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Walking with Christ, to become fully alive

Events and activities during Spring 2019



WHOLE-LIFE LIVING: becoming fully alive

Four elements + PRAYER & WORSHIP in the presence of God + STUDY to deepen our experience
+ FELLOWSHIP with those who travel alongside us + SERVICE to others in our communities

Each of which is lived as a part of each stage of life

Gloria Dei est vivens homo, vita hominis visio Dei.

The glory of God is a man fully alive, the life of a human is the vision of God.

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Nick is responsible for oversight of the work of the Church in the Parish of Louth, including its life of prayer and worship. As Civic Chaplain, he is responsible for engagement with Louth Town Council and other civic bodies. Nick is also Rural Dean of Louthesk.

Janet shares in overseeing the work of the Church in the Parish of Louth. Within this, her main work is acting as a pastoral link to the work taking place at Trinity Centre, St James' and other locations in the parish, and overseeing our work with Families and Young People (including our Ministry to schools).

Responsible for developing the programme of social outreach, dialogue with local authority and third sector partners, and exploring ways in which the Church can reach out to the communities it serves.

Alan assists within the Parish of Louth as well as more widely in the Deanery of Louthesk.

Responsible for ministry to the congregations of St Andrew's, Stewton and St. Michael's in Louth. Robert also works as an Approved Mental Health Professional working for the NHS.

Ian assists in many aspects of the Church's ministry in Louth, including contributing to our work with KEVIGS.

Responsible for ministry to the congregation of St Martin's, Welton le Wold and co-ordinating the provision of communion to the sick across the Parish.

Responsible for co-ordinating the provision of activities to encourage Discipleship across the Parish of Louth.

Responsible for the efficient management of Trinity Centre, and assisting in the work taking place there and in the Parish

Responsible for the projects taking place within the Centre

Arabella joined the Ministry Team in Louth following her ordination as a Deacon by the Bishop of Lincoln on 30th June in the cathedral.

Officers and Representatives in the Parish of Louth

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| PCC Secretary | Jennifer Goodwin | 605254 | Safeguarding Officers | Greg Gilbert | 605803 or 610752 |
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Walking with Christ,

Events

One of a series of half-day sessions looking at a particular topic

Exploring...

...the Parish on Saturday 16th March 2019

The Rev' d Canon Professor Alison Milbank will help explore what it means to be a local church, and how the parish remains a lively way of building up the Church in the 21st century.

...Spiritual Ecology on Saturday 8th June 2019

The recent wide concern on the ecologically destructive effects of plastics was an apocalyptic (revelatory) moment occasioned in part by a TV documentary. The Rev' d Professor Michael Northcott will identify resources in our Christian cultural traditions for resolving our industrial conundrums with alien materials, and especially plastics.

Each session starts with coffee in St James' at 10am and ends in time for Midday Prayer at 12 30pm in St James'

Deanery of Louthesk

Deanery Day: 'Equipping the Church for today and tomorrow'

A day to come together and reflect on how we can support each other to meet the opportunities and challenges of being Church both now and in the future.

Sessions including:

Trustee Training for Church Wardens, PCC members and other office-holders

Equipping people in the Church for Mission and Ministry

Mission Community-based discussions to help us look ahead

(There will also be a short meeting of the Deanery Synod within the day)

Saturday 22nd June 2019 at St Peter's Parish Church, Saltfleetby

Starting with coffee at 9am

Ending by sharing the Eucharist at 3pm

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The Guild of St. James'



The Programme 2019

Tuesday 15th January - Lunch (12 noon) at Il Padrino's & AGM (2.15 p.m.) at the Church House

Membership of the group is open to all those wishing to join and who are respectful of the Christian ethos of the group. A membership fee of £5.00 will be required to cover basic costs of drinks and cards / flowers. We are a non-hierarchical group and we make decisions collectively and by consensus, if necessary, by a majority vote.

Tuesday 19th March 2.15 p.m. Church House
Dr. Richard Gurnham on 'The People of the Panorama'. A talk based on William Brown's panoramic painting of Louth, done in 1844-56. Accompanying book available on the day to buy @ £18.99. (The painting is housed at The Sessions House if you wish to see it).

