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With clouds of.....

In June this year there are five Sundays – that means that the delightful little church at Somerby will have a Eucharist on the fifth Sunday. It's also a month in which three festivals fall, Pentecost on the 8th, Trinity Sunday on the 15th and Saints Peter and Paul on the 29th. You wait for one, and three come along at once! Those of you who are one jump ahead of me (not difficult these days) will realise that there will be incense used on three Sundays out of four.

We in St. Mary's don't do this in order to be awkward, or to turn people away or to fulfil so-called "high-church" practices. Incense has been used in forms of worship since 2500 BC, and possibly even earlier - of course, these were pre-Christians uses. It was used, and still is, to symbolise the lifting up of the people's prayers to God. We read in Psalm 141 verse 2:

"Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as an evening sacrifice," and in Revelation 8 verses 3 and 4:

"Another angel with a golden censer came and stood at the altar; he was given a great quantity of incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar that is before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel."

There were other reasons why incense was used – for rather more prosaic than religious reasons. Incense fragrances can be of such great strength that they obscure other, less desirable, odours. This utility led to the use of incense in funerary ceremonies because the incense could smother the scent of decay. Another example of this use, as well as of religious use, is the giant Botafumeiro thurible which swings from the ceiling of the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. It is used in part to mask the scent of the many tired, unwashed pilgrims huddled together in that Cathedral. Fr. David never told us whether that applied to him on his pilgrimage!

I appreciate that some people find the clouds of incense off-putting, or just annoying from a health point of view. For that I apologise, but I feel it is important, on certain occasions, to honour an aspect of prayer stretching back over 4000 years.

Alan

To all contributors

Please note: the deadline for the July Parish News is strictly **Friday 13th June**. This is due to holiday arrangements. Nothing submitted after that time will be able to be included in July. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Alan.

The Coffin

A lifetime encased.
Your boundless intellect and
energy, swathed in
a vast cloak of achievement;
simply borne by two trestles.

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(Note: Written in the style of a Japanese Tanka.)

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

The report for our May meeting will be in next month's magazine, but we thank Sue Brumpton in advance for stepping in as speaker on May 21st, after the change of date for the Glanford Group Lunch from May to July. (details later).

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| June 4 9.30am | Corporate Communion Reader Auriol Trubshaw |
| June 17 (TUES) 2pm | Glanford Group Festival at St John's Brigg |
| June 25 2pm | Prayer time Leader Linda Bromfield |

Flower Rota

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| June 1 | Auriol Trubshaw |
| June 22 | Joyce Gibson |

St. Mary's Ladies' Group - A trip to Wakefield.

This was one of the earliest starts we have had for a trip out, yet we were all there ready and waiting for the bus. Although the trip was initially to the National Mining Museum at Wakefield it became a split trip, with approximately half the group spending the day in Wakefield. The rest of us travelled on to the museum.

Those who spent the day in Wakefield visited the Barbara Hepworth Gallery where they saw several different exhibitions including; the Haggard Caravan which is a sound and sculpture instillation; Philip-Lorca Dicoria photographs; In Focus, Albert Wainwright as well as the Hepworth Family Gifts consisting of 44 working models. They commented on the excellent cafe at the Gallery and enjoyed looking at the exhibitions.

After leaving the Gallery the shops were hit with particular reference to Marks and Spencer, several of the group returning with shopping bags.

On arrival at the National Mining Museum the first stop for everyone was the cafe as everyone needed a caffeine hit. We then had a short while to look around the main building before being given a talk about mining disasters and what was learned from each of them. The first mining disaster we were told about was where 20 children under 10 years old lost their lives and this led to a law being passed that stopped children under 10 years and women going down and working in the pit. The last disaster we were informed about was the Lofthouse disaster, after which teams were trained in pit rescue including working underwater. This talk was enhanced by quotes from miners who had survived and those on the rescue team. One man had to take the decision to call off the search even though his son was one of the miners they were unable to recover.

After having lunch it was time to go down the pit. We all paid our £3 to get our token needed to go down and then went and got kitted up with helmets and lights. No battery operated items, other than the miner's lights, were allowed down the pit so handbags with mobile phones and watches had to be left in the office. We then stood on a glass covering to look down one of the mineshafts. It was as far down as the Blackpool Tower is tall. With slight trepidation we all got into the cage and our journey underground began. The miner who led our group was nicknamed Dobbins because when he started in the mine it was his job to lead the pit ponies. The ponies only came out of the mine for two weeks a year.

