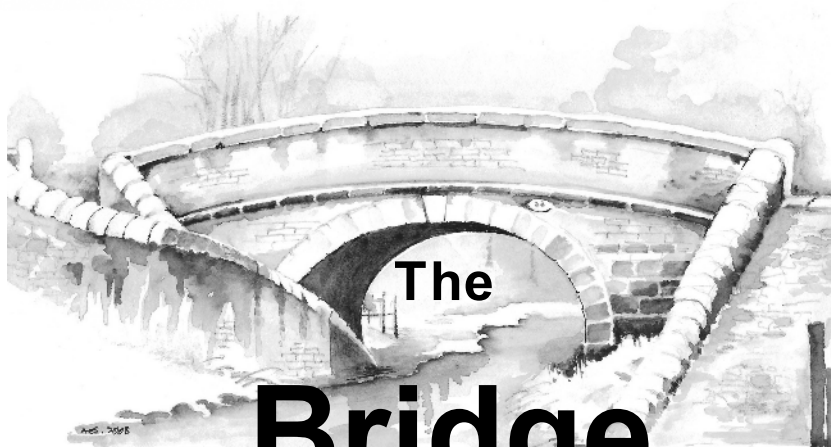




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Welcome to July 2020 edition

After three months of lockdown we are slowly re-emerging with various measures in place to prevent new transmissions of the coronavirus in our communities. Although it is currently at a low-level the risk has not disappeared as we have just seen Leicester go into a local lockdown. Outside the UK and Europe COVID-19 infections and deaths continue to increase; USA, India, Russia, Brazil, Pakistan, Mexico, South Africa, Egypt seem badly affected. As colder months return and we spend more time inside the risk is expected to increase again so enjoy summer thoroughly.

It appears that The Bridge will continue to appear in online format for now. Please discuss with Reverend Clive any issues. If you know anybody that usually receives The Bridge please either download and email a copy, print a copy for them or let them or their family or neighbours know where it can be seen online. Many of our deliverers are in the shielding category or older and do not wish to take unnecessary transmission risks for now.

We have not been able to include our What's On Locally section yet as many village halls are still closed or slowly re-opening and it is not known which groups or activities will be able to restart safely.

While we have long summer days please enjoy the countryside and get outside if you can for walks and trips and tending gardens if you have one. Keep in touch with family, friends and neighbours and keep safe.

The Editorial Team

Actual complaints received by a resort chain (before lockdown!)

On my holiday to India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food.

We booked an excursion to a water park, but no one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price.

The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room.

No one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared.

It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England. It took the Americans only three hours to get home. This seems unfair.

We had to line up outside to catch the boat and there was no air-conditioning.

I was bitten by a mosquito. The brochure did not mention mosquitoes.

Support line

Anyone in self-isolation in

Lincolnshire can now call 01522 782189 (7 days a week 9am-5pm) or register for help at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/coronavirus/requesthelp.

NHS Volunteer Responders

If you need help to collect shopping, medication, transport to NHS services, or just a check-in and chat due to self-isolation or if you are feeling lonely or vulnerable please call 0808 196 3646 (8am-8pm). Carers and NHS staff may also refer the people they care for with their agreement. Information can be found at <https://volunteering.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/nhs-volunteer-responders-portal>

Shielded people's needs



If you received a letter from the government or NHS to say that you are extremely clinically vulnerable and at high risk from coronavirus due to health conditions you should register for support or someone on your behalf should do this at

www.gov.uk/coronavirus-extremely-vulnerable You can update this as needed even if you do not need help at the time it is filled in it will make it possible for the Coronavirus Support Team to keep you informed as circumstances change in the next few

months. If you are not online call 0800 028 8327. Help may include food packages, prescription delivery, transport to medical appointments and regular contact if you need it.



COVID-19 Community Support Network Sibsey

Join the Facebook group or use the Japp Nextdoor. A leaflet was delivered to all homes in Sibsey when it was launched. A campaign to get a Volunteer in Every Street (VEST) has also ensured that there is a local volunteer nearby if you need help.

