

Windfalls

One of the problems of a half-acre garden is that once the grass gets out of hand I find myself chasing myself to try and get it back. Meanwhile an entire Amazonian tribe waited to be discovered somewhere in the long grass at the far end.

So it was that, valiantly trying to push back the green tide, I made it as far as the apple trees and found myself scrunching through a good half of the crop, already keeping various creepy-crawlies very happy.

My first response was to bewail the loss and the waste: after all, what the slugs were tucking into could have kept every harvest supper in the deanery going in apple pies. But even what's left on the trees is going to challenge me to slice, core, freeze or cook (and have a stab at crab apple jelly. Appeals for how to remove toffee from jamjars will follow). Instead of complaining about the windfall waste, I'd have been better off concentrating on the ridiculous amount I still had.

Yes, it's harvest season again – but I'd like to direct the parish gaze to something which maybe we miss. In our super-efficient society, we're taught to be upset about anything which isn't maximised, used to its ultimate extent, has the last drop of profit wrung out of it. We're persuaded at work to work at as near to 100% loading as possible, to cram our diaries end to end, to maximise our return on savings, to scramble up the social heap to the greatest height we can manage.

None of which makes for a quiet mind or for a spirit of contentment.

Now let's be clear – I'm not calling for a devil-may-care approach to the earth's resources, or for food waste (the figures for how much fresh food goes in the bin each week are frightening). I'm suggesting that we can get so wound up with what we haven't managed to exploit to the full that we fail to notice what we have got out of our job, our garden, our holiday, our family. We despair over the might-have-been - the quarter-percent extra on our deposit account, the slightly more prestigious job, the more perfect partner – and miss what we already have. We look at the apples on the ground and

take no notice of what's still on the tree.

We're often urged to cultivate a spirit of 'enough is enough' and that's fine. A spot of self-discipline and the knowledge that the latest iPhone probably won't radically change our lives is no bad thing. But I think we need more than mere contentment, a sense of 'that'll do'. What we really need is a spirit of gratitude, one which gives thanks for what we already have been given, for what we already enjoy.

It's a different way of looking at life in a world which depends on us being malcontent and jealous of others' good fortune (why the celebrity mags sell so well, especially when one of the golden chosen falls from grace). But at Harvest time, the cultivation of a genuine sense of being grateful for what we have, not misery at what we've missed out on might transform us – and even begin to transform the lives of others.

Fr David

Harvest Thanksgiving - Sunday 5th
October

8am Said Eucharist

9.30 am Family Eucharist with children
from St. Peter's School

6pm Festival Choral Evensong

Monday 6th October

7pm Harvest Supper and Auction of
produce



From Rt Revd Dr David Court:

First impressions, it is said, are important, so what are my first impressions of the Diocese of Lincoln - after actually being here in post, as I write, all of one week!

Well the welcome has been all we could have hoped for, and we have met some wonderfully warm, affirming and incredibly helpful people. The sun has so far shone, and I have seen the county at what I suspect is its glorious best - and we have discovered a church full of heart and positively wanting to move forward.

It is a contrast to how we are often seen by the world at large - and yet I love the description of the Church in 1 Peter 'but you' he says, 'are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a Holy nation, a people belonging to God'.

That, despite all our flaws, is how God sees us. It is what we are called to live out - and I am looking forward to working with you to build 'faithful, confident, joyful communities' in the years that now lay ahead.

Bishop David Grimsby



Annual Memorial Service – Sunday 26th October 6pm

A service to remember all those who have had funerals through St. Mary's Church in the past year, including crematorium-only services. All are welcome, including those from previous years.

All Souls' Day Requiem Sunday 2nd November 6pm

A service to remember all those who have died. There will be a list at the back of the church for amendments. All welcome.

TO ALL MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

It has been agreed that we should collect the year 2015 subscriptions during NOVEMBER so that the money will be banked in the 2014 financial year.

Joyce Gibson will be in the Hall vestibule after the 9.30 service on three dates to receive the money we collect. She will record the sum and issue a receipt straight away. She will also need the list of subscribers at the same time.

We hope this system will work smoothly and help those who organise the financing of the Parish News. Please DO NOT put money in the safe or through anyone's door. If there is a difficulty, contact Joyce to arrange payment.

The Sundays are: NOVEMBER 2nd, NOVEMBER 9th and NOVEMBER 16th. The subscription is still £5 for the year.

Many thanks for this valuable work on behalf of our church.

