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Dear Friends

Once again September sees the start of an academic year. Young children are attending school for the first time, others are moving from one school to another, whilst older ones are leaving school to start work or are going on to Further Education, perhaps leaving home for the first time as they go to university. Changes of this kind can bring with them all forms of mixed emotions: apprehension, trepidation, excitement, nervousness---and that's just from the parents!

The children, young people and parents are not alone in moving on to uncertain-but-exciting futures, of course. You may have noticed recently that people in Europe and we in Britain are currently in the midst of a migrant crisis. Encouraged and enabled by people-traffickers, many are making the perilous journey, at considerable expense, to try to find a better and more prosperous life. The number of migrants reaching Europe this year has more than doubled compared with the same period in 2014. Whether or not we like it, who can blame them? Which one of us would be willing to change places with those who suffer poverty and deprivation in comparison with the good lives that most of us enjoy? Yes, of course the "streets are not paved with Gold" as the traffickers may portray but in general things are a lot better here than they are there. Over 226 million Africans are hungry and 40 million of their children are without clean water. When migrants are asked their reasons for taking such risks poverty is one reason, but personal security is another significant motivation.

Many of the home lands of migrants are suffering from the effects of war, tyranny or anarchy. Only the most fundamentalist of Muslims would want to live under the absolutist restrictions of the Islamic State, and no one in their right minds would wish to live in a war zone or at the mercy of those who are no more than organised terrorists. Yet this is the state of affairs in a large part of Africa. In comparison to Africa, life in this country is very attractive indeed. We are relatively wealthy and generally our people are blessed with liberty and security. We enjoy freedoms and rights that many do not.

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This year marks the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta and is being celebrated throughout our land and particularly in Lincoln. While it did not bring freedom to all, some consider it to be a watershed moment in the history of our land, which limited the actions of our rulers and placed monarchy in the context of consensual legislation and not that of absolute power.

We should always be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and should be prepared to support and uphold them because they are beneficial to us all. Let us pray for those who do not enjoy such freedoms and have sympathy with those who are fleeing anarchy and tyranny in order to attain the life that we take for granted.

Mike Searle.

Autumn Programme at Roperly Hall

Roperly Hall's autumn line-up gets underway this month and until just a couple of days before Christmas there promises a programme full of theatre, music, comedy and film.

New and diverse performances, including Matthew Halsall and The Gondwana Orchestra, the Devil's Violin: The Forbidden Door, and agony aunt, novelist and columnist Virginia Ironside are welcomed as are old favourites including North Country Theatre, Aynsley Lister, Fred MacCaulay and Mark Thomas and the addition of an end-of-the-month Barnstormers Comedy Club.

For details of all performances as well as films, go to www.roperlyhall.co.uk

Insight Open Studios 2015

Insight Open Studios, celebrating the artistic talents of North Lincolnshire takes place this month over the weekends of September 19 and 20 and September 26 and 27.

This is the 15th year that Insight has been held promoting the work of the area's

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visual arts and craft practitioners and this year 34 artists and galleries, from New Holland in the east to Crowle in the west will be taking part.

Supported by North Lincolnshire Council there will be the opportunity to see the artists at work as well as view or perhaps commission work including paintings, textiles, prints, sculpture, jewellery and glass.

For details of all the artists taking part and their details go to www.insightopenstudios.org.uk [See also the piece from Saxby Church later in this edition.]

Visitors' Views

Sally and Gerry Watson- celebrating their Ruby Wedding- 'Forty years since we walked down this isle'.

Anthon Matthew- 'stunning'

Anon- 'Beautiful, welcoming church even with nobody in it. Prayer booklet most useful to those new or established in prayer. Thank you.'

Andrew, Leeds- 'Thank you for staying open.'

Barbara Francis and Tom Sutcliffe- Beverley and London- 'Thank you for letting us in-it was well worth it and we much appreciated being able to see such an interesting and splendid church.'

Grete Ringal, Norway-Thank you for getting the opportunity to visit this lovely church.

D.B.R. (who also makes the comment, 'Is it only our church which stays open?')

St. Mary's Ladies' Group.....

..... starts again on September 2nd.

We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month (except August).

Fees for the year are £25 which includes refreshments and entry into our prize draw three times a year. Many varied speakers and outings.

Come along and join us in the church hall at 7:30p.m. S.W.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

As we had no afternoon meeting in August I thought you may like to read the following :-

Taken from "Thoughts for Every Day" by Patience Strong

Sept 1st-----" A GARDEN IN A BOX"

I grow no tall delphiniums, I have no hollyhocks,
my estate's a small one : just a wooden window box.
Seven inches deep and two feet six across the sill.
It doesn't take a lot of work this tiny space to fill.

It is just a pocket plot a Lilliput affair.
Yet from March till Summers' ending colour blazes there.
First come yellow crocuses, then hyacinths unclose,
in a richly blended mass of purple, white and rose.

Next the fiery splendour of the red geraniums –
edged with blue lobelia and fragrant alyssums.
I don't envy anyone their lilies or their phlox.
I am quite contented with a garden in a box.

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A PRAYER for HARVEST from The Mothers' Union Book "The Prayers we Breathe"

Lord God we offer You our thanks at this Harvest time, for the many ways in which You have provided for us. Father, for all you have given and continue to give, we offer our thanks and praise, may we never take your gifts for granted, but always share the gifts of our harvest with those who have so little. May we help our neighbours at harvest time and at all times. Amen

Sept 2nd 9.30am Corporate Communion
Sept 16th 2pm Meeting in the Church Hall
Flower Rota:-
Sept 6th Brenda Skinner
Sept 20th Brenda Todd

Traidcraft

Advance notice for a Traidcraft coffee morning.
Saturday, October 17th. St Mary's Church Hall. 10am -12 noon.
We have lots of new craft and food items and to inspire your Christmas shopping.
Buying gifts from Traidcraft is twofold. Not only are you giving presents to loved ones, you are giving living support to the people that have made them. i

Looking forward to meeting you all, Penny.

FROM THE REGISTERS:

Marriages:

Aug 8 Daniel James ALLAN & Katie Louise POOL
Aug 22 Lee Daniel STEARMAN & Kerri Jayne TOYNE

Funerals:-

July 29 Gale Irene DAVEY
July 30 Thomas Francis Patrick BRENNAN
Aug 12 John Fidell PARKER
Aug 13 Zenda Dawn SHAKESPEARE
Aug 28 Margaret (Meg) PETTIT

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Over to you.....

Whenever one goes on holiday as part of a group there are always those who complain. We have just been on a Great Rail holiday to the Dordogne- hot weather, superb countryside, interesting local churches, typical French markets and cuisine and a rural setting for the hotel.

So what was there to complain about? The train journey was too long - it was supposed to be!! The hotel bathrooms had suites from the '70s- maybe they did but they were immaculately clean; why were there no chips? Because the French don't eat them like we do (one family had to eat at lunchtime so they could get their chip 'fix'.) We had a continental breakfast which was more than adequate and a four course evening meal !! And so it went on.....

On our Norfolk trip we weren't in a group but met up with a couple staying in our 'inn'. Some of the afore mentioned people should have met them.

The husband had been injured at work and had a spinal injury which confined him to a wheelchair. On top of that he had since been diagnosed with M.S. and so his hands were permanently curled up. So his wife fed him and looked after all his needs. She even had to ask a member of staff to help her put him to bed. He couldn't be up for more than eight hours so they missed out breakfast to make the most of the day. We seemed to see them wherever we went so were pleased to join them for coffee etc.

I felt this was a very humbling experience indeed. They were making the most of their life together. Strangely enough I borrowed a magazine from the hotel foyer called 'Red' of which I have never heard - you know the kind where coats are thousands of pounds etc. there was an article written in it by some Minister whose name I forget, who suggested we should all try to give up grumbling for a few weeks. One person who gave it a go, couldn't even manage a day!!

We are all guilty of this- I know I am. Even the Disciples were prone to it at times. How about we all try and think about the positives rather than the negatives?

Have a good month as things start up again!

S.W.

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OCC Update

Firstly I'd like to say Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Garden Party on 4th August - we had a lovely afternoon and raised £132. (Special thanks to Brenda and Ethel for the catering and to Debra and Lisa for their 'hostessing services'!) [See photo – middle page.]

Our shoebox operation seems to have outgrown my Mum's attic rooms so we have had a very busy month converting her garage into a workspace. We would like to say a huge Thank you to Ian Purcell and Chris Dunderdale for their help in sourcing, constructing and fitting the cupboards and worksurfaces - their help and kindness has been invaluable. We now have a fully functioning working area with storage space so are ready for the packing to begin...if you would like to help with the packing let us know - volunteers are always very welcome!

Our Teddy Bear Challenge is approaching its final few weeks. We are still a long way off the World Record but have had a fantastic amount of support from both near and far. (We are currently awaiting delivery of a batch of bears which have been knitted for us by a lady in Italy!) We were visited by Look North and Adam Tankard (from Operation Christmas Child) on Wednesday 12th August to see how we were progressing with the challenge. Teddy Bear HQ now boasts over 1000 bears with more arriving daily. Please continue to over-work those knitting needles, you are doing an amazing job! Not to be missed is our **Teddy Bears' Picnic Service at 9:30am on 20th September...** the day the teddy bears take over the Church!

If you are in need of supplies don't forget we will be having a Shoebox Stall in the Church Hall after the 9:30am Sunday Services throughout September and October, where you'll be able to purchase our new shoeboxes, items for your shoeboxes and our pre-filled Ready-to-Go boxes.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement, it is greatly appreciated. We hope you are able to join us at our Shoebox Celebration Service on **Sunday 15th November at 9:30am.**

Julia Wilson

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Wed 2nd Sept	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	10.15 am		Diary meeting (Vicarage)
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group meeting
Thurs 3rd	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
Fri 4th	6.00 pm		Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 5th	11.00 am		Lectio Divina
	4.00 pm		Wedding
Sunday 6th Sept		Blessed Virgin Mary	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	6.00 pm		Choral Evensong
Mon 7th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter (Barrow)
Wed 9th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	7.15 pm		Ministry meeting (Vicarage)
Sat 12th	11.00 am		Lectio Divina
	7.30 pm		Barton Town Band
Sunday 13th Sept		Trinity 15	
	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
Mon 14th	9.00 am	Holy Cross Day	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	Home	Communions	this week
Tues 15th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 16th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist

	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union
	7.00 pm		Deanery Synod (Barrow)
	7.30 pm		Ladies' Group
Thurs 17th	2.00 pm		Service at Westbridge House
Sat 19th	11.00 am		Lectio Divina
Sunday 20th Sept		Trinity 16/ Teddy Bear Sunday	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Sung Evensong
	Parish	News	deadline
Mon 21st	9.00 am	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	2.00 pm		Standing Committee (Vicarage)
Wed 23rd	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Thurs 24 th	1.30 pm- 3.00 pm		St. Peter's School in Church
	6.00 pm		Wedding Rehearsal
Sat 26 th	11.00 am		Wedding
Sunday 27th July		Trinity 17	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	11.30 am		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Said Eucharist with hymns
Mon 28 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Eucharist and PCC
Wed 30th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Thurs 1st Oct	9.00 am	Therese of Lisieux	Said Eucharist

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Teddy Bears' Service and Picnic Sunday Sept 20th 9.30am

Bring along your Teddy Bear – however large or small, young or old.

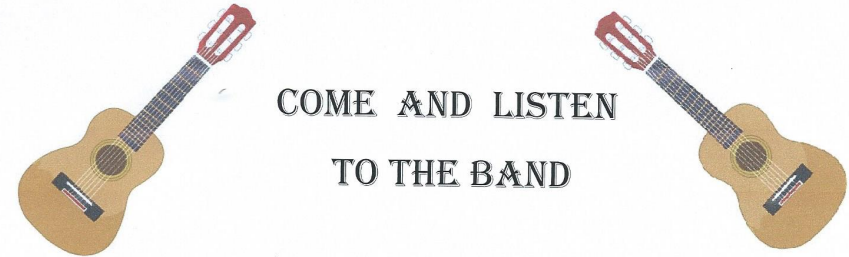
Join in a service suitable for all ages.

Stay afterwards for a bring-and-share lunch in the Hall.

See how many Teddies have been knitted.



OCC Garden Party in August



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LINCOLNSHIRE INSIGHT PROGRAMME.