

The Louth Herald



The magazine of the Team Parish of Louth

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Wednesday
6th March
2019



CHORAL EUCHARIST For ASH WEDNESDAY

A Service to mark the beginning of
Lent
at 7 30pm

This event will include sharing in communion
and 'ashing' with a sign of the cross for those
who would like it.

Music performed by the Choir of St James' will
include Allegri's setting of the Miserere

The Parish Church of St. James, Westgate, Louth
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Sunday
24th March
2019



Civic Service (Choral Evensong) at 3 30pm



Attended by the Mayor and
Councillors of Louth Town Council

The Parish Church of St. James, Westgate, Louth
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*****'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.

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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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Some notes from the Rectory...

A window into a new world

For me Lent and Holy Week is a wonderful time – a gift where time concertinas away and we have the chance to leap across the centuries and walk alongside the disciples with Jesus. Of course, this sense of wonder is tempered by the events to which one is taken, but the journey can truly be an exciting one as we move from the almost childish excitement of the entry into Jerusalem through the preparations for the great festival of Passover and on to the depths of betrayal, physical pain and the desolation of death. Often this spiritual journey drains me physically as well as emotionally so that Holy Saturday truly is a time of expectant waiting – for through the pain and suffering we do know what comes next... the inconceivable hope that is the Resurrection.

In the process of this journey there is a space where, particularly during Holy Week, without feeling guilty, some of the routine tasks of the Church's life can be put to one side and I can feel able to devote more time than is often the case to considering some of the questions that challenge how I understand God, and then, during the final three days, to place these alongside the experience of being with Christ during the last days of his life; finally, wondering at the transformative effect of rebirth that is at the centre of Easter Day. In many ways, by living out the last three days of Holy Week, each of us has a chance to touch and recapture the essence of Jesus' teaching and living that was so transformative to those he met, and which, over the centuries, seems to have lost some of its power. Before we travel any further it is probably wise to place my cards on the

In many ways my explanation as to why the Christian message seems weaker now than 2,000 years ago is that, with the passage of time, the transforming nature of the Christian Gospel is often lost in the simplicity of our attempts to explain it – to package it in ways that make it easier to understand. It is noticeable that Jesus rarely gives a straight answer – there is almost always a challenge, and often we are left scratching our heads as we are left to wonder at the seemingly impossible view of God that Jesus leaves us with. And so, at each stage ever since people have taken that powerful message of living life in a different way where there are no easy answers and packaging it in a way that can be passed on to someone else. We can see this in the different ways that Mark and Matthew and Luke and John tell the same story, in the way that Paul shapes the Christian gospel for the audience who he is speaking to, in the ways that the Creeds defined the faith so that it could be transmitted more easily. In all of this the packaging tends to overtake the original message. It is only because such packaging is possible that writers such as Richard Dawkins, in opposing the very idea of belief in God, can set up a Straw Doll such as this...

To most Christians in the early centuries such a definition would have been rejected as a ridiculous misrepresentation of the God to which the scriptures witness. Indeed many of the prophets react against the foundations of this caricature in the Old Testament by calling Israel to pursue justice (out of which will come God's triumph) rather than engage in trying to impose God's will by corrupting it with human misunderstanding. This is a strain of thought that we can see revealed strongly in Jesus own teaching; that purity of intent is at the heart of Christian living rather than the mere outward appearance of conformity to God's will – the very pages of the Gospel remind us of the ease with which the very essence of God can be distorted by writing it in human form. This is where we come back to the impossibility of the ideal we find before us and the need to translate it into more understandable, easier to implement codes of understanding and behaviour – the circle starts again and, a bit like Chinese Whispers the transformative power of God's true will is clouded by human attempts to explain it. It seems to me as if we are constantly trying to explain something that is beyond our capacity to understand; we are trying to explain something that we ourselves don't grasp.

Although difficult to do there is no other way to explore the glory of God than to try the impossible tasking of talking about God – a task where we will inevitably fall short of the reality of who God is. But by remembering this very fact we might find that rather than using words to explain who and what God is we can use them to point beyond their limited meaning to the truth of God that lies beyond them; and so the thousands upon thousands of words that we hear and read about God will point to the wordless reality that is the truth of who God is.



**ST JAMES
GUILD
The Programme
2019**



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).