Mike Searle

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Baptisms:-

Sept 14 Kieran Mark ANDERSON son of Nicola Jayne & Mark David ANDERSON

Frankie Thomas WHEATLEY son of Kirsty Naomi & Matthew Thomas WHEATLEY

Sept 21 Angelica Grace WILSON daughter of Julia Marie & Ian Peter William WILSON

Sept 28 Naythan James Derrick BROUGHTON son of Tracey Ann EVERITT & Leon BROUGHTON

Lauren Louise & Ruby Lauren HARROP daughters of Joanne HORSFALL & Paul Anthony HARROP

Marriage:-

Sept 13 Sean Robert HAGAR & Angela Patricia CLARKE

Funerals:-

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

Denys Field
Stanley Robinson

St. Mary's Ladies' Group

Our first speaker this season was Rachel Green, a chef from Tealby where her family has farmed since the 1800s. She is a passionate advocate of Lincolnshire food and produce, writing in the Taste of Lincolnshire magazine and demonstrating her cookery around the country to promote the region's food.

She told us how she had trained at catering college in Edinburgh after turning down a place at RADA and subsequently worked in hotels, restaurants, rugby clubs, demonstrating for tourist boards and eventually in Events' Management, cooking for large numbers of people including the Queen and members of the Royal Family at venues such as St. James' Palace and Covent Garden.

She then set up a food PR business, working for many years with the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth and also worked on television promoting local and seasonal foods, e.g. potatoes, peas, cabbage etc. She is currently working with Cole and Mason to publicise the use of spices and herbs whilst delivering bespoke cookery classes and outside catering.

Rachel was an entertaining and passionate speaker, urging us to use local shops and suppliers, cook seasonally where possible and support British agriculture.

At our second meeting, Marilyn Roberts returned to give us a very interesting, informed talk about the Mountbatten Family or the Battenbergs, as they were known until 1917. It was suggested in 1947 that Prince Philip was not of an important family: - Marilyn's talk showed how wrong that view was!

The Grand Duchy of Hesse was a small one but its members had a good pedigree and one of them was patronised by the Tsar of Russia and created Serene Highness of Battenburg. Future generations provided Alexander who was an excellent soldier and was made Prince of Bulgaria. Prince Francis Joseph married the daughter of the king of Montenegro. Ludwig ran away to England to join the British Navy and met Edward VII, taking Lily Langtry as his mistress, and married the niece of Princess Beatrice, Queen Victoria's youngest daughter. At the wedding his brother Henry met Beatrice, and against Victoria's wishes, they married. However she enforced many rules and regulations on the couple and when he was 37 he rejoined the army and died of malaria fighting in Africa. Princess Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg married King Alfonso of Spain, forebears of King Juan Carlos.

Grand Duke Ludwig IV married Victoria's daughter Princess Alice and they were the grandparents of Lord Louis (Dickie) Mountbatten, whilst their daughter Victoria married Louis of Battenberg and had a daughter, Alice. She married Andreas of Greece, who was actually Danish, and their son was Prince Philip, born in Corfu and educated in Britain and serving in the British Navy.

We thoroughly enjoyed the slides and talk and were left in no doubt of Prince Philip's pedigree.

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Help needed

Bowmandale Primary School has vacancies for governors to join the established governing body of this modern school. If you are interested in the education and welfare of our local children, please telephone the school on 01652-633633 to find out more about this interesting role.

At the Ropewalk

October is a busy month at The Ropewalk with exhibitions continuing in the galleries and music, film, theatre and poet and broadcaster Ian McMillan and documentary photographer Ian Beesley's Magic Lantern Tales.

Using a real magic lantern projector, the two Ians tell a story of the First World War from the point of view of men who survived it and lived on to old age and a changing world. Here too are the tales of women who worked in the factories that oiled the wheels of war.

They will be on stage on Friday, October 10, starting at 8pm. Tickets cost £13 in advance or £15 on the door

At the end of the month work on one of the highlights of Barton upon Humber's Christmas Festival, the Lantern Parade, begins with the week-long lantern making workshops.

This year, the workshops have again been organised by The Ropewalk based children's charity, ST-ART, and have the theme, Horror. Taking place at The Ropewalk from October 27 to October 31 there are morning and afternoon as well as all-day sessions available.

Both large-scale and small lanterns will be made and include bats, Count Dracula, a headless ghost and pumpkins. For more details, including times and costs, go to www.st-art.co.uk

St. Mary's Bellringers

September has been a fairly quiet month for the ringers with tower members being away on holiday at various times.