Our aims are as follows:

Tuesday 21st May 2.15 p.m. Church House
- In-house talk and activity based on an aspect of craft. Details to be finalised. Bring & Buy - Money raising for The Children's Society.

We encourage fellowship, friendship and pastoral care within the wider community of the District of Louth St. James

We raise money for good causes and chosen charities, especially for Children's Society

Wednesday 17th July - A visit to the Walled Gardens, Baumber. Travel: car share. Date is provisional; details to be confirmed.

Through visits and speakers, we hope to widen understanding and horizons of the members.

Tuesday 17th September - Lunch at The Royal Oak, Legbourne (The Splash) at 12 noon.

Detailed information is available in our constitution. For any other information, please contact:

Tuesday 17th December 2.15 p.m Church House
Christmas Talk by Rev. Dr. Arabella Robinson: Angels In the Bible, with particular reference to the Christmas Story. Bring & Buy; Secret Santa and a feast of seasonal food.

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Tuesday 21st January 2020 - Lunch & AGM (2.15 Church House). Details nearer the date.



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DECEMBER 2018 & JANUARY 2019

BAPTISMS

There were no Baptisms in December or January

WEDDINGS/ BLESSINGS

No Weddings in December

11th Jan Jamie Dalby with Carly Hussay

FUNERALS

17th Dec Pamela (Pam) Vivien Taylor

21st Dec Joyce Evelyn Hall

28th Dec Janes Roberts

28th Dec Henry (Harry) Wise

2nd Jan John Keith Lindop

14th Jan Lillian Mary Edwards

21st Jan Alice Lilian Elett

21st Jan Mary Gillian Tomlin

25th Jan Anne Jackson

28th Jan Anthony Ralph Medler

31st Jan Joan Hewson

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Parish Church of Louth St. James

A place of prayer and worship – A place to be touched by God – A community of faith

Church Officers:

| | | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------|
| Churchwardens | Jeannie Gurnham | ----- |
| | Dianne Thompson | ----- |
| Asst Churchwardens | Jane Fletcher | ----- |
| | Frances Green | ----- |
| | Richard Gurnham | ----- |
| | Robert Haynes | 603118 |
| | Robert Thompson | ----- |
| | John Troughton | 607931 |
| DCC Secretary | VACANT | |
| ER Officer | Mary Haynes | 603118 |
| DCC Treasurer | Julie Speakman | 610247 |
| <u>Prayer and Worship:</u> | | |
| Vergers | Dale Walker | ----- |
| | Shane Yallop | ----- |
| Hon. Asst. Vergers | Kate Clarke | ----- |
| | Alan Durrant | ----- |
| | Chris Marshall | ----- |
| Master of the Choristers | | |
| | Allan Smith | 610247 |
| Organist | Phil Hotham | 07434 969323 |
| Associate Organist | Barry Whitfield | ----- |
| Organist Emeritus | Fred Goodwin | ----- |
| Church Flowers | Jennifer Goodwin | 605254 |
| Bellringers | Mick/Jill Day | 603998 |
| <u>Ministry to Visitors:</u> | | |
| Coffee Shop | Sue Hamilton and | 07985 247722 |
| | Sue French | 606338 |
| Gift Shop | Mary Haynes | 603118 |
| Church Guides | Stuart Sizer | 604624 |
| <u>Church Organisations and Groups that are part our wider church community:</u> | | |
| Parent & Toddler Gp | Stacey Drew | ----- |
| St. James's Guild | Jane Fletcher | ----- |
| | Jeannie Gurnham | ----- |
| Church bookings | Kate Clarke | 604597 |
| Church Hse Bookings | Julie Speakman (Office) | 610247 |
| Friends of St. James's Church, Secretary | Carole Romaine | 604315 |

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

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|--------|--|
| 8 30am | Holy Communion: 4th Sunday only |
| 10am | MORNING SERVICE (normally Sung Eucharist) |
| 6pm | EVENING SERVICE (normally Choral Evensong) |

Tuesday

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| 11am | Holy Communion |
| 7 30pm | Compline: every 3rd Tues of the month |

Thursday

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| 10am | Parent and Toddlers in Church Hse |
| 10 30am | 'Craft on Thursday' in Coffee Shop |