The network is providing support to those self-isolating at home in Sibsey by collecting prescriptions, shopping and keeping in touch online and by phone. You can email Kerryfrancis75@icloud.com for more information. If you need a chat with someone call Diane on 07930 385 112.

If you have a sewing machine and want to help the Big Scrub Sew call Kim on 07766 710073 who is working with Sibsey's professional sewer, Kate, to produce scrubs for our essential key workers.

The work of the Support Network will continue but will be reviewed as Government restrictions are eased. Updates will be posted on Facebook and Nextdoor.

Keeep busy, stay safe and be kind to each other.



National Trust

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Parkland and gardens are being opened slowly. However, if you plan to visit you must pre-book in advance on the National Trust website.

The list of venues open for booking is updated every Friday.



ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage

Many sites will be open from 4th July and all sites will be open

in August. However you do need to pre-book in advance as access will be controlled to keep everyone safe.

Wise Words

“**G**reat minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.” (Anon)

“I could not, at any age, be content to take my place by the fireside and simply look on. Life was meant to be lived. Curiosity must be kept alive. One must never, for whatever reason, turn one's back on life.” (Eleanor Roosevelt)

“I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find any.”

“The good thing about the future is that I have an opportunity to think differently and do things differently and the great blessing is that it always starts immediately.”

“Your successes may make you clever, but it is only your problems and failures that will make you wise.”



National Garden Scheme

The National Garden Scheme has restarted but you need to book.

Visit www.ngs.org.uk to follow the links to all the online garden visits available. Sign up for the emails and receive regular updates when new gardens come on stream. There are also videos of gardening tips and ideas you might find useful.

To help support independent small nurseries and makers NGS has entered into a partnership and they will make a donation to the NGS from any sales made. Details are on the NGS website.

The NGS has started to open some gardens for visits on various days in the week but all visits will need to be pre-booked through the NGS website's online shop. The list of open gardens will be updated every week on Monday morning when tickets will go on sale.

The funds raised will help the NGS continue to make donations to the many nursing charities they support such as Marie Curie, Queen's Nurses, Macmillan and Hospices UK. Any donations will be gratefully received through the NGS website.

Individual Prayer in Our Local Churches

Reverend Clive has opened Sibsey Church on Saturdays and Sundays between 10am and 2pm since 20th June for individual prayer.

Rev'd Clive said, "this will help us to get used to the cleaning regime, the other churches all remain closed but we will review that as things develop in accordance with the Bishops' guidance." He continued, "No services will take place on Sunday coming. I am still awaiting advice from the Bishops once received I will consult with church wardens".

Meanwhile, if you visit Sibsey Church please ensure you use the hand sanitizer on entering and leaving the church, touch surfaces



as little as you can and maintain social distancing.

The Church of England is providing guidance to local churches on the way ahead as conditions allow.





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A little light-relief!

With so much happening in our world at this time, with Covid 19, demonstrations, re-assessment of

historical figures and an economy dissolving around us I thought let's just take a little joy from what we still have and are able to do.

Right at the beginning of lock-down we were all encouraged to do some exercise once a day, then it was relaxed to exercise any time of day, anywhere and then we could meet up with one then a few other people in the great outdoors whilst maintaining social distance.

So taking advantage of this my wife and I have been doing lots of exercise both together and individually.

We have discovered what a beautiful place we have moved to, the countryside is big and open but beautifully green! There is water everywhere despite the glorious dry weather we have enjoyed!

Our dogs love it, we have two bearded collies one who will walk for ever whilst the other who is growing old is becoming more and more reluctant. Quite tricky when walking with them, as one pulls me

constantly forward whilst the other pulls backwards to go home!