Dobbin took us to the first mine shaft where a man with a candle would work the coal face, his wife would pull the trolley and his young child about 5 years old would be opening and closing the trap door to help circulate air. At this point we were all asked to switch off our lights to show us how dark it was and that the young child would have sat in that darkness for 10 hours a day.

We continued through the mine. With our lights on you were not really aware of how far underground you were. It was fascinating seeing the progression of technology used as machines developed. When a pit closes all the machinery is left underground as it would be too expensive to remove it.

Once back on the surface there was just enough time for a quick look round some of the other buildings before it was time to get back on the bus. There was still a lot more to see but a great day out was had by all.

Shân Hewson

Our speaker this month was Pat Mellows from Childline. She has recently been awarded the British Empire Medal, which she was proudly displaying, for raising £93,000 for the charity.

Childline was founded in 1986 by Esther Rantzen, and has become the 999 service to all children. Money is always needed to provide more phone links and computer websites. Although calls are free to the children, each one costs about £4. Pat explained the process----, all calls are answered at a central switchboard and then the caller is in a national queue. This is where more phones are always needed as the wait can be quite lengthy. There is also a need for regional centres as distraught children often have regional accents which can make for problems in communication for both child and counsellor. At the moment London is the only centre to have 24 hour services, Leicester and Nottingham working at the peak time of 3-9pm. All calls are taken seriously, only 0.01% are hoaxes, and the child is always believed.

Since 1986 over 3 million children have been counselled and the service offers comfort, protection and advice, the main problems being family relations, bullying, physical abuse and increasingly, cyber bullying. All counsellors are volunteers who have undergone training and they encourage children to find help nearer home in the form of mother, teacher etc, but really important or dangerous cases will involve Social Services and/or the Police. Children are also counselled via the website and a child can have its

own private locker with the same counsellor each time. It costs £45 to counsel 1 child, the youngest being 4, the most common 12-14, with a peak at exam time for 16-18 year olds.

Since its inception many abusers have been brought to justice, shelter found for street children and much comfort given, but more phones and volunteers are always needed.

Gill Dear

Bishop Christopher writes.....

I write this shortly after it has been announced that the Queen has approved the nomination of Canon David Court as the next Bishop of Grimsby.

It's an enormous pleasure for me to be welcoming David at such an exciting time in the life of our diocese.

David is currently the vicar of Cromer in Norfolk --a large seaside town in the largely rural diocese of Norwich. So he brings first-hand knowledge and experience of life in a diocese very similar to Lincoln. He brings a wealth of gifts and experience which will be a great asset to us in the work we are doing to create more faithful, confident and joyful Christians, as together we work to transform the lives of people in all of our communities.

David will be a suffragan bishop and, like all suffragans, will share the work of the diocesan bishop across the diocese in some of the traditional leadership of the church – in leading services of confirmation and ordination, for example; but as his title suggests, he will also have particular involvement with North East Lincolnshire, the most populous part of our diocese.

David will be consecrated at St Paul's Cathedral, London, on 25 July, and will be welcomed to the diocese at a special service in Lincoln Cathedral on 27 July. Please make a note of the date in your diary now and look out for more details of this coming your way.

David begins work as Bishop of Grimsby in September. Please pray for him, his wife Ann and their family as they prepare to join us.

+Christopher

Barton Arts

This summer's Barton Arts Festival has something for everyone with a fantastic programme of events starting next month. The Festival, the 17th year it is being staged, features a variety of events including music, poetry, comedy and theatre as well as an open art exhibition.

The Festival begins on Sunday June 22 with Equity compliant Illyria performing Shakespeare's Macbeth in the grounds of Bardney Hall and, after a short break, begins in earnest on Friday, June 27 and continues with a one night pause for Barton Bike Night until Sunday, July 6.

The full programme leaflet is now available throughout the area with tickets available from The Ropewalk and Lindsey Relay as well as at the Barton Food Festival on Saturday 14 June in King Street.