Saturday

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| 12 30pm | Midday Prayer |
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Morning Prayer is normally prayed at 8 30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Parish Church of St. Michael, Louth

Church Officers:

| | | |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|
| Churchwardens | Brian Luckwell | 607619 |
| | Sylvia Luckwell | 607619 |
| DCC Secretary | VACANT | |
| DCC Treasurer | Sylvia Luckwell | 607619 |
| ER Officer | VACANT | |
| Organist | Janet McKee | 327256 |
| Flowers | Sylvia Luckwell | 607619 |

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

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| 9 30am | SUNG MASS |
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Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

| | | |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| Churchwardens | Dorothy Mansfield | 327533 |
| | Jane Rushby | 327606 |
| DCC Treasurer | Jane Rushby | 327606 |
| ER Officer | Dorothy Mansfield | 327533 |
| Organist | Fred Goodwin | ----- |

Services and Regular Activities

Sunday

11am HOLY COMMUNION: 1st, 3rd and 5th

Monday

5 30pm Book Club: 1st Monday of the month

Tuesday

10am Community Coffee: 4th Tuesday

Parish Church of All Saints, South Elkington

Church Officers:

| | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------|
| Churchwardens | Charles Dobson | 604632 |
| | John Myers | 607331 |
| DCC Secretary | Amy Jobe | 606348 |
| DCC Treasurer | Caroline Blenkhorn | ----- |
| ER Officer | Amy Jobe | 606348 |
| Verger | Jill Day | 603998 |
| Organist | Craig Pillans | ----- |
| Church Flowers | Peeby Myers | 607331 |
| Church Inst. Bookings | Charles Dobson | 604632 |

Regular Services

Sunday

11am HOLY COMMUNION: 2nd Sunday

11am MATINS (BCP): 4th Sunday

Parish Church of St. Martin, Welton le Wold

Church Officers:

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Churchwardens | Jim Cave | 610275 |
| | Alastair Kerr | ----- |
| DCC Secretary and Treasurer | Peter Taylor | 609280 |
| ER Officer | Peter Taylor | 609280 |
| Organists | David Wormell/David Dickinson | |
| Church Flowers | Pat Cave | 610275 |

Regular Services

Sunday

11am MORNING PRAYER: 2nd Sunday

11am HOLY COMMUNION: 4th Sunday

Trinity Centre, incorporating The Chapel of The Holy Trinity, Louth

Centre Staff:

| | | |
|---|---------------|--------|
| Community Outreach Manager | Greg Gilbert | 605803 |
| Centre Administrator (including all bookings) | Jill Trafford | 605803 |
| Programme Co-Ordinator | Sam Gilbert | 605803 |

Services and Regular Activities

Tuesday

8 30am MORNING PRAYER

11am HOLY COMMUNION: 1st Tuesday

12noon 'Tasty Tuesday': 1st Tuesday only

Wednesday

10am 'Wednesday Drop-in'

1pm 'Health Walk'

2pm 'Memories Matter'

Friday

12noon ;Fish on Friday'

Saturday

10 45am MESSY CHURCH: 2nd Saturday

Details of other activities are on the website.

Services and events for JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2019

[Unless otherwise shown, services/events take place in St. James']



| | 27 th January 4 th Sunday of Epiphany | 3 rd February 5 th Sunday before Lent | 10 th February 4 th Sunday before Lent | 17 th February 3 rd Sunday before Lent |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Sunday in the town of Louth... | 8 30am Holy Communion 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults Cantate Domino <i>Pitoni</i> Alvingham Service <i>Goodwin</i> Sing <i>Lullaby arr Pettman</i> Hymns 524 1:424; 321; 392; (441); 170. 12 30pm Baptism | 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults The Call <i>Vaughan-Williams</i> Salisbury Service <i>Ives</i> The Lord bless you and keep you <i>Rutter</i> Hymns 2; 360; 443; (244); 80. 3pm Baptism at St Michael's 6pm FESTAL EVENSONG for Candlemas sung by Singers Behold, the tabernacle of God <i>Smith</i> Sanders Responses <i>Stonford in G</i> When to the temple Mary went <i>Eccard</i> Hymns 44; 238; 202. 11am Holy Communion at Stewton | 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults Non nobis Domine <i>Byrd</i> Mass of St Anne <i>MacMillan</i> Brother James's Air <i>arr Jobob</i> Hymns 202; 233; 470; (383); 429. 12 30pm Baptism | 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults Music details to be confirmed. 12 30pm Baptism 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Consort Music details to be confirmed. |
| In the villages... | 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG for Holocaust Memorial Day sung by Consort Plainsong Responses Canticles with faubourbons <i>Morely</i> Lead me, Lord <i>Wesley</i> Hymns 210; 586 omit*; 19. 11am Matins at South Elkington 11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold | 11am Holy Communion at South Elkington 11am Morning Prayer at Welton le Wold | 11am Holy Communion at Stewton | 11am Holy Communion at Stewton |
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Services and events for FEBRUARY and MARCH 2019