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.

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

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

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.

Tuesday 21st January 2020 - Lunch & AGM (2.15
Church House). Details nearer the date.
For further information please contact:

Jeannie Gurnham—01507 609622

Jane Fletcher—01507 604132

VETERANS LUNCH



**Tuesday
9th April 2019
12 (noon)**

**Trinity Centre
Eastgate
Louth
LN11 8DJ**



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FEBRUARY 2019

BAPTISMS

3rd Feb Elsie Louise Pendlebury
10th Feb Nevaeh Owen
17th Feb Finley Elliot Handford
24th Feb Twins—
Freya Oralee Bronte Smith
Isla Niamh Violet Smith

WEDDINGS/ BLESSINGS

There were no weddings this month

FUNERALS

11th Feb Donald Leslie Streets
18th Feb Janet Doris Morris
20th Feb Jean Frances Wallis
22nd Feb Noel Frank Clark
25th Feb Noreen Lily Taylor
26th Feb Michael John Scott
28th Feb Sylvia North

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...

Visit St James's Church and the Friend's shop

Take a guided tour of the Church and climb the Spire

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Parish Church of Louth St. James

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Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Jeannie Gurnham	608622
	Dianne Thompson	-----
Asst Churchwardens	Jane Fletcher	604132
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	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</u>		
<u>part our wider church community:</u>		
Parent & Toddler Gp	Stacey Drew	-----
St. James's Guild	Jane Fletcher	-----
	Jeannie Gurnham	608622
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

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

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

Saturday

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

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 MARCH 2019

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	3 rd March Sunday next before Lent	10 th March 1 st Sunday in Lent	17 th March 2 nd Sunday in Lent	24 th March 3 rd Sunday in Lent
Sunday in the town of Louth...	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults <i>Da pacem Domine Frank</i> <i>Salisbury Service Ives</i> <i>Brother James Air arr. Jacob</i> Hymns 2: 248; 392; (544); 474. 12 30pm Baptism 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Boys/Consort <i>Plain-song Responses</i> <i>Canticles with fauxbourdon Morley</i> <i>A new commandment Shepherd</i> Hymns 386; 499; 23. 11am Holy Communion at Stewton	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults <i>Spirit of the living God Iverson</i> <i>Mass of St. Anne MacMillan</i> <i>Purge me, O Lord Tallis</i> Hymns 95; 93; 532; (324); 430. 12 30pm Baptism 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Consort <i>Plain-song Responses</i> <i>Wood in C minor</i> <i>Lenten Prayer Curtis</i> Hymns 375; 125; 10. 11am Holy Communion at South Elkington 11am Morning Prayer at Welton le Wold	9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults <i>Deliver us, O Lord Batten</i> <i>Alvingham Service Goodwin</i> <i>The King of love my shepherd is Boistow</i> Hymns 96; 100; 411; (126); 455. 12 30pm Baptism 6pm CHORAL EVENSONG sung by Boys/Consort <i>Plain-song Responses</i> <i>Canticles with fauxbourdon Morley</i> <i>O most merciful</i> Hymns 598; 469; 11. 11am Holy Communion at Stewton	8 30am Holy Communion 9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's 10am SUNG EUCHARIST Girls and Adults <i>Da pacem Domine Frank</i> <i>Salisbury Service Ives</i> <i>Brother James Air arr. Jacob</i> Hymns 2: 248; 392; (544); 474. 3 30pm CIVIC SERVICE (Choral Evensong) <i>sung by Boys, Girls and Adults</i> <i>Cantate Domino Piloni</i> <i>Bramma Responses</i> <i>Dyson in C minor</i> <i>Cherubic hymn Rachmaninov</i> 6pm COMPLINE No choir 11am Holy Communion at Welton le Wold 11am Matins at South Elkington
In the villages...	Monday 4th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Tuesday 5th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity 12noon 'Tasty Tuesday' at Trinity Centre Wednesday 6th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre 7 30pm CHORAL EUCHARIST for the beginning of Lent, with imposition of Ashes <i>A Prayer of Henry VI Ley</i> <i>Miserere Allegri</i> Hymns 95; 97; 96; 582. Thursday 7th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Friday 8th 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre Saturday 9th 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER	Monday 11th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Tuesday 12th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Ministry Team Meeting 7pm 'Churches without walls' Prayer Group Wednesday 13th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 12noon Lent Soup Lunch at St James' 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre Thursday 14th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Friday 15th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre Saturday 16th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER	Monday 18th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Tuesday 19th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 7 30pm ADDRESS & COMPLINE Wednesday 20th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 12noon Lent Soup Lunch at St James' 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre Thursday 21st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Friday 22nd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre Saturday 23rd 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER	Monday 25th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 7 30pm SUNG EUCHARIST at St Mary's, Manby Tuesday 26th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Ministry Team Meeting 7pm 'Churches without walls' Prayer Group Wednesday 27th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre 12noon Lent Soup Lunch at St James' 2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre Thursday 28th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Friday 29th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre Saturday 30th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER

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Services and events for MARCH and APRIL 2019

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	31 st March	7 th April
	MOTHERING SUNDAY (4 th in Lent)	PASSION SUNDAY (5 th Sunday in Lent)
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUND EUCARIST <i>Girls and Adults</i></p> <p>Mass of St Anne MacMillan</p> <p>Virgin born, we bow before thee</p> <p>Hymns 362; Sheet: 507; (238); 241.</p> <p>4pm Mothering Sunday Concert by Symphonia Viva</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSING sung by Consort</p> <p>Ayleward Responses Psalm 32</p> <p>Canticles with fauxbourdons Morley</p> <p>Like as the hard Howells Hymns 477; 599; 12.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>	<p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael's</p> <p>10am SUND EUCARIST <i>Girls and Adults</i></p> <p>Lent Prose Plainsong</p> <p>Alvingham Service Goodwin</p> <p>Turn thy face from my sins Attwood</p> <p>Hymns 499; 127; 557; (108); 122L.</p> <p>12 30pm Baptism</p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSING sung by Consort</p> <p>Ayleward Responses Psalm 35</p> <p>D. Purcell in E minor Wash my thoroughly Wesley</p> <p>Hymns 557; 504; 112; 13.</p> <p>11am Holy Communion at Stewton</p>
In the villages...		
During the week...	<p>Monday 1st APRIL</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity</p> <p>11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) at Holy Trinity</p> <p>12noon 'Tasty Tuesday' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre</p> <p>12noon Lent Soup Lunch at St James'</p> <p>2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 4th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Friday 5th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany</p> <p>12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 6th</p> <p>12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 8th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 9th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Holy Trinity</p> <p>11am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP), followed by Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>7pm 'Churches without walls' Prayer Group</p> <p>Wednesday 10th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>10am Drop-in at Trinity Centre</p> <p>12noon Lent Soup Lunch at St James'</p> <p>2pm 'Memories Matter' at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Thursday 11th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Friday 12th</p> <p>8 30am MORNING PRAYER and Litany</p> <p>12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity Centre</p> <p>Saturday 13th</p> <p>10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity Centre</p> <p>12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>

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The Craft & Chatter group which meets on Thursday mornings in St James's between 10.30 – 12.30 has had a busy year. We knitted blankets for Samara's Aid collections being sent to Syria/Iraq, tiny hats for premature babies born in Grimsby hospital, crocheted butterflies to be gifted to bereaved families during Baby Loss Memorial week, and colourful covers for incubators in Boston hospital, in addition to personal craft projects and items to sell at the Summer Fair. Later in the year we turned our attention to making decorations for the Craft Club tree for the Christmas Tree Festival and enjoyed a wreath making workshop provided by Jayne Pegg. We look forward to getting together again with members old and new on March 7th.

There was a happy ending to the saga of the lost sheep – you may have spotted the rather forlorn shepherd in St James's during November and December who had lost his sheep in the shops in Louth. It was a challenge for the children who took part to spot the sheep and find out their names by going into the businesses to enquire. Fifteen businesses took part by naming and displaying one of the sheep made by members of the Craft & Chatter group. The sheep were all safely gathered in before the Crib Service and the seven correctly completed entries were awarded a prize. A big thank you to John Loft for whittling a crook for the shepherd and to M&Co for the loan of a mannequin.