Priority booking for all events will be given to members. Make sure you don't miss out by joining Barton Arts for just £10 a year. Membership gives you advance notice of events while at the same time supporting this important Barton event. For details call 01652 660380 or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BartonArts1 or www.bartonarts.co.uk

Forthcoming social events

Monday 9th June 7pm - Midsummer Supper

Saturday 5th July 10am-12noon - Garden Party

Please support these if you can.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

May 4 Evelyn Lilly BABINGTON-ADAMS daughter of Nicola Louise EAYRES & Manuel BABINGTON-ADAMS
Sophie TOMLINSON daughter of Leeann & Neil TOMLINSON

May 11 Olli Jay VICKERS son of Rebecca Amanda CLAYTON & Jordan VICKERS

May 25 Joseph Harry THOMAS son of Lorraine Joanne Louise & David Michael THOMAS

Poppy Marie DUNK daughter of Leanne Marie & Mark Robert DUNK

FUNERALS:-

May 16 Eileen Winifred SHEARER

May 23 John LAWRENCE

May 30 Walter BARTON

St. Mary's Bellringers

Practices have continued on Tuesdays but as Ringing Master, George, has exams during this term various members of the band have taken over his duties of leading and teaching.

Relatively new learner, Clive, continues to make progress and has been joined by another learner, Katie.

The bells will be rung fully muffled on 4th August to mark 100 years since the beginning of World War I. Ringing the bells fully muffled is not done very often and usually reserved for the death of a sovereign but it was felt that this was an important enough occasion to honour all those who went to fight and particularly from Barton.

Joan Barton

Wilderspin National School

Teddy Tours has been extended to the end of July. Borrow a bear to take around the museum – or bring your own teddy along to show us. Together you can search for our teddy bear school staff including Barton's new vicar. You'll find everyone else too, including the teacher, the cook and the school nurse. The bears will tell you all about this historic school and some of the people who worked there. Then share a teddy bear "picnic" with parents and

grandparents in our coffee shop and take your photo to send us for our website teddy bear gallery – bring a camera or camera-phone.

Other events in June include: Inspiring Teachers - part of National Family Week on Sunday 1st June, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Grown ups can tell us about teachers who inspired them, and youngsters can meet our Victorian teachers – if they dare! Make sure to have clean finger nails and a clean handkerchief! Top of the Class on Tuesday 10th June, from 7.30pm is your chance to muster a team of up to six people to test of your general knowledge. Booking is required: (01652) 635172.

Our Summer Craft Fair is on Saturday 21st June, 10.00am-6.00pm and we'll be open on Bike Night too on Wednesday 2nd July, between 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Get out of the crowds for a bite to eat, a drink and a sit down. The Museum will be open for viewing until 8.00pm and Jethro the Victorian Chimney Sweep will be with us once again. Tickets will be available soon for two Barton Arts events that will be held at the School: The Graham Saunders Lecture: Music of the First World War on Tuesday 1 July 7pm, and Warnings to the Curious: The Ghost Stories of M. R. James on Saturday 5 July at 7.30pm. w.wilderspionschool.org.uk e:enquiries@wilderspionschool.org.uk t. (01652) 635172

Barton upon Humber Civic Society

Stephen Bloy returns to the Assembly Rooms on Friday 20th June to continue the story of the Grimsby fishing industry. His first talk last year was excellent and outlined the growth of the Grimsby fishing and the terrible price that was paid in hardship and fatalities. For Those in Peril on the Sea (part 2) continues this fascinating story between 1880 and 1980, including the role of the fishermen during two World Wars and the Cod Wars. The talk starts at 7.30pm. Admission for Civic Society members is free. Non-members £2.

51 Fleetgate is open again on Sunday 8th June between 1.00pm – 4.00pm. Admission is Free. The property is managed by CHAMP to whom we are grateful for allowing access.

Tickets are now available for our coach trip to Darfield in South Yorkshire on Friday 15th August, and non-members are welcome to join us. The ticket price includes a guided tour of the Maurice Dobson Museum & Heritage Centre in this former coal mining village. The trip also includes a guided tour and of part of the village's heritage trail. Tickets cost £11.50 which includes

refreshments in the Museum. We will meet at the Fire Station for a 9.30 departure and will be back in Barton around 4pm. Seats can be booked at the Wilderspin National School or by telephoning (01652) 635172.

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Comic Corner

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his grandmother's house.

Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.' Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer,' said his mother.

'I don't need to,' the boy replied.

'Of course you do.' his mother insisted. 'We always say a prayer before eating at our house.'