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| | 24 th February 2 nd Sunday before Lent | 3 rd March Sunday next before Lent | 10 th March 1 st Sunday in Lent | 17 th March 2 nd Sunday in Lent |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| Sunday in the town of Louth... | <p>8 30am Holy Communion</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am EUCHARIST with hymns <i>No choir</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm EVENING PRAYER <i>No choir</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> | <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>Girls and Adults</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG <i>sung by Consort</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> | <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>Girls and Adults</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG <i>sung by Consort</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> | <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUNG EUCHARIST <i>Girls and Adults</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG <i>sung by Consort</i></p> <p>Music details to be confirmed.</p> |
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The Guild of St. James'



The Guild has had a busy time this year, and this report covers about six months of our life.

It was decided in the summer that as the membership was increasing again, we needed to formalise our systems. So, an extra meeting was announced at the September lunch when the terms of the constitution would be presented to the members.

The extraordinary meeting took place on Tuesday 20th November, when we discussed the new constitution, in which we outlined the basic principles which will determine the way The Guild will function. The organisation would rely on the willingness of all members to participate in the running of it, co-operatively and supportively. It would not rely on one or two people running it. It was agreed that although the lead will continue for the present to be given by Jane Fletcher and Jeannie Gurnham, responsibilities would be shared by the members. We also pledged our allegiance to St. James's Church and a Christian ethos, encouraging members to further their interests, foster friendships, encourage fellowship and offer care and support to members and the wider community of St. James's. The constitution was officially adopted and signed by Revd. Nick Brown on Tuesday 11th December 2018.

At the same meeting, we also decided to participate in the Christmas Tree Festival held at St. James's from 7-9 December and it was decided that the members would knit, crochet or use other media to make tree decorations in the form of St. James's scallop shell. Thank you to Jane Fletcher for the inspiration; Jane also brought a knitted sample of a shell and ran sessions at her Craft and Chatter workshops on Thursday mornings, and thank you to Vivienne Rowett who designed and provided a pattern for the crocheted version.

The Christmas meeting every year is a special one, and this year was no different. Thank you to Revd. Nick Brown who gave a very interesting talk on the topic of 'The Women in the Christmas Story', which was informative and challenging. He drew attention to the counterpoint between Eve - the original Mother - and Mary - the Mother of Jesus, the Saviour, and how the story of Mary continues the story of the Garden of

Eden where innocence is lost and then regained in Mary, the virgin mother. Nick also explained the relative inaccuracies in interpreting the origins of some of the ideas around Jesus's birth. For example, the birth in a 'stable', which in fact may only be the outer room (with the well and animals) when the only other room in a Palestinian home might be the best room or the 'dwelling room' - a bit like our sitting room - and you would not want a woman in labour, close to giving birth, in your best room busy with people; you would be obliged to move her into the only other room, which in translation has come to resemble our stables and barns.

Many of us will be reading the biblical events with much more attention in the future. After tea and mince pies, the meeting finished with the Bring 'n Buy and auctioning of the left over cakes and other Christmas goodies, raising £74.30 for the Children's Society.

The New Year for The Guild started with a very convivial lunch enjoyed by twenty people at Il Padrino's, followed by the AGM on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

The AGM celebrated the rapid rise in our membership and there seems to be a determination to welcome as many more people as possible. The review of last year showed a very pleasurable programme enjoyed by many members, families and friends. The new programme was decided on collaboratively, and it is now available in The Herald and as paper copies in Church. If you would like to join us, you would be very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th March when Richard Gurnham will entertain us with stories from his book, 'The People of the Panorama', based on William Brown's painting of Louth completed in 1847. The meeting will be in the Church House at 2.15 p.m.

