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New Term

Despite the fact that all the shops have been shouting about “Back to school” since the first day of the summer holiday, now it really is almost time for a new term. For most of us the academic year is still so fixed in our heads that we tend to think of September as a time for new starts and renewed effort, so it was particularly disheartening last year to begin September with the enormous task of raising the money to replace the lead stolen from the church roof. Our Patronal Festival falls in September and this is a time, not only to remember the Blessed Virgin Mary, but also to give thanks for the church building which has been the place of prayer and pilgrimage for so many generations in this town.

This year things are less bleak but we do still have some work to do. The cost of the repair will be in the region of £41,000, which is a huge sum of money. However, we do now have around £25,000 and we're so grateful to everybody who has donated or helped in any way to raise this money. We're particularly grateful to Sue Wright and Michelle McManus who have undertaken a considerable amount of research to discover what grants etc. are available and given very generously of their time.

There's still a way to go, and every offer of help is welcome, from fundraisers to raffles or any other ideas. On 14th September the Lincolnshire Churches Trust's annual “Ride and Stride” takes place. Walkers/riders/runners are sponsored to get round as many churches as possible and half the money raised comes to the church and half to the Trust. This year Fr David has rashly undertaken to run round all the churches in this benefice and Faith and Angelica are venturing out on their bikes in support of the scheme. Please do support them if you can. (I'll be running it too for Barrow and Goxhill so we hope to take in both benefices).

I hope everybody's had a good summer and that we're all firing on all cylinders as we re-group for the autumn. We give thanks for the life and witness of St Marys – the building and the congregation – and we pray that it will continue to bear witness to the faith for many future generations.

Fr. Liz

The story behind Praying Hands



Albrecht Dürer had a twin; they were born May 21, 1471. They were the eldest of 18 children. Their father worked as a goldsmith.

The twins were both good at art and wanted to make a living through their art. They decided that one would go to the art academy whilst the other would work in the mine. They tossed a coin, and Albrecht trained for 4 years with great success, then he returned home so that Albert could go. Unfortunately, Albert's hand was broken and arthritis had set in.

Albrecht painted the hands as a thank you and a tribute to the sacrifice Albert had made. No one ever makes it alone.

Penny

This picture of the Praying Hands is Penny's version of the famous artwork.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:-

July 28th Roxanne Olaya ROSS daughter of Rebecca Victoria JEFFREYS & Neil Andrew ROSS

None in August

MARRIAGES:-

Aug 24th Paul HORSFALL & Leeann Jane WRIGHT

FUNERALS:-

Aug 23rd Annabella POUNDER



Church Flowers

A donation has been received in loving memory of:-

H S (Bob) Griffiths

W. Jeremy Griffiths

Mothers' Union

The speaker for the M.U. meeting on the 17th July was Mavis Nutbrown on the subject of children. After apologies from K Henson, Joyce Gibson, Brenda Todd, Hillary Thorpe and Sue Brumpton, Angela thanked all members for their joint efforts in donating to the Afternoon Tea hamper which raised £118 at the Summer Fete on July the 6th.

After prayers Angela handed over to our guest speaker.

Mavis took us all on a journey of her experiences working as a teacher from the point of having obtained her degree. She was looking after her own very young family and volunteered to help a few sessions at school reading with children.

This developed and in time she was approached by the headteacher with a proposal to start working as a teacher in September, but her son was still too young to start school. Undeterred the headteacher said 'well bring him with you'! So Mavis went and her son started school early at four years of age.

Both children attended the same school and understood that Mavis was mum at home but at school had to be addressed as Mrs Nutbrown this worked so well that even some of the school staff didn't realize that the children were hers.

Being in the crafts department was messy work so Mavis, being practical, would always wear a white coat - this made her instantly recognizable and she developed a reputation for being strict but fair. Also due to strategically placed reflective pictures, a reputation for having eyes in the back of her head was born.

Often undertaking numerous school trips with pupils, we were told of the psychological tricks that children got up to, some often funny, but also there were incidents where behaviour from pupils could be challenging and horrible.

Mavis spoke of the challenges of working with a boy with special needs who she believed could achieve a G.C.S.E. pass and the emotional admission from his mother that she did not believe it would be possible. The boy did pass and years later recognised Mavis, stopping his van and offering her some venison from dubious sources which was declined. Then reminding her of his one G.C.S.E. he was so proud of.

Everyone was enthralled with what Mavis was saying and the talk carried on all the way through refreshments with all members joining in the discussion over tea and biscuits. A good time was had by all. Thank you, Mavis, we all loved it. We liked it that much we had to virtually evict Church MU members out of the door at 3:55pm!

Angela Henson.

What do you call a magic dog?

A labracadabrador!

Minority Anglicanism Project

Dr Sanjee Perera-Child, Research Fellow in Philosophy, Theology and Religion at the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion at the University of Birmingham is working on a research project commissioned by the Church of England on how it can better support Minority Ethnic Christians in the Church.

The research hopes to achieve a nuanced understanding of what it means to belong and to participate in Christian Fellowship, within and beyond the Church of England.

Dr Perera-Child is asking for a broad range of responses so the survey is seeking anyone who is:

- Over 18 years of age
- Lives in the UK
- Self-identifies as a Christian

You can find more about the project and participate in the research study at

https://birminghamcoal.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9oTtoaJ8l9MjBJX?utm_source=E-bulletin+24%2F07%2F2019&utm_campaign=Diocese+of+Lincoln&utm_medium=email

The Power of Prayer

In May 1940 the Second World War looked soon to be lost by the Allies. Our troops were trapped between the sea at Dunkirk and the advancing Nazi army, and mass slaughter seemed inevitable. On 23rd May the despairing King George VI broadcast a national call to prayer, and the nation responded: you can still see grainy black and white photos of queues of people on Sunday, 26th May outside cathedrals, churches and chapels, gathering to pray for a miracle.

A flotilla of boats set sail in the hope that 30,000 people, around 10% of

the forces, might be rescued. Storms came out of nowhere and battered Europe so violently that the Luftwaffe were unable to take off. Meanwhile, in a decision which his generals at the time violently opposed, Hitler had ordered his advancing ground forces to halt. The English Channel later became as calm as a millpond, in spite of the nearby storms, with the boats carrying a total of 338,000 men to safety: British, French, Belgian, Dutch and Polish.

Coincidence? Or a dramatic answer to a nation's prayers? Churchill and the King obviously thought the latter, as a national day of thanksgiving was called, two weeks after the day of prayer, to give thanks to God for what Churchill called 'The Miracle of Dunkirk'.

In the Church today we have become very used to the idea that prayer is where we align our wills to that of God, that we change, rather than our circumstances. There is truth in this, but the other side is that the Bible and history are full of examples of God changing situations, not just people.



Our diocese needs the fuel of prayer if we really are to see lives transformed. We need the kind of desperate, expectant, faith which sees God actually doing things in our world. One way in which that is happening in our diocese is through our own praying community, the Community of St Hugh, which is to be formally launched on Saturday, 28th September. But wherever we are, let's cry out to God to make a difference, not just in our

lives, but in the lives of those for whom we pray.

If you would like to know more about the Community of St Hugh, please contact John Leach via email (john.leach@lincoln.anglican.org) or by calling 01522 50 40 49. You can read more about what came to be called 'The Miracle of Dunkirk' in Pete Greig's book, *How to Pray* (Hodder & Stoughton, 2019).

September Diary

Sunday 1st September - Trinity 11			
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00pm		Said Evening Prayer
Tues 3 rd	1.30 pm		Shoebox working party (Hall)
Wed 4th	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 5 th	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
Fri 6 th	6.00 pm		Prayers before the Blessed Sacrament
Sat 7 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 8th September - Blessed Virgin Mary			
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	2.30 pm		Service at The Willows
	4.00 pm		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Choral Evensong
Mon 9 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	9.30 am		Deanery Chapter (Wrawby)
	2.00 pm		Standing Committee (Vicarage)
Wed 11th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Westbridge House
Sat 14th	10.30 am	Holy Cross Day	Said Eucharist
	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 15th September - Trinity13			
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	3.00 pm		Barton Civic service (Trinity Church)

	6.00 pm		Said Evensong
Mon 16 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Home Communion this week			
Tues 17th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 18th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union meeting
	7.00 pm		Ladies' Group meeting
Thurs 19 th	7.00 pm		Churches Together meeting
Fri 20 th	Parish News Deadline		
Sat 21st	10.30 am	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Said Eucharist
	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 22nd September - Trinity 14			
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	11.30 am		Baptisms
	3.00 pm		South Ferriby Harvest service
	6.00 pm		Said Eucharist with hymns
Mon 23 rd	9.30 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Eucharist and PCC meeting
Wed 25th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
Sat 28 th	11.00 am		Lectio divina
Sunday 29th September - Michael and All Angels			
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Said Evening Prayer
Mon 30 th	9.30 am		Toddler Time
Tues 1st Oct	1.30 pm	Therese of Lisieux	Shoobox Group (Hall)
	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist

Talk on anti-Semitism

There will be a lecture on anti-Semitism on Thursday 5th September at 7.30pm at the Broad Street Methodist Church in Spalding. The doors will open at 7pm.

The speakers are:

- The Reverend Bruce Thompson, Author of 'Echoes of Contempt' and Chair of Lincolnshire Methodist District.
- Steven Jaffe, Consultant to the UK Jewish Leadership Council and Magen David Adam UK.



For more information please telephone 01775 840694.

Second Hand September

Did you know that the textiles industry causes more pollution than aviation and shipping combined, or that 11 million items of clothing end up in UK landfill every week? Throwaway fashion is putting increasing pressure on our planet and its people - it's unsustainable.

Let's pledge to say no to buying new clothes for 30 days. Re-look at your wardrobe, redesign them or visit a charity shop to donate or buy secondhand.

This Oxfam campaign will help charity, help to save the planet and help your money go much, much further. Find out more at

<https://oxfamapps.org/secondhandseptember/>

Penny

Bumble Bees In Bird Boxes



As a beekeeper I am often asked what can be done about bees nesting in bird boxes. Usually the most appropriate answer is, - nothing! Bumbles are endangered and docile, only becoming aggressive when their nest is threatened. They have suffered considerably from loss of habitat and the irresponsible use of sprays. Bird boxes are very attractive to bumbles and if the boxes are placed well above head height there will be no problem should they be hijacked by home – hunting bumbles.

If you have a bird box with a bees' nest in it you will find that they can be wonderful creatures to observe during their short lives. The colony will die out at the end of autumn, leaving a newly mated queen who will then leave the nest and hibernate elsewhere, leaving you with an empty bird box which you can clean out and reposition it in a more suitable place.

If it is absolutely necessary to move the nest box – and by that I mean only in truly exceptional circumstances – the greatest care should be taken so that no harm comes to you or the bees. Wait until just before nightfall, when the flying bees have all returned to the nest, and seal the entrance firmly and quickly with strong, wide, sticky tape - don't mess about with flimsy Sellotape for this job. You can then move the nest to a previously prepared site up to a yard away without disturbing the bees' sense of home location, or the nest can be taken to a new site at least 2 miles away.

Nick Turner

What's the difference between a guitar and a fish? You can't tuna fish.

Q. Where do fish keep their money? A. In a river bank.

Early Detection Saves Lives

We would like to ask all women to take up their opportunity and attend their cervical screening test at their GP's surgery as a matter of importance for their own health and their opportunity to have children in future.

If the time or date is not convenient or you missed your last test, ring your GP's surgery and arrange another one, which could be after hours. Most women aged 25-64, who require a test, receive an invitation letter every 3 or 5 years depending upon their age, younger women are invited more frequently. If you are unsure, please ring and talk to a member of staff at your GP's surgery.

For more information see: - [nhs.uk/cervicalscreening](https://www.nhs.uk/cervicalscreening).

The rate of take up of cervical screening is currently at a 21-year low. The actual test only takes a few minutes, is free and results are available in about 2 weeks.

The symptoms of cervical cancer are not always obvious and so if you miss your smear test you might not realise until the cancer has reached an advanced stage as a result, and you might need a major operation, be unable to have children or indeed it may lead to your early death. That is why it is important for you to attend regular cervical screenings. Also please encourage others to also attend their own appointments.

Cervical screening can stop this cancer before it starts.

U M Vickerton

For the Central Surgery Patients' Participation Group 5 8 19

Trustees needed at the SEED project

The SEED Project is a very small grassroots Christian charity that helps communities in Zimbabwe to become self-sufficient. Its work includes training people to set up businesses or planting community woodlots for a

sustainable source of food and fuel.

The charity's entire staff consists of two Community Development Workers in Zimbabwe and a part-time Volunteer Coordinator in the UK. It is supported by volunteers who help with fundraising, communications and administration.

They are looking for two-four Trustees and a Secretary to the Trustees. For more information please see their website: <https://www.seed-project.org/>

Sanitary poverty

There is a current campaign to help reduce "sanitary poverty" by buying moon cups and cloth nappies for those who couldn't afford or didn't want to waste resources by using disposable sanitary products.

Apparently, a moon cup costs about £18 and can replace a lifetime's worth of sanitary products for a woman. The cups generally come in two sizes, A or B (1 or 2) depending on brand. A or 1 is usually for girls and adults that haven't had children or under 30; B or 2 is for everyone else. Once bought they last virtually indefinitely.

This may be the kind of item which would be really valuable as a donation to the Food Bank to help those who can't afford the disposable products, and could be another way to help reduce waste and pollution.

Carol

Separated by a common language

Cocktail Lounge, Norway

Ladies are requested not to have children in the Bar.

At a Budapest Zoo

Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, please give it to the guard on duty.

Doctor's Office, Rome

Specialist in women and other diseases.

Hotel, Acapulco

The manager has personally passed all the water served here.

Information booklet about using the air conditioner, Japan

Cooler and Heater. If you want just condition of warm air in your room, please control yourself.

Film Matinees at Ropery Hall

Thursday film matinees are once again a feature of the autumn programme for Ropery Hall.

This season the films will start half-an-hour earlier at 1.30pm to enable more time for transport connections to be caught as well film-goers being able to get home during the darker winter months in daylight.

The first film in the new season on Thursday, September 5 is *Bohemian Rhapsody* which, when it was screened in the spring, attracted a capacity audience with some having to be turned away. In December there will also be a matinee screening of the Elton John's early years biopic, *Rocket Man*.

Other films include historical dramas *Mary Queen of Scots* and *All Is True*, a half-term screening of Disney's *Dumbo* and a Christmas favourite *It's A Wonderful Life*.

The admission price remains at £3 and includes a half-time cup of tea or coffee.



It's a Wonderful Life

For details of all screenings, both matinee and evening, go to <http://www.roperyhall.co.uk/film/>

Bunkers, shipyards, talks and tours for Barton's Heritage Open Days 2019 festival!

If you missed the opportunity to explore the public air raid shelter in Barton upon Humber during Heritage Open Days last year, you'll have another chance this month. The Heritage Open Days 2019 festival programme includes a behind-the-scenes glimpse of



Barton Haven Shipyard and even Tai Chi sessions at The Ropewalk!

From Friday 13 to Sunday 22 September 2019, 16 historic venues around Barton upon Humber will throw open their doors and offer a variety of unusual events and activities to celebrate their rich heritage. Last year's festival attracted tens of thousands of visitors to the town, shining a spotlight on the history of this special area of North Lincolnshire.

This year's theme is "Lincolnshire Learning, Wisdom and Folklore and events are on offer for all the family, whether you fancy meeting the bats at Waters' Edge Nature Reserve or having a go at heritage printing at The Ropewalk and Wilderspin National School Museum. The "Barton Bunker", a collaborative project between Wilderspin National School Museum and Options Group, will be open to explore on five different dates and will include special guided tours.

Most events during Heritage Open Days are free of charge, although booking for several is essential due to limited spaces. All events are listed on the Barton Tourism Partnership website www.barton-upon-humber.org.uk and the Historic Barton Facebook Page www.facebook.com/historicbarton.

Sunday School

Sunday 15 September, 10am –4pm

Wilderspin National School Museum in the Joseph Wright Hall

What are your memories of Sunday School? We'd like to know – come along and share your recollections to help us with our research. We are particularly keen to hear of reminiscences of the Salvation Army Sunday Schools in the Queen Street Citadel between 1961 and 2016 or the Primitive Methodist Sunday School before that. It's all going to help us with our plans for restoring the building and telling its story.

The former Primitive Methodist Chapel is a Grade II-listed building, designed by renowned architect Joseph Wright and opened in 1867. One of his most impressive buildings and last surviving works, the building is open to view many original features, including the organ chamber arch plasterwork in the first-floor gallery. Please note - the gallery is accessible by stairs only.

Wilderspin National School Museum

Celebrating Samuel Wilderspin's part in two hundred years of infant schooling in England

Another extended **Heritage Open Days** festival runs between 13 – 22 September with something happening on each day. Full details of the entire Heritage Open Days programme will be available in the summer in print, and online at heritagelinconshire.org.uk or barton-upon-humber.org.uk

In addition to the published programme we also have ***Tales of a Barton Lad*** on Thursday 19 September between 2-3pm when Mervin Dove, author of *Tales of a Barton Lad*, and *Rollin' Back the Years* relates humorous and honest tales of his schooldays at the Council School and his post-war childhood making the most of austerity Barton. No need to book – tickets are £4.

On Friday 13 September our popular **Old Time Music Hall Show** returns with a “star studded programme”! Doors and bar open at 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start in the Joseph Wright Hall, first floor (stair access only). Tickets are £10 and can be booked on (01652) 635172 or call in to the Wilderspin School reception, Thurs - Sun 10am-4pm.

We thought readers might appreciate advance notice of some autumnal delights. More information and bookings – tel. (01652) 635172 or call in Thursdays-Sundays.

- Book now for ***One Bloody Fang After Another*** on Wednesday 30 October at 7.30pm with Hambledon Productions’ latest comedy *feast* – just in the *nick* of time for Halloween. This Dracula show is *a cut above the rest*. Tickets are on sale now.
- **Museums at Night Quiz** on Friday 8 November, 7.30pm – book your team table now.

Indoor stalls (it’s bound to rain)! are still available for the **Barton Christmas Festival** on Saturday 23 November

- Explore childhood stories with all the family in ***Once Upon a Time*** with special displays, storytelling and family activities – throughout December.
- ***South Bank Players*** will be performing their new pantomime to put you in the Christmas spirit between 5 and 7 December.

Barton Civic Society

Safeguarding Our Heritage – Shaping Our Future

As part of the Heritage Open Days festival we have our anniversary exhibition on display (Thursday – Sunday) at the Wilderspin National School Museum in the Joseph Wright Hall.

Then on the 20 September, Richard Clarke will be speaking about Waters’ Edge Country Park. The Park was created from reclaimed industrial land which had become one of the most toxic sites in Europe. Richard traces

the story of the site and the clean-up challenge inherited by North Lincolnshire Council – an issue closely monitored by the Civic Society in the 1990s. The talk is at the Wilderspin National School Museum in the Joseph Wright Hall at 7.30pm. Non-members are welcome (£2).

After



This is the dawn of life;
The barren deadness turns to green.
As I run in the fresh warm air
The earth begins to breathe again.
The sun – the life-light – shines through the
ruins
As the men begin to rebuild their world.
Like ants they scurry to make good the
devastation
Of war.

Barton 1900-1930

History short course by Paul Mann

Barton-upon-Humber branch of the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) have arranged a course of 6 sessions on what life was like here in the early part of the 20th century.

Paul Mann, a history tutor, has been looking into this period with the help of written records and we will spend 3 sessions considering life before WW1, one during and 2 after the war.

The classes are to be held in the rear block of Wilderspin National School Queen Street, starting on Tuesday 17 September at 2 pm. Full costs £ 45.60, or if a claimant these are waived. To enrol ring 0300 303 3464 and quote course number C 3676173.

The WEA is a registered charity and provides adult learning within reach see wea.org.uk

Autumn Wordsearch

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Q: How do you measure a snake? A: In inches. Have you ever seen a snake with feet?