The first Christmas Tree Festival at St James's was a great success with 53 groups, businesses, schools and other organizations decorating trees which were displayed in the Church between 7th-9th December 2018. It was a genuine community event which was appreciated by locals and visitors to the town who enjoyed not just the beautiful and creative trees on show but also the music provided by local instrumental groups, individuals and choirs, which added to the festive atmosphere.

The public voted for the best trees, in the school's category Kidgate Academy gained the most votes whilst it was the "Heavenly Hookers" Crochet group which was voted winner of the general category with a tree titled "A Crocheted Coastal Christmas Tree".

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'



Snippets from Stewton

Good News

It was good to have the start of the Community Coffee Mornings in February. The monthly events help to build on the sense of community which we value so highly here at St Andrew's and give our regular congregation, along with occasional visitors and people with little connection, an opportunity to come together for coffee, cake and chatter, re-enforcing the sense that everyone is valued here and welcome. These events will continue on the fourth Tuesday from February to November when even the most hardy folk feel it is too cold to attend in the coldest weather so we take a short break for two months. The incidental effect of the Coffee Mornings enables us to raise funds for our three specific charities to improve the lives of individuals in diverse locations around the world.

This week we have received the fantastic news that the long-awaited classroom for children with learning disabilities in Wiyumiririe has finally been opened. The building has taken over a year to complete but the smiles on the faces reveal the joy they feel in having achieved this. We shall be monitoring the situation closely and seeing What next?

It is incredible that our small community in Lincolnshire has such a significant impact for a remote village in Kenya.



*****'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.

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 1st Tuesday of the month) - always pre-book.
 15am Weekly 'Wednesday Drop-in' with many activities available.
Wednesdays 12noon 'Fish on Fridays' - a weekly chance to meet and chat. No need to book.
Fridays 10.45am MESSY CHURCH (on the 3rd 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 at 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
- U3A Art Group

Thursdays

- Modern Pilates
- U3A Photography
- Parkinson's Society
- A&M Freedom Dance
- Slimming World
- 7th Louth Guides & Rangers

Saturdays

- Messy Church
- Teviah 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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HOLY TRINITY BEES

There is a new and exciting community project at the Trinity Centre --- Bee Keeping. It is proposed to site the first hive in the unused part of the churchyard. We have guidance from an apiarist, Will Hamilton, who will train those of us who wish it.



Bees and church have always gone together. Monastery communities kept bees, not only for honey to eat but for beeswax, candles and healing.

The patron saint of bees, beekeepers and candle makers is Saint Ambrose. We get the word ambrosia from this and it is not tinned rice pudding but a sweet concoction of nectar and honey. Saint Ambrose is also associated with wisdom; with that in mind we hope it will also become a place of quiet and meditation.

A lot can be learnt from the beehive community. It is a beautifully ordered structure, with a place for each, workers, guards, undertakers, even the drones. I have read recently that bees can do simple arithmetic.

As the bees give a service, those who work with them are serving nature, which is serving God. There is a deep, holy relationship between church and bees.

We have already received a very generous donation from Greggs Bakery to help set it up. We hope in the future that schools and youth groups will come and be interested and learn the wisdom of the bees. This would be full circle for me as I was first attracted to bee keeping long ago when I attended a church primary school. The Headmaster kept hives in the school garden and taught us there.

Gardeners need bees to pollinate trees, flowers and vegetables and we need bees to survive.

Daphne King

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! |

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

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Old keys are transformed into bowls large and small.

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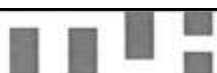
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TAB – opportunities for those in the twenties, thirties and beyond to meet socially and for discussion.

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



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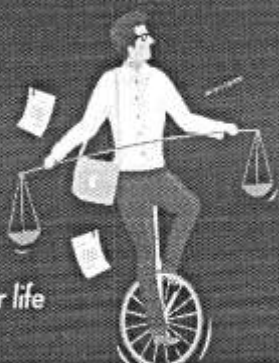
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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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'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

Diocese of Lincoln receives £2.67 million to grow churches in its urban centres

The Diocese of Lincoln has been awarded £2.67 million from the Church of England's Strategic Development Fund (SDF) to help transform lives in its urban centres over the next five years.

The funding will enable three existing churches to become 'resource' churches to promote growth across greater Lincolnshire. A resource church is a church with a track record in growing its congregations and which wishes to share its learning with other churches by 'giving away' its leaders for the benefit of other churches.

