

HOW LOVELY ON THE MOUNTAINS....

No, not time for a quick sing-song, but a response to the Silly Season Story of 2010. Nothing happens in August (apart from long-running famines, disasters and wars, all of which the news ignores as 'boring'), so when Steven Hawking announced there was no need for a God to kick-start the universe, it must have come as the answer to many a journalist's secular prayer.

In 1802, William Paley (once sub-dean of Lincoln Cathedral) 'proved' the existence of God by saying the Universe was too complicated to be down to chance. (Even now some Christians take refuge in this 'God of the Gaps' - for example, the preacher who showed slides of the Lake District to show this could never have come about 'by accident'. Well, of course, it isn't an accident, the mountains are indeed lovely - but it came about by a combination of plate tectonics and glaciation, and I don't think that's what the preacher wanted to hear.)

Meanwhile Paley's God has proved to be the best Christmas (?Solstice?) present ever given the atheist community, for as science grows, such a God shrinks, until Hawking delivers the final *coup de grace*.

It'll be no bad thing for the Christian faith, therefore, when the God of the Gaps disappears. It fed our fascination with the 'How did...?' question against the 'Why did...?' one which historically has been at the heart of Christian believing. To end an obsession with 'How did the Universe form?' and to return to asking the 'Why?' question takes us into thinking about our role in this peculiarity called existence — and then into pondering its cruelties and injustices as well as its glories.

If Hawking is right, the Universe has taken billions of years before its remorseless mathematics produced creatures which could observe the maths - and say either 'yes' or 'no' to the consequences. As far as we know, we are the only beings capable of challenging or acquiescing in 'survival of the fittest', or able to choose to abet or to ameliorate those outworkings of physics which produce earthquake, famine and flood.

So are we here only to go with the flow of the equations? Or are we here to give them a deeper significance and direction, so that out of

mathematics and gravity are born compassion and concern? And God, as distinct from Paley's Celestial Tinkerer, will be found deep in the consequences of this Necessary Universe — amidst the broken and the crushed and the hungry, waiting to hear our answer.

Fr David

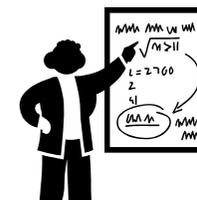
ALL SOULS' TIDE.

The end of October and beginning of November bring with them the annual Memorial Service on Sunday 31st October at 6.00 pm and Commemoration of All Souls requiem on Tuesday 2nd November at 9.30 am. The lists of names for the Commemoration will be at the back of Church shortly for corrections and additions.



TEACHING EVENINGS IN THE HALL

- Monday October 11, 7.30, Very Revd. David Leaning - 'Bishop Edward King'. David is former Dean of Southwell.
- Monday November 8th, 7.30. The Bishop of Grimsby – "Mission".



HONOURING THE WORD.

The commotion caused by threatened Koran-burning seems odd to us. Jewish tradition requires that scrolls which are worn out are left to decay, whereas we don't fret if a tatty Bible goes in the recycling. We do do some physical honouring of The Book: I've seen Bibles are held on high as signs of devotion in Evangelical prayer meetings; 'Common Worship' strongly encourages Doing Things with the Gospel Book; there's even a joke in *'The Tempest'* which depends on people knowing about such customs. But why are we, of the three Abrahamic religions, so unconcerned about the actual paper and ink?

Perhaps it's because we *read* (or proclaim) rather than *recite*. Great prominence was given to the proclamation of Scripture in the mediaeval Eucharist, with reading-desks to put the most magnificent Methodist pulpit to shame: in the Greek Church, all those about to read Scripture in worship are prayed for. Even if we've simplified it - these days it's the deacon alone who seeks a blessing that they 'may worthily proclaim the Holy Gospel'* - the presence of God in the words of Scripture is to be honoured. All the acclamations and blessings and the rest point this way - Scripture is to be revered as much as Sacrament, and for the same reason - God is to be found there, mysteriously and often only half-glimpsed.

Which makes the knee-jerk response, 'This is the word of the Lord' all the more problematic. What on earth do we mean, especially if it follows one of the more colourful passages from, say, Revelation?

So when I spotted this article by an American Presbyterian, it was clear that misgivings exist in others' minds too:

"After the reading of the Old Testament and the Epistle, the traditional exchange is: "Verbum Domini." "Deo gracias." Verbum Domini, of course, means "the Word of the Lord" and Deo gracias means "thanks be to God." Why is it that so many insist on trying to improve on this by adding "this is"? After I read the lesson and say, "the Word of the Lord," is there any ambiguity there? Is there confusion as to whether I am referring to what I just read as being the Word of the Lord? Could some misconstrue my words and assume that I mean that some lesson which is not being read today is the Word of the Lord, while the one I just read is not the Word of the Lord? I don't think so.

Verbum Domini. "The Word of the Lord." That's all that needs to be said."

I think we in the CofE caught 'This is...' either from the Methodists or from the English version of the RC mass. There's a persistent rumour that both churches are thinking of ditching it in favour of the older 'The Word of the Lord.' It might at least mean we could proclaim the Scriptures without our fingers crossed.... What do you think?

**You may have noticed we've reintroduced ¶ this custom - though, sadly, not the Greek version which entertainingly addresses the eucharistic president as 'Despota' — 'Despot'!!*

¶ *'Reintroduced' - not a misprint. St Chad will have used it!*

PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

The next Prayer and Reflection Group will meet on Tuesday 5th October at 8.00pm. As 4th October is Saint Francis' Day, he will be the theme for the evening. It will be led by The Reverend Gordon Plumb. The November meeting will be on Monday 1st November. This will take the form of a "Review" evening when we will look at the future of the Group. There is the concern that it is regarded as Kathy and David's Group and not a Parish Group. Maybe also it is too closely associated with David as leader and 82, West Acridge as the only venue. It is thought that there should be a wider leadership to bring greater diversity to the content, and that hospitality could be offered by people living in different addresses. David would like this to happen as he would like a break from the status quo. It would be good to have this in place before Kathy and David leave the Parish so that its future could continue.

OVER TO YOU

Manners! Manners maketh Man – or should it be "maketh person"! I think I am turning into a "grumpy old woman" – no comments on that, thank you!

There seems to be a decline in manners, particularly in saying "thank you". How often do you give way to oncoming traffic to be totally ignored by the other driver? How often do we fail to receive a "thank

Ellis in the cult series UFO, Nicole Freeman in Crossroads, Jill Hammond in The Brothers and Lady Asharton in the Inspector Lynley series as well as leading roles in many West End productions.

Two weeks later on Saturday, October 23, Jonathan Miller takes to the stage. His career has covered many different fields: author, lecturer, television producer and presenter, theatre, opera and film director.

For over 30 years Jonathan Miller has contributed prolifically to the BBC and independent television. His 1966 film of Alice in Wonderland is regarded as being one of his greatest achievements. Between 1980 and 1982 he produced and directed 11 plays for the BBC's prestigious Shakespeare series, in 1984, The Beggar's Opera and in 1985, Cosi fan tutti.

His involvement in the world of opera began when he was invited to direct the British premiere in 1974 of Arden Must Die by Alexander Goehr and spent several seasons working closely with Kent Opera, and subsequently, with English National Opera for which he directed some of his most enduring successes.

For more details go to www.roperyhall.co.uk

Donations for Church flowers have been received in loving memory of

Casey Lee Jones

Stephen Atkin

Madge Atkin

Fred Small

Bob Griffiths

Jeremy Griffiths

Edna and John Bellamy

Hugh McMahon

The Brigham Sisters -Daisy, Rene, Mary, Grace, Winnie and Lucy



GIRLGUIDING UK

This year Girl Guides all over the UK have been celebrating the Centenary of this movement.

The girls in Barton have joined in with events in our local Guiding County, with over 3000 members at Pleasure Island last September to start off the year. Since then various events have taken place including Brownies enjoying a Big Picnic with a circus theme at Market Rasen Racecourse and Rainbows have enjoyed the day at Rand Farm. Approximately 1000 members of our county will have met with 1000 members of East Riding County on the Humber Bridge on Sunday 12th September!!

The official ending to the year will be girls and adults all over the UK renewing their Guiding Promise at 8.10pm on 20th October 2010 - giving us the memorable date and time of 20:10, 20.10. 2010.

The girls and leaders of the Barrow and Barton Units are having a party to celebrate this event at the Buckingham Suite, Reeds Hotel. We want to make this a party the girls will remember for a long time.

We would like to make a display of past memorabilia (photographs, artefacts) and this is where I am asking for your help – if you were a Rainbow/Brownie/Guide or a leader and you have anything you could loan to us for this event it would be really appreciated. If you contact Sue Wind, 01652 642334 or email: windbrownw@aol.com I could arrange to collect the items.

Again, if you were a Rainbow, Brownie, Guide or Leader and would like to join us to renew your promise then please let Sue know

you” from the younger generation for gifts that have been given? Perhaps this is due to the increase of technology – mobile phones, emails etc. I remember my mother discontinuing her gifts to her nephew who never said “thank you”. Do you thank people after a party, wedding, or after help received? I remember Bishop Bill Ind telling us at Alan’s Ordination charge: “It doesn’t take a minute to send a card or note.”

I’ve noticed in church, particularly during intercessions we hardly ever say thank you – we pray for help locally and globally, for healing, for those who have died – but what about thanking God for our homes and families, for the beautiful scenery, for our freedom of choice, for good health, for friends and fellowship; saying thank you generally for the positive things that happen in our lives rather than dwelling on the negative.

“Thank you” for reading this – have a good month!

Sue. W.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHURCH (YPC)

The members of E1W are meeting most Saturday mornings in the church for an hour exploring various Biblical themes in conjunction with members of the clergy. The early sessions will develop some of the issues they explored in their recent pilgrimage. Although this is instigated by our young people, any member of the congregation who is interested in a short Bible study will be most welcome.

COMIC CORNER

The things children write in essays – RE:

- ❖ A deacon is the lowest form of Christian (sorry, Liz).
- ❖ The first book in the bible is Guinnessis.
- ❖ The Great Flood was sent because of the number of dirty people.
- ❖ Who was sorry when the Prodigal Son returned? The fatted calf.
- ❖ Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree; Saddam and Gomorrah were twins.
- ❖ Jesus cured Peter’s mother-in-law when she was sick of a fever, and Peter swore and went out and wept.
- ❖ A parable is a heavenly story with no earthly meaning.

to be continued.....



NOT A PILGRIMAGE BUT

My husband Geoff and I very recently travelled on a package holiday in Israel/Palestine. It was a very interesting experience. I think we were fairly well prepared for the reality of 21st century life in that area and did not find that our expectations were seriously assaulted except I have to admit I did expect to see more sheep, especially in the Galilee! We saw only one herd, in an encampment of nomadic Bedouin not very far from the ugly barriers dividing the Palestinian West bank from Jerusalem. We never did ask our local tour guide about this and she was kept busy guiding and teaching our large party about the places we were visiting and about Israeli defence rights and needs! No more: we all read and hear the news!

Not being on a pilgrimage meant that we were introduced to a huge variety of places including at least three of the palaces of Herod the Great - at Caesarea, Masada and in Jerusalem and one built by his son Herod Antipas, now in the Golan Heights(!), Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found, the great Crusader castle at Acco (Acre) later a prison under the post-World War 1 British Mandate and Yad Vashem, the truly moving world monument to the Holocaust victims.

The fact that the holy sites were presented in exactly the same manner as the historical sites gave us total freedom to find that indefinable special atmosphere where it came to us and it came quite randomly. Geoff was unexpectedly moved by the sincerity of the worship at the Western (Wailing) Wall in Jerusalem; I was moved more by the ante-chapel to the Grotto in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem than by the Grotto itself and by the small Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth more than by the magnificent Roman Catholic Church nearby. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem left me feeling confused by its Byzantine/medieval/"modern" haphazardness. However, a second visit, at a quieter time of the day and in a group of only four, revealed the small Coptic Church on the roof of the main Church and two tiny Coptic chapels on the way up the staircase. That felt like a special place in that most hallowed Church in Christendom. Also on the roof is a tiny 4th Century Ethiopian monastery and down many steps through the Coptic Church is a huge cave cistern, where we were encouraged to

sing. The first verse of "There is a green hill far away" sounded wonderful with the most fantastic acoustics I have ever heard! Six Christian denominations lay claim to parts of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: Greek and Syrian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Armenians, Copts and Ethiopians. It is not overly large for such a presence so maybe that is why the roof seemed so attractive. On the next morning a few more of our party, including an Anglican priest who had been unmasked only when he bought a chasuble in the Christian gift shop in Bethlehem(!), found their way to the Coptic Church where a Eucharist was being celebrated. Apparently as the Eucharistic Prayer began the congregation erupted into clapping and other expressions of joy!

Between the two visits to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre a group of nine of us decided to use some of a free afternoon visiting what our tour guide had dismissively called "the place the Protestants believe is the Crucifixion site". I had not previously registered "The Garden Tomb" in my mind. However it was a good place to visit. There is an ancient tomb; there is also, nearby and overlooking the East Jerusalem Bus Station, an image of a skull eroded into the face of the ancient quarry; there is a large ancient wine-press which clearly belonged to a wealthy man; but is this Golgotha? Is it Joseph of Aramathea's tomb? At the very least, this garden, planted now with olive trees, has become a place of peace and reflection despite the buses.

So not a pilgrimage Or Perhaps was it?

Rosemary Lamert

OCTOBER AT ROPERY HALL

Gabrielle Drake bringing the Victorian novelist Elizabeth Gaskell back to life and an audience with writer, theatre, opera and film director Sir Jonathan Miller are just two of the October highlights at Ropery Hall.

On Saturday, October 9, Gabrielle performs Dear Scherehezade in an exceptional dramatisation. Many of you will recall Gabrielle from her many leading roles on television and stage including Lieutenant Gay

BISHOP'S LETTER : OCTOBER 2010

Happy New Year!

The Diocese of Lincoln is a major contributor to educational excellence both locally and nationally. Our Diocesan Board of Education is recognised as a leader in the field, whilst I currently Chair the Church of England's Education Division and Bishop David is Vice-Chair of the National Society Council.

The National Society was set up 200 years ago as the vehicle whereby the Church could help to provide the best possible education to all children, but especially those from the most deprived backgrounds. What is meant by "best" and "deprived" has changed a great deal over the past two centuries, but the principles undergirding our commitment to primary and secondary education have remained constant.

For some commentators, educational excellence is seen entirely in terms of test results and access to further and higher education. These things do matter, because we want all children to have the chance to achieve well at school, so as to thrive in their chosen profession and place of work. Our Church Schools are about that, but they are about much more besides.

Church of England Schools seek to provide opportunities for staff and pupils to teach and learn in an environment informed by Christian values, celebrating Christian virtues and promoting attitudes and aptitudes consistent with a good life lived for the common good. The word "ethos" is often used to capture what is special about our Church Schools, and although this added value is not unique to schools with C of E in their title, it is something which comes as standard in such schools.

The Coalition Government is committed to creating a new wave of Academies and "free schools". Whilst offering a robust critique of such proposals when they seem to fall short of the ideals we espouse – especially in relation to schools in deprived areas – we nonetheless stand ready to go on being a force for good in enhancing school

experiences and life chances for our children and our children's children.

At the start of a new school year, we pray God's blessing on all pupils, teachers, support staff, Governors and Bishop's Visitors and re-dedicate ourselves to support and encourage them as best we can.

+ John Lincoln

ST. MARY'S LADIES GROUP

Our new programme commenced with a visit from Live, Love and Create a craft shop from Brigg. The shop is run by Craig and Sarah Osborne-Goodson, who started the business in November 2009. They have created a space for celebrating and encouraging greater participation in arts and crafts for everyone. The young couple wished to work together on their joint interests and spend all their time in the shop helping with the crafts or serving teas. Their day commences at 6.00 pm with cake baking and ends late in the day painting pots for commission work and getting ready for the next day.

You can pop in and attempt paint it yourself pottery and decopatch and have a cup of coffee whilst you wait for things to dry or pick them up later. They also cater for parties for children and adults with workshops and evening classes. They demonstrated the decopatch and painting plates explaining each technique and showing their enthusiasm for their work.

Pauline Chapman thanked them for their interesting visit and our members eagerly viewed the items on display.

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on September 15th was opened by Sheila with words of welcome to everyone especially to our visitors who included Mothers' Union members from Brigg, Scunthorpe and Messingham and also our speaker Mavis Silley from MU Enterprises. We sang the hymn "For the beauty of the earth" followed by prayers from Sheila and a reading of Psalm 67 by Brenda Skinner. Sheila gave out apologies and notices before passing over to Mavis.

Mavis sells goods on behalf of MU Enterprises. She had brought with her a large selection which were for sale afterwards. Mavis explained how MU Enterprises had grown from being just a sideline of selling cards and books to raise funds to what it is today. It is now a limited company having its own charity and commission number and holds stock of £1500 to £1800. There is not enough room to hold all stock at St Benedict's so Mavis keeps a small stock in her spare bedroom. A new catalogue comes out twice a year and a small one goes to members who take The Families First magazine. The commission on goods sold goes to the Lincoln Diocese. Having sold £10,000 Worth last years Mavis is expecting a cheque for £1000 to give to Lincoln which will be put to good use for the work of the Mothers Union. Mavis is a very well known member of the Mothers' Union as she has worked for the MU a long time and met lots of people. Whilst out visiting Mavis met and spoke to a young mum from a Baptist church who had been to Green Belt where there was a large MU marquee which she had visited, she told Mavis she was astounded at the work done by the MU at the "grass roots" all over the world. Mavis finished her talk to us by saying "It only takes one member to do one thing no matter how small to make a difference". Brenda Skinner thanked Mavis on behalf of everyone for updating us on the current work of MU Enterprises and hopefully we would buy everything on her table!!

Brenda Skinner

Oct 6th 9.30am Corporate Communion. Reader Iris Ward
Oct 20th 2pm Speaker Rev Gordon Plumb. Reader and Vote of Thanks - Iris Ward
Oct 27th 2pm Prayer time. Leader Viv Rowett

Flower Rota
Oct 3rd Edith Hobson
Oct 17th Joyce Gibson
Oct 31st Janet Petch

Extra Notice:-

We are expecting a visit from The Bishop of Tirunelveli and friends on October 2nd at St Mary's whilst they are in North Lincs. Some members of our MU will be providing refreshments. Tirunelveli is our MU Link diocese in India.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:-

Sept 12th Morgan Joseph Michael CARTER-STEPHENSON son of Joanne Andrea CARTER and Julian Robert STEPHENSON
Calum James MARSHALL son of Zarah Elizabeth
Caroline GOODMAN and David Leslie MARSHALL

Sept 19th Harry Thomas HOLMES son of Laura Jane and Kevin Andrew HOLMES
Freya Olivia SEDDON daughter of Claire Louise and Mark Anthony SEDDON

MARRIAGES:-

Sept 11th Michael Liam HICKEY to Sian Danielle HALDER

FUNERALS:-

Aug 27th Winifred Mary CREDLAND
Aug 31st Francis David (Dave) GODDARD
Sept 14th Eunice Ann WILKINSON
Sept 16th James Edwin (Eddie) Abbott
Sept 20th Baby Eleanor Ackroyd

LOOKING FOR A NEW INTEREST?

Barton WEA invites you and your friends to the following class:

Music around the Humber Sat 13 Nov 14.30-18.00 Wilderspin School

Why not come along and give it a try? All adults welcome, no prior knowledge or experience needed.

For more details or to book a place, tel 01652 632739.

PARISH FOUNDATION COURSE

We are looking to run this course, which is open to other parishes in the Deanery, here with a preliminary meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 18th October in the Hall. There is a core course around developing ministry and leadership skills, followed by other supplementary modules to be decided on by the participants. There are leaflets at the back of the church giving more details. If you think you might be interested, have a word with Liz Brown.

FROM CHLOE (E1W AND CHOIR MEMBER)

I hope you all had amazing summer; I know I did! E1W enjoyed the camping trip to Walsingham as it was an amazing experience. E1W also brought back a present for the church which is in St Chad's Chapel! We are raising money for the victims of the floods which have happened recently so if you have any spare change in your pockets the poster will be on the floor near St Chad's. Thank you!

TUESDAY EVENING EUCHARIST

After consultation, the number of Tuesday evening Eucharists is being reduced. There will be one on the THIRD Tuesday of each month, to include prayers for healing and wholeness at 7 pm; others will be added if there is a saint's day or other significant church festival. The next Tuesday evening Eucharist will be on 19th October, which will honour St. Luke (transferred from Monday 18th).

E1W goes Gothic.

*Tired of the silliness and unpleasantness of Hallowe'en?
Then come and explore the riches of the Victorian Gothic
and accept E1W's invitation to*

Dinner with Baron Frankenstein. 7.00, Saturday October 30.

"Count on me being there." Vlad the Impaler.

"I'll be there. And so will I!" Dr. Henry Jekyll.

"Yess, Masster." Igor.

So Stoker the fires of your imagination: come along in your white coat and let your inner mad scientist speak; dig out your cloak and bow tie; rummage for the box of spare bolts. Shelley we see you, pitchfork in hand, as a fearful peasant? Be a pale Victorian heroine for the night, or a bold gentleman adventurer. You'd be bats to miss it!

Tickets available from E1W or sign up at the back.

A MESSAGE FROM ADRIAN

I am leaving; I am only going as far as to live in Hull, but as we all know the Humber Bridge is a Humber Barrier. I will be living deep in Sutton-on-Hull, if only a street from where I lived between 1964 and 1985.

During my time coming to this church I formatted some archives of around 1972 and 1973 on to the church website when the local writing was convinced that the Humber Bridge would turn Barton into a suburb of Hull. It didn't happen like that, thanks to the tolls.

We moved to New Holland since 1994, which was a cheaper Hull substitute for my mother (as in less on the house but having to pay the bridge instead), but I have been coming to this church from about 2002. I started coming at first just in the evenings, often to turn up outside and find the service had been earlier and everyone had gone home. I did try the Anglican one 30 seconds from my front door, but the chap there once preached about the sinful people of New Holland. He was accurate (and some of my next door neighbours were atrocious), but he made all sorts of aspersions and theological assumptions I didn't want to hear. I have been four times I think, maybe three, and never been to Barrow even once. So I am a good example of a parish boundary crosser. And in 2004 I started coming more seriously after I gave up on the Unitarians.

I did give this Anglican approach a serious effort, including making a mention of seeking further ministry, and following it up later but then realising I could not make those "promises" that the new curate repeated a number of times. My postmodern attempt of doing Christianity had failed, and I just rediscovered my liberal theological position. I was also frustrated that I'd taken only one service within an Easter week, and tried some imaginative prayers, but felt the whole thing over constrained and clerical, which is all to do with the business of clergy being substitutes for a bishop not being present and all that hierarchy stuff. Despite an appreciation of symbolism, I have slid down the candle completely and prefer liberal equality.

So it was nearly two years ago now that I stopped taking communion. I went to the communion rail when Kathy started being a priest, but only to stand there to personally affirm her full ministry as a general concept. I refuse communion equally from male and female.

Nevertheless I must say how I will always appreciate the pastoral support given to me and Elena too as my mother's dementia increased and life became very difficult and stressful, and one learnt about betrayal within families. There were real moments there where I searched around for principles of proper behaviour, and drew on all that the church offered for support. That encountered reality is an unforgettable deposit, as indeed there are still consequences of all that happened back in 2006. This is where faith groups are so valuable: in human support and patterns of belief, and also in the wisdom of the available elders.

I did find a role particularly in presenting to the In Depth Group some theological material (some based on my contemporary theology MA) but it increasingly convinced me of my own marginality regarding Anglican beliefs, and I was also asked to take a service at the Unitarians. They had moved on from my last encounters, and I'd also missed a whole ministry there (probably fortunately); but although nothing is problem free its creedless base simply suits best my way of thinking.

Then the opportunity arose to get rehoused, and the value of that (as a separated unable-bodied person with no offspring) was too great to miss. I'm not much of a poker player when it comes to solicitors and gambling my living place on the estate of my late mother, even though that action continues according to my new understanding of 'family'.

I am still friendly with Elena, who now appears fairly regularly in virtual form on the Internet. She tells me that with my move back to Sutton, my life has gone "full circle" as if it has come to its natural end. It is an interesting thought, though I hope something new might come from there. If forced to give up my car, New Holland becomes a trap anyway.

I will be coming over the bridge from Hull, because I still have some appointments on this side of the river. It's just that these won't take place on Sundays and probably later on if Wednesdays, so you might see me in the streets of Barton but, in the main, I'll be gone. So it is bye again to the Anglicans. In saying that I'd just like to thank everyone for their friendship since I made this church an adopted home.

Adrian Worsfold



[In saying goodbye to Adrian, we should also say "Thank you" for all he has brought to St. Mary's Church, and we wish him well in the future. Ed.]

Fri 1 st Oct.	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 2 nd	11.00 am		Young Peoples' Church
Sunday 3rd Oct		HARVEST	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Family Communion
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	6.00 pm		Harvest Songs of Praise
Mon 4 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	2.00 pm		Staff diary meeting (Birchdale)
	7.00 pm		Harvest Supper
Tues 5 th	8.00 pm		Prayer and reflection (82 W. Acridge)
Wed 6 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	7.30 pm		Outreach and Nurture (vestry)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group Harvest Supper
Thurs 7 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 8 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 9 th	11.00 am		Young Peoples' Church
	1.30 pm		Wedding
Sunday 10th Oct		Trinity 19	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	4.00 pm		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Evening Prayer
Mon 11 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	2.00 pm		Standing Committee (Vicarage)
	7.30 pm		Teaching evening (Hall)
Tues 12 th	7.00 pm		Harvest at St. Peter's Court
Wed 13 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	7.15 pm		Ministry meeting (Birchdale)
Thurs 14 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	7.30 pm		Confirmation service (Bp. Grimsby)
Fri 15 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 16 th	11.00 am		Young Peoples' Church
Sunday 17th Oct.		Trinity 20	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Family Worship and Baptisms
	3.00 pm		Civic Service
	6.00 pm		Parish Eucharist

Mon 18 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communions: St. Peter's Court and Victoria House
	7.30 pm		Foundation Course meeting (Hall)
Tues 19th	7.00 pm		Eucharist (for Luke – Ap. and Ev.)
Wed 20 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	11.00 am		St. Peter's School in church
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group meeting
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Thurs 21 st	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	am		Home Communions
Fri 22 nd	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 23 rd	11.00 am		Young Peoples' Church
	2.00 pm		Wedding
Sunday 24th Oct		Bible Sunday	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	4.00 pm		Baptism
	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong
Mon 25 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
Wed 27 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union prayer Time
Thurs 28th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	12 noon		Eucharist (ss. Simon and Jude Ap.)
Fri 29 th	5.00 pm		E1W meeting
Sat 30 th	11.00 am		Young Peoples' Church
	2.00 pm		Wedding
	7.00pm +		Social event for all (E1W)
Sunday 31st Oct		All Saints' Sunday	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Annual Memorial service
Mon 1 st Nov	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	2.00 pm		Staff diary meeting (Birchdale)
	8.00 pm		Prayer and reflection review(82 W. Acridge)
Tues 2nd	9.30 am		All Souls' Day Requiem Eucharist