We have met so many friendly people on our walks, but that is not all that we have been enjoying. Cycling has become a means of us exploring a little further afield and with the new relaxation of lock-down we cycled to see a friend whom we have not seen for nearly a year. Our friend lives in Belchford which is twenty miles away but undeterred, we set off on our bikes to see her. The cycle ride was glorious the weather fantastic and when we got to her home we were able to have coffee in the garden socially distanced of course. What a joy it was to spend just a half hour with a friendly face to laugh and share some quality time together, then it was back on the bikes to cycle another 23 miles via Horncastle and the Straight in order to get back home.

Running has also picked up for me in my usual training, it has now switched back outdoors and I am regularly enjoying the run from the vicarage to Northlands Bridge and back. I even managed to do two loops the other day stretching the run to 9 miles! It is such a beautiful run and the wildlife is amazing, swans with cygnets are the latest addition, we have watched two broods of ducklings grow up, spotted a fox on

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its rounds, and even seen two types of deer, a Roe and a Muntjac! Although not everyone will be able to be so active, and others have had to self-isolate because of their conditions, there is so much that we can be so thankful for! So let us be thankful for the little things which mean so much and maybe learn that despite all the complications, demands and concerns due to our current situation, we still have so much that can and does bring joy into our hearts.

With my prayers and blessings to you all. *Clive.*

Lilian Smith
12.06.32-10.05.20

We would like to say 'Thank you' to everyone who sent cards, flowers and messages of support to all the family. Also 'Thank you' to Friends, Family and Neighbours who stood along the Old Main Road, Sibsey on 11.06.20 to say 'Farewell to Lilian'

A memorial Service will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Sibsey when rules permit

***Many Thanks from
Derick Smith and Family***

Brothertoft Group – Friendship Club 2020-21 Update

As many of you are aware the previous Friendship Club Draws ended in February. Following this some monies were collected with the intention of starting the new Draws in May 2020. Obviously, however, COVID 19 brought the ability to collect or donate for the Draw to a stop. As the easing of the lockdowns progresses it is the intention to complete the selling of tickets and to start the Draws towards the end of July (which will include the May and June Draws therefore keeping the 2020-21 period the same) followed by the regular Monthly Draws up to February 2021. If you haven't done it yet and you wish to purchase a ticket(s) for the Draws please contact your usual supplier or Mick Harrison (see front of magazine for contact details). We thank you for your past support and hope you feel able to join in with the current Draws – Tickets are £10 for 10 monthly Draws with prizes of £25, £15 and £10 with a special Draw in December which will be notified in the Magazine prior to this, once final tickets have been sold.

Mick Harrison

The Rumour

In ancient Greece (469 - 399 BC), Socrates was widely lauded for his wisdom. One day the great philosopher came upon an acquaintance, who ran up to him excitedly and said, "Socrates, do you know what I just heard about one of your students?" "Wait a moment," Socrates replied. "Before you tell me, I'd like you to pass a little test. It's called the Test of Three. Before you talk to me about my student let's take a moment to test what you're going to say.

The first test is Truth. Have you made absolutely sure that what you are about to tell me is true?" "No," the man replied, "actually I just heard about it." "All right," said Socrates. "So you don't really know if it's true or not. Now let's try the second test, the test of goodness. Is what you are about to tell me about my student something good?" "No, on the contrary," was the reply. "So", Socrates continued, "you want to tell me something bad about him even though you're not certain it's true?" The man shrugged, a little embarrassed. Socrates continued, "You may still pass though because there is a third test - the filter of usefulness. Is what you want to tell me about my student going to be useful to me?" The man hesitated and said, "No, not really..."

"Well," concluded Socrates, "if what you want to tell me is neither True nor Good, nor even Useful, why tell it

to me at all?" The man was defeated and ashamed and said no more. This is the reason Socrates was a great philosopher and held in such high esteem.

Online Bible Course for Lincoln diocese

Richard Steel, Mission Team Leader, is running a Diocesan-wide online version of the Bible Society's Bible Course via Zoom.