'That's at our house.' Johnny explained. 'But this is Grandma's house, and she knows how to cook!'

UNANSWERED PRAYER

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why. 'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.'

'So, how come He doesn't?' she asked.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, 'Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?'

'No,' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'

p.s. In an article I read recently the Ark never actually reached its destination as Noah made the mistake of including two woodpeckers aboard!!

LOT'S WIFE

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

. Over to you...

As promised last month, I am going to tell you about the Renewal of Priestly Vows that took place alongside the Blessing of Oils in the Cathedral on April 15th.

The *Bishop* said,

My Brothers and Sisters,
at His last supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave His Disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and He prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of His own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated Himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the new Covenant. I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to His service, as stewards of the mysteries of God and Ministers of His grace. At your ordination you accepted the yoke of Christ for the love of the Lord and his church. Are you resolved to unite yourself more closely to Christ and to become more like Him Joyfully sacrificing your own pleasures and ambitions to bring His peace and love to your brothers and sisters?

Priests' response - By the help of God, I will.

The *Bishop* then asked the following questions:-

With the example of Christ washing the disciples' feet, will you be faithful in serving the needs of others and diligent in caring for those in need and trouble, in strengthening the faithful and in searching out the indifferent and lost?

Will you fashion your life according to the pattern of Christ, that you may be a true pastor, by word and example, to the people whom you serve?

Will you work in partnership with all whom the Lord has given you, and encourage all the baptised to grow as the royal priesthood of the new covenant?

Will you be a faithful minister to the mysteries of God by leading the worship of His people with devotion and care and by teaching the Christian Faith with conviction and joy?

Will you continue in the way of Christ, the head and shepherd of the church of God, whose grace is sufficient to meet your need?

Response - By the help of God I will.

The *Bishop* then said this prayer:

Almighty God, who has given us the will to undertake these things, give us also the will to perform them, that he may complete that work which he has begun in us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I hope you find this as interesting as I do and identify that some of these tasks do not just fall on the Clergy to carry out.

Have a good month.....

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| Sunday 1st June | | Easter 7 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 2.30 pm | | Service at The Willows |
| | 6.00 pm | | Choral Evensong |
| Mon 2 nd | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| | 7.00 pm | | <i>Christian Unity week service at Salvation Army</i> |
| Tues 3 rd | 7.00 pm | | <i>Christian Unity week service at St. Mary's</i> |
| Wed 4 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist (MU Corporate) |
| | 10.15 am | | Diary meeting (Vicarage) |
| | 7.00 pm | | <i>Christian Unity week service at St. Augustine's</i> |
| | 7.30 pm | | Ladies' Group |
| Thurs 5 th | 7.00 pm | | <i>Christian Unity week service at Trinity Methodist</i> |
| Fri 6 th | 6.00 pm | | Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 7 th | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
| Sunday 8th June | | Pentecost | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 4.00 pm | | Baptisms |
| | 6.00 pm | | Said Evening Prayer |
| Mon 9 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| | 7.00 pm | | Midsummer Supper |
| Wed 11th | 9.30 am | Barnabas, Apostle | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Service at Westbridge House |
| | 7.00 pm | | Deanery Synod (Kirton Lindsey) |
| Fri 13 th | | Parish | News Deadline |
| Sat 14 th | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
| | 1.00 pm | | Wedding |
| Sunday 15th June | | Trinity Sunday | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 6.00 pm | | Sung Evensong |
| Mon 16 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |

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| | 9.30 am | | Deanery Chapter (Barrow) |
| Tues 17 th | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 18 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Mothers' Union meeting |
| | 2.00 pm | | Service at Eagle House |
| | 7.30 pm | | Ladies' Group |
| Thurs 19th | am | Corpus Christi | Home Communions |
| Sat 21 st | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
| Sunday 22nd June | | Trinity 1 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 11.30 am | | Baptisms |
| | 6.00 pm | | Said Eucharist with hymns |
| Mon 23 rd | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| Tues 24th | 7.00 pm | Birth of John the Baptist | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 25 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Mothers' Union Prayer Time |
| | 2.00 pm | | Service at Beech House |
| Sat 28 th | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
| | Evening | | Barton Arts |
| Sunday 29th June | | Peter & Paul, Apostles | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 7.30 pm | | Barton Arts |
| Mon 30 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |