

Looking where we're going.

For anybody planning a trip to unknown places this summer, one of the most useful pieces of equipment will be a map (or possibly a satnav). Next on the list of useful items may well be a torch in case we need to look at the map after dark. Our journey of prayer isn't so very different from other journeys – only sometimes it can turn out to be more of a treasure hunt than a planned excursion; we all know that treasure hunts need clues for us to follow and that sometimes we need something that acts as a torch for us when we can't quite see where to go next. There are lots of clues, or aids to prayer, available to us. Some people like to look at a picture or light a candle to focus on. Others will read a passage of scripture as a means of developing a prayerful attitude. Crosses – especially holding crosses – are a popular means fixing our minds on God. It doesn't really matter what we use as long as it moves us closer to God – the prize in our treasure hunt of prayer.

Of course, at the heart of our faith is the Eucharist, God's greatest gift to us, and it's not surprising that for many people the Eucharist itself is the springboard to deeper prayer and relationship with God. For those who find this helpful, we have recently been given a monstrance to use on appropriate occasions. A monstrance is a stand in which a consecrated wafer is placed so that it can be a focus for prayer, turning our hearts and minds to God, and this was used for the first time during the Watch of Prayer on Maundy Thursday. The monstrance we have been given {picture – centre pages} is rather in the style of the sculpture by Phil Pape which is fixed to our notice board, so it's also good to have this link with old friends.

To move into a deeper relationship with God should be the goal of every Christian and how each individual does that will depend on many factors of personality and belief. What's important is not *how* we do it but *that* we do it and any means which helps us or others in our prayerful treasure hunt is to be welcomed. The person who gave the monstrance wishes to remain anonymous, but we thank them for this aid to prayer and would also welcome suggestions from anybody else as to what means we could use to deepen our spirituality.

Later in the year it is hoped to run a quiet day or possibly a series of sessions on aspects of prayer, in which we can explore together some possibilities and maybe debunk a few myths (like the one that contemplative prayer is only for monks and nuns). If you have any ideas you'd like to contribute to these sessions, or any particular aspect of prayer you'd like to know more about, please do speak to one of the clergy.

Here's hoping for some warm weather, some pleasurable journeys, and a summer which takes us to new and interesting places, not only on our holidays but in our prayers – a treasure hunt in which finding the treasure is guaranteed.

Liz

Afternoon Teas

Two of these ever popular events have been arranged for **May 13th** and **June 10th**. They will follow the usual format of a variety of sandwiches and cakes for a small donation. They run from 3.30 pm until just before the 6pm service. Also on **27th May**, the **BISHOP OF GRANTHAM** will present BYAA and CCYA awards at a tea from 3pm
Everyone welcome.

Which way now?

You may have noticed that there is now a note about Spiritual Direction and/or the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the list of service times. Whether this is something you would like to make part of your regular personal prayer or something you would find helpful as a “one-off”, any member of the clergy will be happy to have a chat with you in confidence,

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

Apr 8 Lucas Paul BLANCHARD son of Samantha Jayne and Craig BLANCHARD
Apr 22 Toby James VICKERS son of John Paul and Tracy Anne VICKERS
Jez Baylis COBB son of Colette HALL and Peter Neal COBB

MARRIAGES:-

Apr 20 David Arthur Kenneth WHELDRAKE to Rose-marie POTTAGE

FUNERALS:-

Mar 21 Winifred May LAMMING
Mar 23 Peter Michael LAWRENCE
Apr 2 William George HALL

Apr 4 Winifred LODGE
Apr 5 Barbara HARRISON
Apr 18 Mary CUFF
Apr 19 Millicent Rosemary Chenery

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

Jack Baker	Marjorie Radford
Walter and Gladys Kerr	
T. G. Read	Lucy Booty
Lauretta Welch	Stanley Welch
Roy Shepherd	George E. Bell
E. Muriel Bell	

Springtime at the Wilderspin National School

We have returned to our extended opening times for the new season: Thursday – Saturday 10am – 4pm and Sunday 11am – 4pm although Scholars is open for morning coffee from 10.30am.

Thinking of something for the family over the May Bank Holiday weekend? Follow the trail of clues to solve our crime mystery then recover with an indoor or outdoor picnic (depending on weather!) with *lashings of ginger beer* provided by Scholars coffee shop for a moderate price.

Our Victorian music hall show *Up in the Gallery* is on 19th May as part of *Museums at Night*.

Local performers, young and mature, will display their artistic talents in the Wilderspin room under gas lights and before our spectators' gallery! Adults' tickets are £7 and children's are £5. The ticket price is reduced by one guinea when full Victorian costume is worn! And there will be spot prizes for the best dressed Victorian/Edwardian.

We have an easier Empire Family Challenge this year on 24th-27th May with some Empire fare in the Scholars coffee shop. Then on Thursday 31st May Geoff Bryant is having another fascinating walk around town and everyone is welcome to join him between 7.00 and 9.00pm to discover things you never knew about Barton. The walk commences and concludes at the School where refreshments will be available and the £2 fee will support the work of

the Queen Street School Preservation Trust. Prior booking is not essential but helps with catering plans!

We are planning three exhibitions for 2012 focussing on: children and adults who came to the Church School; how children's play has changed; and, with Barton Arts, life in the 1950s to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Your involvement would be much appreciated – especially your memories of the Church School and games you used to play.

Ian Wolseley

News from E1W

A report on the snakes and ladders event that took place for 24 hours on the 13th and 14th April. 5pm start, so a long night head of us. 12 members of E1W + 3 leaders, a member of the clergy Alan Wright and a number of spectators watched some part of the game. The youngsters are a credit to St Mary's and to Barton as it was a very, very long day and not one moaned or complained about being there.

Picture the scene, Church hall, 10 by 10 grid with tape on the floor, handmade snakes and ladders numbers. The task was made a lot easier to tape out due to the carpet squares the hall has which incidently were funded by the youth group. Hand drawn designs of the companies that sponsored the game and a hand sewn dice made by Sophie Catley were all needed for the games to be a success. Suspended in the air were snakes and ladders and an amazing banner which was designed by the group members and given to the group.

An idea was given to the group to ask companies to sponsor the squares and we had an amazing response. A big "Thank you" to all of the following for their support:

Spar - Bowmandale

Frenchy's - barbers

Mathew Evison - plumber, joiner

Keith Ready - solicitor

Barton Dental Centre

Micky B's fruit and veg

Coach and Horses

M and D design - the wonderful people that gave the group the banner.

*Regal Fish
Barton Town Band
CV's Day Spa
The Corn Exchange*

I would like especially to thank Juliet from Frenchy's who had the inspiration for the sponsorship, to Spar for fantastic continuing support and to the banner company on Falklands Way. M and D designs asked to meet the group and then for them to design the banner themselves. This was a great chance to show off the new E1W logo (designed by Chris Catley). The impressive 4 foot by 10 foot creation was made and it will go the next pilgrimage and of course to London 2012.

So from the 24 hour bounceathon last year, coffee mornings, evening meals, stalls and church events we are well on the way to the games. A huge thank you to those who have supported us on the way, from your time given and of course your kind contributions we will be going to the event in London 2012. The trip of a lifetime and I can't wait!!! {picture on centre pages}
Amanda Alliss

From Kerry Alliss

Update on the fundraising for my world challenge trip 2013 Cambodia and Thailand.

Total for the trip is £3245 (not including kit and spends)
I have managed to bank so far £1515, nearly half way there! I could not have achieved this without all the support for St Mary's Church; my cake sales on a Sunday morning are very successful - there must be a date and walnut cake in every house hold in Barton by now! As well as this a friend and I recently have been down to London to clean people's houses, so if anybody needs a hand with: dog-walking, cleaning, babysitting etc please don't hesitate to call, 01652 634093.

My next big event is an adult's fundraiser at the Queen,s pub in Barton on Saturday 5th May; if anyone is interested in a ticket please ring the above number, a good fun night out.

