Mary's Bellringers are making plans to mark each of these occasions. Ringers nationally have specifically been asked to ring and record what they do, indeed the Thames pageant for the Jubilee will be led by a boat carrying a mobile ring of bells sending their melodic harmonies across the water. St Mary's bells will be rung on Sunday 3rd June at 3pm for the Jubilee. Handbell ringers will be ringing at the Barton Arts celebration of the Cultural Olympiad at Waters' Edge on 1st July and ringing is planned for the evening of Friday 27th July to mark the opening of the Games.

Tower members have recently spent time doing some Spring cleaning in the bell, clock and ringing chambers. Sunday 13th May was another ringing landmark when Geoff Bryant was able to ring for service with seven pupils he had taught from scratch the youngest of whom had only started ringing in August 2011.

Joan Barton

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

May 13 Jacob Shaun ANDERSON son of Lisa Jane and Shaun Martin ANDERSON

May 27 Connie May IBBOTSON daughter of Karen Jane and Jon Gordon Roy IBBOTSON

Abbey Olivia LEWIS daughter of Sarah and Darren Noel LEWIS

MARRIAGES:-

May 5 Matthew Robert PORTESS to Cara-Jayne BEADLE

May 26 Simon Andrew SMITH to Tracy Ann WRIGHT

FUNERALS:-

May 11 James Nick TOWLE

Winifred Margaret BUNN

May 14 Robert Edward GARDINER

May 15 Adam Kevin LEWIS

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

Andrew Mercer

Denys Field

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

Linda welcomed everyone to the meeting with a special welcome to our speaker Rev Charles Patrick who left St Mary's 16 years ago having spent 4 years as our curate. He has since been in Grimsby and is now at Middle Rasen group of churches. We sang hymn 54 verses 1, 3 and 4. The reading, from Acts Ch.8 v 26 – the end, was read by Elinor Cartwright. Linda then said prayers and gave out the notices before passing over to Charles. He

spoke to us about his 3 weeks in The Middle East during his sabbatical in 2011. A three month sabbatical is given to a priest every 10 years, part of which he/she is expected to take time for study; it is not just a holiday!!!!

The area Charles visited, Doha and Qatar is involved very heavily in politics and is also the first most rich and wealthy nation in the Gulf and second in the world. There is a population of a quarter of a million, the men dress all in white and the women are totally clothed in black. The people are well looked after, the taxes being very low and gas and electric is free!! Fuel is only 16pence a litre! But they still have very high personal debts because of their lifestyle, the use of large cars and air-conditioning which causes the highest carbon dioxide emission in the world. The country's wealth comes from the gas and oil industry which takes its workforce from a million visiting workers from Asia and the West. The capital is full of skyscrapers with new buildings going up all the time. A massive new airport is being built and lots of shopping centres. It is a Muslim faith country although many of the visiting workers are Christians; your faith cannot be proclaimed openly. Charles met the American chaplain, Bill Schwartz out there, he was very helpful. There is a church complex, six churches, built outside the city walls, in the middle of the desert, this is to accommodate all faiths and 46 congregations. This attracts thousands who come to worship on Fridays and Sundays although this is kept quiet to avoid persecution. Each person is true to his own faith. We have one thing in common with the Muslim faith, we both believe in one God. We as Christians believe in The Lord Jesus and find our salvation through God. Charles said his time in the Middle East gave him a fresh outlook and strengthened his faith. Elinor thanked Charles for a very interesting talk.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to "Count your Blessings"

The total raised was £ 88.35.

Brenda Skinner

June 6th 9.30am Corporate Communion Reader Kevin Henson

June 20th 2pm Speaker Viv Rowett Reader/vote of thanks Catherine Fell

June 27th 2pm Prayertime Leader Angela Henson

Flower Rota

June 3rd FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 17th Joyce Gibson

Exploring Prayer Sessions

The first session on Exploring Prayer will be on **Monday 11th June at 7.00 pm**. We will meet in St James' Chapel and there will be opportunities to discuss various approaches to prayer and to try some of them out. It's envisaged that the sessions will last around an hour, but this is a flexible idea and will depend on how much time the participants feel they need. This is intended to be an opportunity for mutual learning and encouragement, not a set of instructions by "experts" If prayer is something you struggle with or just something you'd like to go into in a bit more depth, why not give it a try?



Stephanie would like to thank to all those who went to or helped at the coffee morning in the church hall for the Goole Stroke Centre. £1350 was raised.

Geoff and Rosemary Lamert.....

.....would like to say a huge thank you to all who have offered good wishes, gifts and cards for their 70th Birthday celebrations Those addressed specifically to Geoff have not yet been opened as there is a week or two to go before he reaches the magic number! The Lamert daughters, Katherine and Alex, as well as their parents, wish to give special thanks to Alan and Sue Wright and to Steve and Marion Guillatt for their hard work in organising the main celebration and to Auriol Trubshaw for the cake but thank you ALL for helping to keep the surprise element intact yes – it really was a total surprise – if anyone doubted that!