Katy (M) continues to make good progress on practice night and regularly rings for service. Katy (S) and Mike are doing well with their individual lessons and we look forward to when they are able to join us for practice and Sunday morning ringing.

Four members of the Barton ringers - Geoff Bryant, Andrew Lord, Jenny and Andy Bennett – will be part of the band representing the Northern Branch in the Lincoln Guild 8 bell striking competition to be held at Washingborough in October. Good luck to the whole band!

Joan Barton

From Penny Phillips

Some months ago I received a letter from Traidcraft that I wish to share with you.

Clean & Fair is simply one of the biggest things to happen for Traidcraft – and for fair trade – for some years, right up there with all the 'firsts' that you have helped us to achieve. But the story of this product is not quite as simple as tea, coffee, rubber or cocoa.

Of course it's genuinely pioneering work- you'd expect that from Traidcraft. We're working with a commodity that is one of the most widely produced and traded across the world, and one with huge possibilities. But you know us by now. We don't make it easy for ourselves and this commodity is a really controversial one.

*****PALM OIL*****

Traidcraft has often grasped the nettle on commodities with the potential to change the way a whole industry views a supply chain, and we've seen some great successes. But so controversial is palm oil that to be honest, we're taking a bit of a risk- a risk that we need your help to deal with. So, what is the story?

Palm oil is contained in almost half the packaged grocery products you can buy from the shops, often listed simply as 'vegetable oil'. But it's not fair trade. Much of it isn't even sustainable. And I'm sure you will have heard that such is the demand for this versatile oil, it's most often grown on huge plantations in the Far East, with whole ecosystems being destroyed to produce it.

But what is less often reported is that palm oil production originated in Africa. It is perfect crop for the African smallholder farmers – and it can be farmed and produced on fair trade terms.

Saturday Oct 18th 9.30 to 12 noon

A chance to see new stock and buy Christmas presents, cards and food.

ALL WELCOME

Over to you.....

I am sure you have all heard the phrase 'use it or lose it'.

It often refers to health and people's lack of motivation to make the best of it. However, it came to mind whilst I was in the pool at Baysgarth Leisure Centre and there were only three of us in it for an hour. Going through the park there wasn't a soul in sight.

Taking a walk at Water's Edge we passed a handful of people. What a shame this is. There would be uproar if these facilities closed so why don't we all make better use of them?

The same thing could be said of 'church' - not just St. Mary's but all the other denominations too. We all expect them to be there for us in times of joy and sadness! So how about going along at other times too? There is no charge either!!

The term 'use it or lose it' certainly does not apply to God who is always there for us, even if we have drifted away for a while.

Have a good month.....

S.W.

Operation Christmas Child...Campaign Update

With less than two months until the deadline for the shoeboxes, our annual campaign is in full swing. I am pleased and encouraged by the support which we are generating - it is obviously a very worthy cause which many people feel passionately about....for the next few weeks many of us will eat, sleep and breathe shoeboxes!

On 15th September I was lucky enough to be invited along to the WI meeting where Ellie Davis, a Volunteer Warehouse Manager from Samaritan's Purse, came to explain about the vital work which the charity does and the enormous impact which our simple shoebox gifts have on the children (and their families). Ellie showed a number of photographs of her time abroad showing the sadly desperate situations in which the recipients live - it was heart breaking to see the reality of their existence compared to the comfort and luxury in which we live. The work which Samaritan's Purse does within these communities is phenomenal and covers the broadest spectrum imaginable. I am sure most of us will never get the opportunity to go and experience at first hand such a mission; however our work here in Barton is vital too in enabling such work to be continued.

Operation Christmas Child enables each one of us to provide a glimmer of hope...to help show those children and their families that they are not forgotten, that they are cared about and that they are precious too - God's love in a box.

Ellie showed lots of practical ways of turning our "junk" into treasure and asked for donations of fabric, sewing accessories, ties, old CD's and small toys. I am looking forward to visiting Ellie at the Grimsby Depot in November to see what 'goes on at their end'. If anyone would like to donate any of the items which she mentioned they were in need of I would be happy to deliver them to her.

Do you have any (empty) video cases which you no longer need?...it was suggested to me earlier this year that they would make great pencil cases! If you have any which you would like to donate please let me know!