[An excellent effort so far – please keep supporting Kerry. Ed.]

THE ROPEWALK

The Ropewalk will be playing its part in the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in June summer when it organises an Afternoon Tea Party on Sunday, June 3.

Held along The Promenade between 12 noon and 4pm there will be a competition for the best Victoria sponge cake, scones and strawberry jam

which will be judged at 3pm and then sampled with a free, traditional afternoon tea which will follow on straight away after the judging.

The afternoon tea will also include a selection of sandwiches and strawberries and cream.

Other attractions during the afternoon will be free children's activities include kite making, face painting and making crown jewels. There will also be live music and theatre all along the promenade.

The event is free but donations for Breast Cancer will be appreciated. More details will be found on www.the-ropewalk.co.uk nearer the time.

St. Mary's Bellringers

On Sunday 1st April St. Mary's bell ringers fulfilled an invitation that was made last year to ring for Evensong at Howden Minster. Some consider these bells to be the best ring of 8 in the country; they are somewhat heavier than St Mary's with a tenor weighing just over 22 cwt. St Mary's is just over 16 cwt, nevertheless we managed them very well, including the less experienced members of the band and we all thoroughly enjoyed our outing. Photo {centre pages} at Howden courtesy of Geoff Bryant.

Having the bells silent during Holy Week provided an opportunity for a simulator practice in the tower. During the same week Jenny Bennett arranged a theory session at her home and Geoff Bryant hosted a handbell lesson, both of which were thought to be very enjoyable and useful. Ringers also took advantage of the holiday to do some tower cleaning.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Barton-upon-Humber, North Lincolnshire

St. Mary

Sunday 8 April 2012 in 42 mins (16cwt)

1320 Joan Barton Doubles

- 1 Jenny Bennett
- 2 K. Joan Barton
- 3 George A. Thompson
- 4 Richard H. Hopper
- 5 Andrew C. Bennett (C)
- 6 Donald Kitching

Rung for Easter.

Birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd for 5th April.

First in method for all except 2

Everyone is looking forward to the outing at the end of May to ring the bells in Liverpool Cathedral.

Joan Barton

WHAT GOES ON UP THERE?

St Mary's Bellringers cordially invite the congregation and parishioners to come and meet the bellringers. Some of you may wonder what we do up there on Sunday morning and Tuesday evening. Some of you may wonder if there are real people up there making the bells sound over of the town. We are having an open afternoon on Saturday 7th July 2012 between 2 and 5pm and would like to share the ancient art that is our passion with you all.

We would like to get to know you and enable you to put faces to names. We aim to show you how we ring the bells. We also aim to show you the bells as they ring on our newly installed camera system. And maybe even help you have a go at bellringing for yourself.

Refreshments will also be served in the hall during the afternoon.

We do hope that you will come along as we would love to meet you.

Jenny Bennett, Ringing Master, St Mary's Barton

St. Mary's Ladies Group

On 4th April we learnt that at least £1500 has been raised by the Line Dance for Macmillan Nurses.

Hats on Heads - Angela Coupe and Carol Robinson

There was a selection of hats and fascinators on display.

Angela and Carol first met 20 years ago when they were both single mothers and they had decided to go back to college in Lincoln to extend their knowledge and skills in fashion and millinery. Both of them achieved a City and Guilds qualification. Once the course had finished both of them went on further courses but doing different things. Both then remarried and for the next 10 years they went their different ways. In 2001 Angela and her husband sold their business and she decided to go back to college to do a degree in fashion and who should she meet there but Carol who was doing the same degree but part time. They both graduated at the same time. They were approached by a theatre company to make costumes and through this there were asked to produce costumes for a community play and though the cast grew from 30 to over 60, it was a great experience.

Angela started up a millinery business from home. Carol worked part time and also made wedding dresses. Angela decided that she needed a place to work from, but Carol was not as confident, so they decided that Angela would set it up and Carol was going to work alongside her, with them both making bespoke millinery.