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- Acts as a great follow-on resource for those who have done introductory courses like Alpha and Christianity Explored.

The sessions will begin next month with weekly afternoon sessions from Wednesday 8th July and evening ones from Thursday 9th July.

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My Grandparents' house

The lights are some how warmer there: not as bright as the glaring city lights that I'm used to. My Grandma's always cooking, so the house is always filled with the smell of fresh bread or cakes or melting butter. The TV is never off.

It's usually some old wartime comedy so when you walk past you get a few seconds of silly trumpet music or canned laughter. The soap smells like the summer and the sheets smell like my Grandma. It's the kind of house where the pillows are never un-plumped. Every available wall space is covered in photos. There are generations of my family smiling at me from all around. Their shelves are filled with odd little trinkets and knick-knacks and the kitchen window sill is filled with plants. There always seem to be more birds and brighter flowers in their garden. There are old teddy bears welcoming you in each bedroom and the curtains let golden sunlight drift through in the morning, illuminating the dust mites.

Walking past my Grandpa's study, you can hear the sound of typing or the flicking of pages or maybe even snoring. His shelves are lined with books and old newspaper clippings. There's always a warm squishy hug going and never a frowning face. I love my Grandparents' house.

Leah Plant (Age 14)

Church Memorials and Monuments

The Church of England's Director of Church Buildings and Cathedrals, Becky Clark, said: "Action is being taken by parishes and cathedrals across England to consider monuments which have links to slave trading or the exploitation of people. Some churches have previously acknowledged and exposed this legacy, but many are just beginning this work in response to the spotlight shone on these questions by the Black Lives Matter movement.

"While it is not possible to provide a single answer which could apply to all circumstances and which would satisfy all legitimate viewpoints, we must be as one in acknowledging the real and justified anger of those who believe monuments in churches and elsewhere must be reviewed.

"Key to determining what should be done in each context is the creation of a dialogue within communities. This must be open and honest, and acknowledge that there are monuments in our churches and cathedrals to individuals and events whose destructive impact is still being felt by people living in the UK today.

"In doing so, we must seek to confront and understand the past whilst recognising the reality of how it impacts people living today."

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Other findings include:

- 75 per cent of us are “very worried” or “somewhat worried” about the effect that coronavirus is having on our lives now.
- Many parents have struggled with home schooling, with 33 per cent saying it has put a strain on family relationships.
- 41 per cent of us expect our financial situation to get worse over the next 12 months.
- 41 per cent of us think that the wellbeing of our child or children is being negatively affected.

But it is not all bleak – a huge 57 per cent of us think that Britain will be more united in the future, and 67 per cent of us say that Britain will be kinder after coronavirus. That is good news!

The new absolutely-must-have item for your kitchen

Here is a curious winner in the coronavirus crisis: the humble egg cup. It has been flying off the shelves in recent months, as more of us find solace in a cooked breakfast.

At one point, John Lewis had sold out of most of its egg cups, with even the most expensive lines selling out. (Such as Le Creuset’s set of six egg cups for £45, or Emma Bridgewater’s set of six for £27.95.)

As Nicola Hattersley, tableware buyer for John Lewis, explained: “One positive from being at home more is taking the time to make mealtimes more of an occasion.

“The humble egg cup – something many of us haven’t used since childhood – is gracing tables once again and hopefully we’ll see a new generation becoming familiar with ‘soldiers’ and debating the best way to smash open a boiled egg.”

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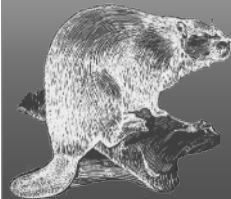
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St Mary Magdalene, the woman with a past

It is easy to understand the popularity of Mary Magdalene over the centuries: she is the patron saint both of repentant sinners and of the contemplative life. Jesus drove seven demons from Mary, who came from near Tiberius in Galilee. Mary has also sometimes been identified with the woman who anointed Christ's feet in the house of Simon.