I would also like to take this opportunity to appeal to all our knitters out there...I know there are many of you who tirelessly knit the hats, scarves and mittens which are essential items within our shoeboxes - I am extremely grateful for them and appreciate all the hours you spend producing them with loving care. In addition to these, I wondered whether there would be people who would be willing to knit some hand puppets? I have read various articles and spoken to people about the power which these hand puppets can have, not only as a toy which will bring endless pleasure, but also as a method of breaking down barriers in communication. I have put several different puppet patterns on the display table, please feel free to take them, or if you have patterns of your own you can obviously create those too.

This year I'd also like to put together a number of sewing kits for the older girls category and would therefore be very grateful of any donations of pins, needles, cotton, wool, ribbon, elastic, buttons, fabric (it doesn't need to be huge pieces...

small offcuts will be very useful too!) Donations can be given to me or placed in our collection box under the display table by the choir vestry.

Don't forget that we are holding our Shoebox Celebration Service on Sunday 16th November at 9:30am... until then let us pray that God will continue to use our hands to fulfil his purpose.

Keep up the good work!

Julia Wilson

(You can now keep up to date with our campaign on Facebook...Occ Barton On Humber.)

Mothers' Union Notes

At our first meeting after the summer break on 17th September Linda welcomed everyone, including our speaker Mavis Silley. We received apologies from Brenda Skinner and Iris Ward.

We began our short service by singing the hymn 'Love divine', Elinor Cartwright read from Matthew chapter 5, the Beatitudes, then Linda led the prayers.

We were reminded that St Mary's Bazaar is on the 8th November 10-12 noon and it was agreed we should have a Christmas hamper to raffle once again. Items can be brought to the October meeting or given to Janet Petch, who has kindly agreed to put it all together.

The Glanford Group of the M.U. is holding a Coffee Afternoon, with a Bring and Buy stall and a speaker, Rita Bacon, who will talk about 'From home to Harley Street'. This will be on wed, 8th October at 2 pm.

Linda introduced Mavis Silley, whom many of us have known from when her husband, Michael, was the vicar at Brigg. Mavis asked us a question, which she had pondered over and then discovered the answer M.U. Overseas – how did it begin? From her 'musings' we learnt that there are now about 4 million M.U. members in 81 countries. This all began

when Mary Sumner, who started the M.U. in England, was asked in 1889 to visit the Aldershot barracks, to talk to the wives of soldiers with whom they were about to go to Trimlagherry in India.

They had long journeys by boats and ox-carts and eventually settled there. They were then able, due to their preparation by Mary, to teach simple skills of health and family care to the girls and women, always being sensitive to the local culture.

We then heard of M.U. pioneers going to New Zealand, Australia, the South seas, Africa and Mauritius, with anecdotes such as in NZ, where the Maori MU members became the backbone of the Church in rural areas. When visiting the sick they always took the person a M.U. prayer book and if the person died, they held a graveside service, during which the prayer book was placed in the coffin.

Another enterprising M.U. pioneer went to Melanesia in the 1930s and discovered much neglect of the local babies. So, when she had her first baby, John, she would bath him publicly on her verandah and the women all watched and eventually brought their babies and bathed them properly.

Africa, which still has much poverty, is the largest place for M.U. branches, which grew from 1904 when the army wives travelled many miles there. They trained the local women to become M.U. workers themselves. So we, as a world-wide organisation, are still teaching and having new projects to help those in need. Mavis finished by reading what Mary Sumner had written 'Since 1885 my life has been to try and bring the love of Jesus Christ into people's lives by action, prayer and showing them the love of God'. Mavis told us she had got some of her information from The History of the M.U. which has a foreword by Susan Varah.

Elinor thanked Mavis for an inspiring talk, encouraging us to continue supporting the M.U. overseas work.

Mothers' Union dates: - October 1st Corporate Communion Reader Val Dukes

October 15th 2pm Speaker Mavis Nutbrown. Reader/ vote of thanks Val Dukes. Please bring items for Bazaar Hamper and the Overseas Boxes

October 22nd 2pm Prayer time

Flower Rota. October 5th Elinor Cartwright October 26th Joyce Gibson

St Mary's Servers

St Mary's has a small team of servers, but as we enter the run up towards Christmas and the winter season, I become more dependent on more people willing to take up serving. If anybody is interested in becoming a server, or knows someone

that may be interested, I would love to hear from you. Serving is fun, easy to learn and full training will be given. If you are interested, get in touch with the clergy or myself on 01652635337 (mob. 07809124738). You can also e-mail me at andrewlord@aol.com. Please, I would love to hear from you.