They were invited to produce hats for a show in London for young designers. Initially the people there thought they were the mothers of the designers and they had to explain that no they were the designers. They did this for 2 years.

However, they still needed something else to help keep the business going, so they decided to set up workshops. These were particularly needed from October to February as these were the quiet months as far as millinery was concerned. These courses were related to fashion and done from the studio. They would also use other designers to deliver courses such as jewellery making. They also do 1-1 courses, although it does cost more for the individual tuition as it is more intensive.

During summer holidays and Saturday mornings, they run sewing courses for children and teenagers. They teach them how to cut out using a pattern, use a sewing machine and put in a zip. They are trying to pass on their experience and information to others, so those they teach can create and achieve things they have never done before.

They go into schools with CFBT (school improvement service) linking to the Fashion Academy. Over 2-4 days the children design and make their own outfit or hat. Then the teenagers put on a catwalk show to show what they have achieved.

Angela and Carol used to go to different venues to put on hat/fascinator workshops but found that they had a lot of materials to transport. Because of this they decided to create a kit to make a fascinator. It took a whole year to develop the kits. There are 4 different designs and 15 different colour-ways, which they also sell on line. They decided to try to sell the kits to retail. They contacted John Lewis and within a week were meeting the buyers. The buyers wanted to purchase them and after thinking about it for a few days and telling the buyers what the costs would be they received an order for 518 in October. This was followed up by a further order of 300 in the January. This was 3 years ago and they haven't received any more orders. They did not feel that John Lewis marketed them properly. A bit disappointing but a good experience!

Angela then decided to go on the online version of Dragons Den. They applied on line. It took them 3 hours to film a 3 minute demonstration, talking about the kits and how much they wanted the Dragons to invest. The show wanted them to go to Manchester to be filmed. This was not what they had expected, so had to work out all the facts and figures. There was one good thing that came out of this and that was the hotel that the television company

“40 shades of green”

put them in. They had to be in the place where the show is recorded from 6.30am until 5.30 pm. They were put in a horrid little room with food and newspapers. The filming was done in little bits, in and out all the time. The Dragons were horrible (Julie Myre and Shaf). They did not get any investment. It was only meant to be shown on line but it was shown on BBC2 It got them media attention.

At present, they are in talks with doing some televised demonstrations on one of the craft channels. They still continue to do workshops.

Angela and Carol then invited the group to try on the selection of hats and fascinators they had brought with them. {picture – centre pages} S.H.

The annual quiz was well attended at the Lecture Hall and resulted in a dead heat between a Worlaby and a Barton Team. Pam Read set a good range of questions and a delicious faith supper concluded the evening.

The Bishop of Lincoln writes.....

Dear friends,

The Feast of Pentecost falls at the end of May.

The idea of the Holy Spirit coming upon us as it came upon and overwhelmed the apostles in the upper room at the first Pentecost, is a powerful image for a Christian. However, the Holy Spirit's impact might also be rather less dramatic. The Spirit of God – who brooded over the waters of creation, who inspired the prophets, who entered the womb of Mary and descended upon Jesus at his baptism – is active in God's world and can come to us in simpler and more mundane ways.

Having discerned the presence of the Spirit, we need to nurture that presence. God gives human beings a part in the creation, redemption and sanctification of the world – not the primary part, that's for him; but we are called to co-operate in discerning and nurturing that which speaks of him to our world. We can do this in a variety of ways: for example by seeking to protect the integrity of creation, or by working to bring reconciliation and harmony between ethnic and religious groups and always by blowing on the embers of the spirit of God in our own life. These embers are there in every human being and are always ready gently to be fanned into a bigger flame.

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire!

+Christopher Lincoln:

E1W would like to thank everyone at St Marys who supported their St Patrick's Day meal. Together with afternoon teas we have raised the £600 that was needed for transport costs to enable us to go to the 2012 Olympics in London.

E.1.W's St Patricks Day party is almost a distant memory. However the memory is a wonderful one! Lots of people attended, the mood was very happy and the food was superb. Almost everyone wore something green and the young people were clad in authentic Irish costumes, made beautifully by Marion. {Picture - centre pages}

Thanks go to Jenny and all those who cooked the food, including Irish stew and colcannon, (absolutely delicious). Thank you also to the E.1.W members for the wonderful table settings and decorations.

Lastly, thank you to Steve and Marion for the quiz and raffle, and very importantly for publicising the event well in advance. We look forward to the next event!

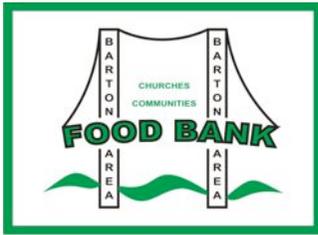
Thank you-----

David and I would like to thank everyone for their wonderful cards, presents and best wishes for our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We have survived it! and are still together. With love Val Dukes

Lent Lunches

£552.14! This will be the final sum Christian Aid will receive when they have reclaimed the extra amount through the Gift Aid Scheme. Once again we enjoyed delicious soup and crusty bread, along with the company of the happy friendly people who came, some who managed every week and gave so generously.

So, many thanks to all who cooked, served and helped to clear everything away. Also, thank you to Sue Brown, for coming with her cards, cakes and various other items to sell. This boosted the sum considerably.



Barton Food Bank would like to thank everyone who has helped with donations of food, time and money in the churches, schools, community groups and supermarkets, since the Distribution Centre opened at the Trinity Methodist Church just over two months ago.

We are quite well stocked at the moment, but are aware of the need to be constantly collecting. It is vital, as in the past few weeks, demand for our services has greatly increased, and stocks are reducing.

Please be assured that all donations are used. These are given out in order of their "sell by" dates. We cannot, however, keep any out of date stock of tins etc, as this makes Food Bank liable for any ill effects which recipients might suffer. These we have to discard.

If you wish to know more about collection, storage and distributions methods or anything else, please contact Penny Phillips at St. Mary's, Captain Anita Cotterill (Salvation Army) on 01652 632666 or Margaret Sidell on 01652 632512.

Thank you once again.

WHY NOT GET UP EARLY NEXT EASTER?

If you want to re-live the experience of Mary in the garden on the first Easter Day, I recommend attending the 6 am Easter Vigil and Dawn Mass, as a spiritually rewarding act of worship. The service is very ancient, although it was not used in the Church of England for a long time after the Reformation, but now many churches have revived it. Originally it used to start late on Saturday night and continue right through the night until dawn with dozens of readings and psalms and prayers. That was the Easter Vigil service. The service has now been much shortened and the Vigil proper is just three Old Testament readings. By getting up before dawn, you can hear the dawn chorus of birds in the churchyard, and the total quiet of an early Sunday morning.

We begin the service in dark outside the church with the lighting of the New Fire from a brazier in the churchyard. The Fire is used to light the Easter Candle, which will burn at every service until Pentecost. From the Candle are lit the candles of all the worshippers and we enter the church for the Service of Light. Then the Vigil readings take place, followed by the Epistle and Gospel. Originally and traditionally, baptisms then took place of the new Christians who had undergone preparation during Lent, but now the service consists of the renewal of baptismal vows, before the font, which has been placed in the chancel and the water blessed. After we have been splashed with the baptismal water, the Creed is said and the eucharist then follows. This year, after the service, which takes just an hour, we all had a wonderful breakfast in the hall, kindly prepared by Steve and Marion. {picture – centre pages}

Peter Large

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

Our meeting was opened by Linda with words of welcome to everyone including our speaker The Revd Owain Mitchell. We sang the hymn "Immortal, Invisible" followed by a reading from Hebrews 8. 1 - 7, read by Iris Ward. Linda said prayers then gave out notices. Rev Owain spoke about the "Symbolism of Sanctuary" which was the title of a book he had just read. This gave him the idea for his talk using his own reflections on the subject of sanctuary. He spoke about all the items we use in church starting with the altar then listing and explaining about—the sanctuary lamp, the aumbry, altar candles, sacred vestments, the crucifix and incense.

The Altar is the focal point in every church, a place of reverence and prayer, the Throne of God's character. The essence of God is love and sacrifice. Our Lord showed Divine Love in human conditions. When partaking of the Eucharist we are seeking to grow in God's Divinity offering ourselves in time and prayer, our sacrifice to God in worship and our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice.

The Sanctuary Lamp (not used in all churches) burns a light constantly as a reminder of God, "IF GOD IS NOT, THE WORLD WOULD NOT BE". The lamp is a thing of outward beauty, the light a reflection of inward beauty pointing towards God's inward depths. We are lamps – the Light of Christ shines constantly within our souls, points us towards God from whose hand we will never fall.

The Aumbry = the presence of God. This is different to everyone depending on their belief, being Spiritual, Material or Sacramental.

The Altar Candles. There are usually six, three either side of the Cross (the seventh candle) which symbolises The Light of Christ. The light of God's Glory is revealed in the face of Christ, to this we turn to bear witness.

The Sacred Vestments worn by The Clergy in church services signify Purity, Sacrifice and Service. These vestments vary to the type of service being taken. Usually a prayer is said by the priest as he puts on each item of the vestments. "The Church is clothed in God's Beauty".

The Crucifix depicts God Incarnate showing us how Christ died to save us from our sins. It reflects God's sympathy/pity for creation. It is like a lighthouse reflecting beams of God's Love over us all. Holding us in unity and prayer to trust and believe in God.

We offer Incense in homage to God. Even the Wise Men recognised Christ as King at his birth with the giving of their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our prayers, like incense, ascend to God.

Iris Ward thanked Rev Owain for a very interesting and informative talk.

At our Lady Day Eucharist service on March 26th, Kevin Henson was enrolled into the Mothers' Union; he was supported by his wife Angela who re-affirmed her Mothers Union promises.

On April 21st we joined the Ladies of Trinity Chapel at their Annual Rally service which was followed by afternoon tea.

Brenda Skinner

May 2 9.30am Corporate Communion Reader Iris Ward

May 16 2pm Rev Charles Patrick Reader/Vote thanks Elinor Cartwright

May 23 2pm Prayer Time Leader Viv Rowett

May 23 7pm DEANERY FESTIVAL

Flower Rota: May 6 Linda Bromfield; May 20 Brenda Skinner

Over to you.....

Whilst we were in Venice recently I began to think how things reoccur in our lives which are not expected. For example, when I was at the Grammar school I did O level art under the tutelage of Walter Cook, whom some of you will remember. We had to design and paint a poster for a holiday and I chose to do a Gondola in Venice moored by the Lagoon - I had never been there in my life but ended up there nearly 50 years later.

I travelled the road to Burton Stather frequently with one of my friends to see her Grandmother, not knowing I would go there regularly now to see our daughter.

I had singing lessons with Mrs Mona Gledhill and always wanted to sing in the church choir - but girls were not allowed!!! Now I love singing in the choir.

My Uncle had a dairy farm on the road from Winterton to Winteringham - little did I know I would end up teaching there (not on the farm!).

As a teenager I used to attend Evensong regularly with a Group of 'Young Conservatives' - much to my Mother's surprise (she being a Methodist) not knowing I would be a member of St. Mary's for most of my life.

And so the list goes on - I am sure that you have had similar experiences. But there is one thing that reoccurs throughout our Lives particularly during this Easter period - We are reminded that Jesus gave His Life for us so that we might have eternal Life through His Resurrection.

Have a good May.....

S. W.

St. Mary's Ladies' Group (contd).

It was quite appropriate to have Marilyn Roberts to speak about Coronations in the past and things that went wrong!

- There have been 40 monarchs since William the Conqueror and something has gone wrong at each ceremony.
- At George III's they forgot to put saucers under the chandelier candles in Westminster Hall so the wax dripped on the ladies in the gallery.
- The coronation ring was made for the wrong finger for Victoria and it got stuck taking two and a half hours to remove.
- The Imperial crown had to be made smaller twice to fit her.
- Edward VII had appendicitis, so the coronation was delayed therefore there were two sets of 'mugs' made!
- He installed Alice Keppell and Lily Langtree in what was called his 'Loose Box'.
- Queen Elizabeth II consumed copious amounts of salt and hard boiled eggs so as not to need the toilet during the ceremony.
- The state coach rocked a lot on its leather straps, making the Duke of Edinburgh feel travel sick.
- The red velvet breeches of the coachmen 'ran' in the rain and made their tights pink!
- The choir boys were given 1/3 pint bottles of milk for the ceremony in case they needed refreshments - then they could use the empty bottle in an emergency as the ceremony was so long.

We also had a look pictures of the various crowns used on such occasions.

Of course most of us could remember the Coronation, the wet weather, the small screen televisions and the memorabilia.

S.W.



Bell ringers at Howden



E1W members and helpers at the St. Patrick's day evening



Ladies' group hat demonstration



An image from an earlier year's 6am Easter Day Dawn Eucharist



The new Monstrance

Diamond Jubilee

Flower Festival at

St. Mary's

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 5th May
10 am – 12 noon in the Church Hall
In aid of

**GOOLE NEURO-REHABILITATION
CENTRE**

Cake and other usual stalls



- ❖ Friday June 1st – Tuesday June 5th
- ❖ *Preview evening with Cheese & Wine*
- ❖ Friday June 1st at 7.00pm - Tickets £5
- ❖ To commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee
- ❖ *Refreshments served from 10am - 4pm*



There will be a flower arrangement at the Festival financed by people who have sponsored a flower in memory of a loved one. A minimum of £2 per flower. A card will be placed by the arrangement with the names in whose memory the flowers have been purchased.



St. Marys' Scrubbers – 1910 style

This is a photo of the Church Cleaning group of over 100 years ago. The man on the left, with brush, is Mr Daddy; the lady back row, 2nd from left, is Agnes Robinson; the boy on the back row, far right is ? Robinson and the lady seated 2nd from the right is Polly? Robinson. Do you know any other names? If so, please contact Mary Robinson (who supplied the photo), Alan or Sue. I wonder if Janet Petch will still be cleaning, in her apron, in 100 years time

Tues 1st May	7.00 pm	Philip & James, Apostles	Said Eucharist
Wed 2 nd	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 3rd	all day		St. Peter's School in church
Fri 4 th	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 5 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
	12.30 pm		Wedding
Sunday 6th May		Easter 5	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	6.00 pm		Choral Evensong
Wed 9 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	7.30 pm		Archdeacon's Visitation at Gainsborough
Fri 11 th	5.00 pm		E1W

Sat 12 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 13th May		Easter 6	
	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 14th	9.00 am	Matthias, Apostle	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Diary meeting (Vicarage)
Tues 15 th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 16 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Westbridge House
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 17th	7.00 pm	Ascension Day	Sung Eucharist
Fri 18 th	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 19th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 20th May		Easter 7	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong
	Parish	News	deadline
Mon 21st	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communion at St. Peter's Court & Victoria House
Wed 23 rd	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.00 pm		Mothers' Union Deanery Service
	7.30 pm		Deanery Synod at Barrow
Fri 25 th	5.00 pm		E1W
Sat 26 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
	4.00 pm		Wedding
Sunday 27th May		Pentecost	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	11.30 am		Baptisms
	3.00 pm		Youth presentations with the Bishop of Grantham

	6.00 pm		Said Eucharist with hymns
Mon 28 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist and PCC
Wed 30 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Thurs 31 st	All day		Flower Festival arranging
Fri 1st June	Evening		Flower Festival (till Tuesday); no choir practice.

How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?

What do you mean **CHANGE** ?

That light bulb was given in memory of my grandmother! My father installed it with his bare hands. He donated his time and the use of his ladder to do it, too! My family's been members of this church for four generations! And if you think you're going to come in here and make a bunch of changes all of a sudden, Vicar, you've got another think coming!!!

(contributed by Jane Robinson)