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Football Chaplaincy

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 23rd June

10am-11.30am

St Mary's Church Hall, Barton

50p entrance

Raffle and Cake stall

Score
Serving Sport through Chaplaincy

Fri 1 st June	Evening		Flower Festival Preview
Sat 2 nd	All day		Flower Festival
Sunday 3rd June		Trinity Sunday	
	All Day		Flower Festival
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Monday 4 th	All day		Flower Festival
	2.30 pm		Wedding
Tuesday 5 th	All day		Flower Festival
	7.45 pm		In depth group (4a Caistor Rd)
Wed 6 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group A.G.M.
Thurs 7th	12 noon	Corpus Christi	Said Eucharist
Fri 8 th	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 9 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 10th June		Trinity 1	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	3.30 pm		E1W Afternoon Tea
	4.00 pm		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Mon 11th	9.00 am	Barnabas, Apostle	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.30 pm		Exploring Prayer (St. James' Chapel)
Tues 12 th	7.00 pm		Midsummer Supper
Wed 13 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	7.15 pm		Ministry meeting (Vicarage)
Fri 15 th	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 16 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 17th June		Trinity 2	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	8.30 am		Prayer Breakfast (Sally Anna's)
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist

	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong
Mon 18 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter (Waddingham)
	am		Home Communion at St. Peter's Court & Victoria House
Tues 19 th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 20 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Westbridge House
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union meeting
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group Golden Anniversary
Thurs 21 st	am		Home Communions
	10.00 am		Diary meeting (Vicarage)
Fri 22 nd	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 23 rd	10.00 am		Coffee Morning – Sports' Chaplaincy UK (<i>SCORE</i>)
	11.00 am		Lectio divina
	7.00 pm		Barton Youth Band
Sunday 24th June		Birth of John the Baptist	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	11.30 am		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Said Eucharist with hymns
Mon 25 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Wed 27 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union Prayer Time
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
Fri 29th	12 noon	Saints Peter and Paul	Said Eucharist
Sat 30 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
	1.00 pm		Wedding

Over to you.....

I can't let this month go by without mentioning the Diamond Jubilee! I admit to being a great fan of the Royal family and have great admiration for the Queen and all she does; she seems to be the only constant in this country.

As members of the Church of England we should remember that she is the Supreme Governor of the Church and Defender of the Faith. Henry V111 was appointed by the Pope but then quickly abolished the Catholic side of things!!!

The Queen has no choice in her religion because of the laws and the oaths she took. Some say we should have someone different for our figurehead. The Church of England is about inclusiveness but constitutionally it cannot be. All very confusing!

Apparently Prince Charles thinks that the title should be 'Defender of Faiths' But considering he is Patron of the Prayer Book Society, he could not be more Anglican.

So back to the celebrations - lots of things going on such as our Flower Festival, street parties (we are having one), concerts, trips up the Thames etc.

Can you remember what you did at the Coronation? I was 4 but I remember going to a big party in what was Norman Cox's Garage at the bottom of Ferriby Hill and getting a 'mug'! Also our neighbours came round to watch the ceremony on our television which had a 12 inch screen. It also rained all day!! But we all had a thoroughly good time.

So enjoy the Diamond Jubilee too!

S.W.

It surely couldn't be said in this country.....

The (male) clergy of the parish offer you the following, taken from an American blog. They make no comment, other than to agree with number 5.

"10 reasons Why Men Should Not Be Ordained For Ministry.

10. A man's place is in the army.

9. The pastoral duties of men who have children might distract them from the responsibility of being a parent.

8. The physique of men indicates that they are more suited to such tasks

as chopping down trees and wrestling mountain lions. It would be "unnatural" for them to do ministerial tasks.

7. Man was created before woman, obviously as a prototype. Thus, they represent an experiment rather than the crowning achievement of creation.

6. Men are too emotional to be priests or pastors. Their conduct at football and basketball games demonstrates this.

5. Some men are handsome, and this will distract women worshipers.

4. Pastors need to nurture their congregations. But this is not a traditional male role. Throughout history, women have been recognized as not only more skilled than men at nurturing, but also more fervently attracted to it. This makes them the obvious choice for ordination.

3. Men are prone to violence. No really masculine man wants to settle disputes except by fighting about them. Thus they would be poor role models as well as dangerously unstable in positions of leadership.

2. The New Testament tells us that Jesus was betrayed by a man. His lack of faith and ensuing punishment remind us of the subordinated position that all men should take.

1. Men can still be involved in church activities, even without being ordained. They can sweep sidewalks, repair the church roof, and perhaps even lead the song service on Father's Day. By confining themselves to such traditional male roles, they can still be vitally important in the life of the church."