The three churches that will become resource churches are: St Swithin's in Lincoln, St George's in Stamford and Lincoln Cathedral. These churches begin to represent the diversity in geography and Anglican traditions present across the diocese. Churches in urban centres have been chosen as attendance in these areas is generally lower than in the diocese as a whole therefore potential for growth is the greatest.

The plan for growth across the diocese centres around the development of future church leaders through the resource churches who will go on to lead new or revitalised churches of which there will be eight in total in the diocese's urban areas over the next five years.

The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson, Bishop of Lincoln, said: "When I was appointed as Bishop of Lincoln I started to lead the diocese in a new direction in which we would reverse what was seen as a culture of decline in our congregations and give the diocese a new

focus. This investment is key to that. We hope that everyone will want to be part of this exciting journey.

"The churches we have chosen as resource churches have the potential to be successful in reaching out to their local communities and we want to spread that success to other areas. There has been significant growth in numbers at St Swithin's and St George's in recent years and Lincoln Cathedral, which has stood as the mother church of the diocese and region for almost 1,000 years, is keen to increase its profile across the historic county in social justice and be a leading centre for catholic mission."

The Rt Reverend Dr David Court, Bishop of Grimsby and Strategic Lead for Mission in the Diocese of Lincoln, said: "We are delighted that our application for funding has been granted. At the heart of our plans is our belief in our local churches and their power to transform lives and communities with their message of love and hope.

"We have chosen to focus on our urban centres with this funding as it will give the most people possible the opportunity to explore faith, find hope and experience community through their local church. This project sits alongside our other investment in continuing outreach and mission in our 630 churches across the diocese – with £10 million in additional funding from diocesan resources being invested across the next four years."

The projection of growth is that each resource church will grow initially to a Sunday attendance of at least 500 people. The new or revitalised churches will aim to grow to a congregation of at least 150 people and become self-sustaining within five years.

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"Come and see!" (Jn 1:39,46;4:29)

For more details, and any questions or enquiries, etc, Rev Deacon James Hunter
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The cracks are where the light gets in.

The other day I was very cross with myself for getting a parking ticket. I know why it happened – I hadn't looked at the sign and I just assumed there wouldn't be parking restrictions on a Sunday morning. But it really happened because I was preoccupied and rushing. I had too many things to do and not enough time to do everything. The parking ticket was a signal to me that cracks were appearing in my carefully constructed life.

For St Peter it was a cockerel that was the signal that things were going terribly wrong. As we approach Easter, we remember the story of how Peter denied Jesus three times. Jesus was arrested at night and Peter followed after him, but then lost his nerve and pretended he didn't know him.

When the cockerel crowed, Peter remembered Jesus telling him this would happen and Peter broke down and wept. Leonard Cohen (1934 – 2016) in his song 'Anthem' famously writes that 'There is a crack in everything, that's how the light gets in'.

When cracks appear in our lives, they often signal a time when light can emerge. Peter is usually described as the disciple who denied Jesus three times, but Peter's failure and brokenness is not the end of his story. The light got into Peter's story because of what he remembered in the darkest place and what he learned.

When the cockerel crowed, he remembered that Jesus knew him well enough to know that he would let him down. But it wasn't the only thing Peter remembered.

Peter remembered that Jesus predicted that he would suffer and die – it wasn't all his fault. Peter remembered the time when Jesus rescued him from drowning in Lake Galilee and pulled him

through. Peter remembered that at the Last Supper Jesus had also told him that he had prayed for him, that his faith would not fail.

After a long dark night, the cockerel reminded Peter he had let Jesus down but it also heralded the break of day. Peter's experience and hope meant he was restored and became a great pastor.

My parking ticket signalled a crack which I should notice, and as I have done many times before, re-adjust my timetable to be more life giving. When you next notice a crack in yourself or another, remember there is a space now, for the light to come in.

The Ven. Dr Justine Allain Chapman Archdeacon of Boston Archdeacon Justine has written *The Resilient Disciple: a Lenten journey from adversity to maturity* (SPCK 2018), which is being read by many people this Lent.



The last date for submission of articles for the APRIL 2019 Herald is FRIDAY 22nd MARCH 2019

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