Andrew Lord, St Mary's Parish Head Server.

You heard it here first....

Well, not quite, but one of the regular features of sermons here is the obligatory reference to the Franciscans, Carmelites or Benedictines and the resurgence of interest in what these traditions can offer the Church in our own day.

So it's interesting to learn that Archbishop Justin has announced plans to welcome a group of young people to live and worship together at under a Benedictine-inspired rule of life. The community will be dedicated to St Anselm (1033-1109), a former Archbishop of Canterbury and Doctor of the Church.

From September next year, 16 people aged between 20 and 35 will embark on a one-year project living as the Community of St Anselm in Lambeth, dedicating themselves to prayer, study and service. They will live alongside and be supported by four members of the French RC community Chemin Neuf, which he invited to Lambeth in 2013.

The new community's abbot will be Archbishop Justin himself. According the magazine 'The Tablet', the order of St Benedict has been an important influence on him; he has been an oblate of the Anglican Benedictines for several years and his spiritual director is a RC monk.

St Anselm's is a long way from conventional religious life and the latest example of what we call the "new monasticism". These groups often comprise people in their twenties and thirties who desire a deeper spiritual life alongside working in the world, without committing themselves to lifelong vows, such as the traditional ones of stability and chastity.

Applications to the community of St Anselm will be open to anyone, anywhere, from February 2015, including non-Anglicans and married couples. The 16 full-time members will be housed in shared rooms in Lambeth Palace and will be supported by 40 part-time companions. It is the latest in a series of moves that have underscored ++ Justin's own attitude towards prayer: on taking office in March 2013, he named renewal of prayer and religious life his top priority.

Pilgrim Course

The long, hot(-ish) summer being over, we'll start the next slice of the Pilgrim course shortly. The first session will be at the Vicarage on Tuesday 14th October at 7, and we'll be looking at the Lord's Prayer.

Pilgrim is a course produced by the Church of England which seeks to honour the breadth of our Anglican tradition. It's suited to beginners in the faith and old hands alike, and the last one we ran was generally well received. For more information, speak to David or Liz.

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| Wed 1st October | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist (MU Corporate) |
| | 2.00 pm | | Service at Eagle House |
| Fri 3 rd | 6.00 pm | | Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament |
| Sat 4 th | 9.30 am | Francis of Assisi | Said Eucharist |
| | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
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| Sunday 5th Oct | | Harvest Thanksgiving | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 2.30 pm | | Service at The Willows |
| | 6.00 pm | | Choral Evensong |
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| Mon 6 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| | 2.00 pm | | Service at Beech House |
| | 7.00 pm | | Harvest Supper |
| Wed 8 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 10.15 am | | Diary meeting (Vicarage) |

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| Sat 11 th | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
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| Sunday 12th Oct | | Trinity 17 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 8.30 am | | Prayer Breakfast (Trinity Methodist) |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 4.00 pm | | Baptisms |
| | 6.00 pm | | Said Evening Prayer |
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| Mon 13 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| Tues 14 th | 7.00 pm | | Pilgrim Course (Vicarage) |
| Wed 15 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Mothers' Union |
| | 7.30 pm | | Ladies' Group |
| Sat 18th | 9.30 am | Luke, Evangelist | Traidcraft Coffee Morning |
| | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
| | 12 noon | | Said Eucharist |
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| Sunday 19th Oct | | Trinity 18 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 3.00 pm | | Civic Service |
| | 6.00 pm | | Said Evening Prayer |
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| Mon 20 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| | 9.30 am | | Deanery Chapter (Kirton Lindsey) |
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| Tues 21 st | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| Wed. 22 nd | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| Sat 25 th | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
| | 12 noon | | Said Eucharist |
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| Sunday 26th Oct | | Last Sunday after Trinity | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 11.30 am | | Baptisms |
| | 6.00 pm | | Annual Memorial service |
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| Mon 27 th | 9.30 am | | Toddler Time |
| Tues 28th | 7.00 pm | SS. Simon and Jude, Apostles | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 29 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| Sat 1st November | 11.00 am | | Lectio divina |
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| Sunday 2nd Nov | | All Saints' Sunday (am); All Souls' Day (pm) | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 2.30 pm | | Service at The Willows |
| | 6.00 pm | | All Souls' Requiem Mass |