For further information, contact:

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Snippets from Stewton

New Year – New Opportunities

We already see signs of an emerging spring – snowdrops and catkins to name a couple of items. We don't know what the year holds for us but it provides opportunities not just in our own district but in the parish and beyond to build up God's Kingdom in the world around us.

Here at St Andrew's we constantly seek to reflect our Christian faith in tangible ways. So at the end of 2018 we were able to donate our Carol Service collection to the Ras Morbat Clinic in Aden which provides direct to help and provide some desperately needed care as there is inadequate health provision for the people of Yemen. In addition, during Advent we promoted the idea of the Reverse Advent Calendar and sent much needed supplies to the local Food bank.

We cannot forget that our building is over a thousand years old and we must balance the support of other projects with the need to sustain this building that has been a centre of prayer and worship for so long. To this end we are undertaking a number of renovation projects, although relatively minor in nature, these will require substantial funding.

*****'Grab a Preacher'*****

After Sunday services, the preacher will (whenever possible) stay behind in church over a coffee. Please join them if you have any questions or puzzlements about what you heard in the sermon.

One of a series of half-day sessions looking at a particular topic

Exploring...

...the Parish on Saturday 16th March 2019

The Rev' d Canon Professor Alison Milbank will help explore what it means to be a local church, and how the parish remains a lively way of building up the Church in the 21st century.

...Spiritual Ecology on Saturday 8th June 2019

The recent wide concern on the ecologically destructive effects of plastics was an apocalyptic (revelatory) moment occasioned in part by a TV documentary. The Rev' d Professor Michael Northcott will identify resources in our Christian cultural traditions for resolving our industrial conundrums with alien materials, and especially plastics.

Each session starts with coffee in St James' at 10am and ends in time for Midday Prayer at 12 30pm in St James'

NEWS from Trinity



REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around Trinity Centre
Sundays 11am HOLY COMMUNION followed by Parish Lunch (on the 3rd Sunday of the month)
 12pm Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
Tuesdays 8.30am Morning Prayer
 11am Holy Communion (on the 1st Tuesday of the month)
 12.15pm 'Tasty Tuesdays' (on the 3rd Tuesday of the month) – always pre-book.
 10am Family 'Wednesday Drop-in' with many activities available.
Wednesdays 10am 'Fish on Fridays' – a weekly chance to meet and chat. No need to book.
Fridays 12 noon MESSY CHURCH (on the 2nd Saturday of the month)
Saturdays 10.45am

In addition to these regular activities run directly by the Church, there are a range of other activities that take place in partnership with others – please call in to Trinity Centre to see what goes on!

Mondays

- Franciscans
- Modern Pilates
- Children's Theatre
- 2nd Louth Guides

Wednesdays

- Advice Drop-in
- Dementia Café
- Arthritis Group
- Patchwork & Quilting Group
- Mindfulness
- Modern Pilates

Tuesdays

- Morning Prayer
- Communion (1st Tuesday)
- Tasty Tuesday Lunch Club
- Camaraderie Club Lunch
- Yoga
- Children's Centre Toddler Group
- Addaction
- Be A Friend Craft / Singing
- Talk Eat Drink (TED) Group
- Relaxation Yoga

Trinity Centre

Faith, Worship, Community

What's On?

Fridays

- Fish On Friday
- Extend Exercise
- Addaction
- USA Art Group

Thursdays

- Modern Pilates
- USA Photography
- Parkinson's Society
- A&M Freedom Dance
- Slimming World
- 7th Louth Guides & Rangers

Saturdays

- Messy Church
- Tevah Fellowship
- Louth Area Autism Family Support

Sundays

- Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)
- Sunday Lunch
- Louth People's Orchestra
- Louth Strategy Games Club

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News from the Gift Shop

Come and be inspired by the wonderful selection of gifts which reflect the ethos of the shop as it is ethically sourced and supports Fairtrade.

Recycled crayons have become coasters, bracelets and boxes large and small.

Bicycle chains have been refashioned into bottle openers and bookends

Saris have become scarves and bamboo has been turned into socks!

Used tea bags turned into cards and bags and coasters

Old keys are transformed into bowls large and small.

Also, in stock are the ever popular jute bags helping in the fight against plastic.

Please visit the shop for felt Christmas decorations and unusual small presents.

These will help to decorate our tree in the Festival of trees in December.

We look forward to welcoming you at St James.

Do you like making things or learning new craft skills?

Come and join us under the tower at

St James's Church Louth

on

Thursday mornings

10.30-12.30

Bring along something you are making to show others...

Prayer and Pint

– Address and Compline at 7.30pm on the third Tuesday of each month – in which we are introduced to a faith topic for discussion.

followed by Discussion at *The Wheatsheaf* aided by prepared materials

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| 15 th January 2019 | - | Why did God become man? |
| 19 th February 2019 | - | Why did Jesus have to die? |
| 19 th March 2019 | - | Miracles |
| 16 th April 2019 | - | The Resurrection – myth or mystery? |
| 21 st May 2019 | - | The role of Mary in Christian faith |
| 18 th June 2019 | - | 'Come, Holy Spirit, come' |
| 16 th July 2019 | - | The Trinity – why bother? |
| 20 th August 2019 | - | A light summer topic – to be decided! |

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Call 01507 605803 or email trinity@teamparishoflouth.org.uk to check availability and prices.

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Wear comfortable shoes, trainers or walking shoes/boots if you have them. Wear suitable clothing for the weather conditions.

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Contact Matthew Harbage (matthew.harbage@teamparishoflouth.org.uk).



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 1 March 2019, 2.00pm at The Salvation Army, Church Street

'Come - Everything is Ready!'

The invitation is for everyone - men, women and children to join this Day of Prayer. Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service, and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.

Refreshments after the service will include items home-made from a Slovenian recipe.

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*** BIBLE STUDY GROUP ***

Advanced Notice

A regular opportunity to meet and reflect on Bible passages that we are reading in our Sunday services over a simple lunch.

Taking place in St James, on the 1st Thursday of each month from 12 noon.

STARTING AFTER EASTER

STONE FACES. 2.

From my observations in the last number of The Herald our readers should have gathered that the stone faces on the walls of the church fall into two groups: the nice and the nasty, with the nice ones being in the main human and the nasty ones being beasts of different kinds, but of course it's



not going to be as clear-cut as that. Take for instance this somewhat nasty human face. Stuart likes to compare him to Charles Laughton, the film-star who famously played Captain Bligh and Henry VIII. Those

of us of later generations can only agree that he looks like a proper old grouch. There are two more versions of the same face; they all exhibit a turned-down mouth, as do several of the other faces, both human and beastly – grouches everywhere!

The arrangement of the stone faces is less haphazard than it looks at first, but if you peer at Chris's photographs for a while you should see that there are some plans and patterns hidden in the rows of figures along the walls of nave and side aisles. After all, they were being carved at about the same time – between 1430 and 1441 when, as we are told by Richard Gurnham, the nave of the old church was being much enlarged and the chancel added. The master-builders must have included corbels and headstops in their designs and their intentions for them would have passed down the line of control until they reached the overseers and the workmen themselves. A senior stonemason might say to his gang, "Hey, you wastrels, I want a row of god-fearing people on this wall." While the carvers might decide among themselves: "Would it not be fun, neighbours, to show a few commoners in difficulties in the privy?"

The faces and groups they worked on could, of course, be either nice or nasty or in between. Some of the humans have beastly features, and *vice versa*. Two groups of nice and normal people have, I judge, been carved by the same sculptor. On the other hand, among the various sinister creatures that resemble pigs or bats an individual style is harder to pick out, although some must have been carved by the same man. (Am I free to assume that there was not a chisel-wielding woman there)? Some sculptor's works are randomly placed; some are presented in relation to others; and some even appear in corresponding positions on opposite sides of the church. It is good for the brain to try to detect and identify individual carvers by their styles as well as by the subjects



they chose, although it is, I confess, a pretty fruitless activity. For example, the carver who created this image specialised in producing smooth-faced idiots:

This one produced utterly original creatures, very crisply carved:



This one got friends to sit for him - and immortalised them:



This one was the best of them.



To extend your research you can look for figures that can be seen to be grouped round a subject. The first example is in the nave side of the arches on the north side of the main aisle. There is a row up there consisting of a king, a prince, a lion, and a soldier. Its theme must be royalty and the state. On the other side of the same arches appear a noble, a maned beast (which looks as if it's wearing spectacles), a soldier, and another beast with a mane. It may be stretching things a little, but, if we think of a lion as a symbol of royalty, this second row almost mirrors the first, and their shared subject is the kingdom.

The carvers had never seen a lion, as the appearance of these lion-like beasts proves. They had never seen a monster either, with the work of Walt Disney and the other animators still way in the future. Tasked with producing a figure of a hellish monster, they must have got their inspiration from somewhere, and so, dinosaurs not having been unearthed at the time (Mothers – without a telly – had to use bogeymen for the villains of their bedtime stories), they looked around and evidently decided that the ugliest creature they knew was a pig of a short-snouted breed (which would have been uglier than the long-snouted, commercial breeds that we eat and seldom see), A bat was a possibility. We very rarely, if ever, look a bat in the eye but, I assure you, it looks horrid with that hideous nose. I would like to include the lowly mole with these snouted animals that inspired our carvers, except that apart from its snout it hasn't got a face at all.

There is good news for anyone else who may be interested in this display of the art and craft of medieval sculptors. No need to wait for the appearance of Chris Marshall's forthcoming publication of the photos of all the stone faces on both the inside and the outside of the church. There is a slim blue file containing the photos of the figures discussed here on the table at the back of the church. You may go and have a look for yourselves.

Old Mole

Fairtrade Fortnight 2019

25 February – 10 March

It's not just bananas!

Do you 'shop local'? Many of us try to, and living in Lincolnshire we understand the difficulties that farmers have to deal with. But what about the things we can't produce in the county, or even in the UK – wine, chocolate, coffee, for example?

Small farmers across the globe have to deal with large, multi-national corporations to sell what they produce, at whatever price is offered. Or possibly not, depending on the state of the market. Many farmers – both men and women – are underpaid and exploited. That means they can't earn enough for the basics many of us take for granted, including food, education and housing, because they don't earn a living income. It's even worse for the women who work in the fields and in the home. Despite the hard work they put in, they're often overlooked and under-represented, and usually see even less of the money for their crop. They deserve more.

So Fairtrade Fortnight is a chance to raise the issue once again, and think what we can do as individuals and as Christian communities. This year the focus is on cocoa. Farmers of this iconic Fairtrade product have seen prices crash to crisis levels in the last few years, particularly in West Africa where most cocoa is grown. We know that buying more Fairtrade cocoa can catalyse transformative change for producer communities, but that we need to encourage others to do more to truly overcome the injustice at the heart of this much-loved product. In 2019 the Fairtrade Foundation will also launch a new 3-year campaign that will encourage everyone in the cocoa sector

to play their part and make a living income a reality for cocoa farmers.

So what can we do? I am a member of North Somercotes church choir, so attend services at several churches. A cup of coffee after the service lets us meet others, but I am surprised at the number of churches that don't serve Fairtrade coffee (and tea). If church communities made the change to Fairtrade coffee, it would be a small step to reminding people of the issue, week by week. We all have cups of coffee from time to time that aren't our favourite, but a church Coffee Morning isn't a coffee connoisseurs meeting! And at home, we could perhaps try a Fairtrade brand instead of our usual one. How hard is it to try a different chocolate bar? Lent is coming up, so perhaps we might think how we can incorporate the Fairtrade message into church life.

Fairtrade wine, chocolate and coffee is readily available. A quick count at the Co-op in Louth showed over 60 varieties of these items. (I didn't count how many bananas!). Louth Wholefood Co-op and Lincolnshire Co-op are also committed to stocking and promoting Fairtrade products, so there's lots of choice.

Gill Chatfield

The Herald has been informed by the Diocese Office the Bishops' will no longer supply Parish magazines with monthly letters. They will, however, send articles at appropriate times of the year or such times as is felt necessary.

The Diocese Office will send articles they think might be of interest to readers.

The last date for submission of articles for the MARCH 2019 Herald is MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2019

You can send articles to my Email address which is: stuart@clara.net or stuartsize@talktalk.net