She became His follower to the bitter end. She followed Him to Jerusalem and was present during the crucifixion, standing heart-broken at the foot of the cross. Her love for Jesus did not end there, for she went to the tomb to anoint His body on the Sunday morning. Such faithful, humble devotion was richly repaid; it gave her a unique privilege among all mankind: she was the first person to whom the Risen Lord appeared on Easter Sunday morning. She thought He was the gardener at first.

Jesus told Mary to go to His disciples and tell them about His return to Heaven. She was obedient and became the first emissary of the resurrection. In those days, the witness of a woman was worthless. Despite ridicule, Mary had the courage to speak about Jesus in a place of great disbelief.

Does the fruit you buy look a bit wonky?

That's because growers have faced a labour shortfall, when many seasonal workers from eastern Europe were unable to reach the UK due to the pandemic. So instead, there has been a British recruitment drive, targeting inexperienced furloughed workers.

As Martin Lines, of the Nature Friendly Farming Network says: "Fresh produce may not be as evenly cut as usual, given that people are learning on the job."

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these be made available each Sunday through the Church's Facebook page, website and YouTube.

Time to Pray app - everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. Download for free.

Daytime prayer and Night prayer service audio - building on the existing daily prayer feed, this includes daytime prayer and night prayer for each day. It will be available as a downloadable app in the coming weeks.

Live streaming services from churches -

AChurchNearYou.com now lists hundreds of churches offering livestreams of services from across the country.

The BBC's Daily Service and Sunday Worship

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For further information about all the digital resources please visit www.churchofengland.org and look at the guidance about coronavirus and digital resources.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers

Daily Hope, introduced by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line.

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Should you diet during lockdown?

While being excessively overweight can cause health issues, this is probably not the time for drastic measures, advises Joel Snape, Editor-at-Large on Men's Fitness for the Daily Telegraph*. He says that while the effects of dieting on the immune systems are not fully understood, research on Olympic athletes has found that severe calorie restriction can impact both immunity to and recovery from illness.

This means that if you want to lose weight just now, don't cut your calories too drastically. Also, pay attention to what is called 'nutrient density': choose foods that are high in vitamins and minerals, rather than ones that just fill you up.

Good habits bring long-term benefits: try to eat only when you are hungry, reduce your fat and sugar intake, and keep your portions of food modest. Drinking water is also a good way to reduce hunger.

** Daily Telegraph 6th May 2020, page 21*

What will office life be like?

The days of 'hot desking', sitting opposite one another, lending your colleagues a pen, or chatting while making tea together are over. Instead, when we get back to work, desks will be spaced out, and factory-style shift times may be introduced.

"Coronavirus has turned everything upside down," says Janet Pogue McLaurin, a Gensler workplace expert. "Before we can ask people to return to the office, we've got to make sure they feel safe, healthy and valued in their workplace."

And – vitally important: "Employees must not assume that now they have returned to work, they no longer need to keep away from people. Unless people are wearing face masks, the 6ft social distancing rule should apply in the physical workspace until there is a vaccine and the coronavirus is no longer a health threat."

Local road closures

Subject to change. Willows Lane, Sibsey 6-7/7; Sutterton Drove, Amber Hill 1/6-31/8; Hurnbridge Road, New York 6/7. Hobhole Bank, Sibsey 18-19/7. Local diversions will apply. Latest roadworks information on <https://roadworks.org>

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The NHS – bearing one another's burdens

“Save the NHS” was the slogan chosen by the British government when the coronavirus began to spread. Meant to evoke public compassion, and compliance with emergency regulations, it sounded as though the NHS was an endangered species. In fact it was the public themselves whose lives were in jeopardy; the National Health Service existed solely for their benefit. The slogan did manage to stir gratitude for a service which had been taken for granted, as well as appreciation of its 1.5+ million staff, many of whom were now putting their own lives at greater risk.

The idea for a countrywide medical service came from the Beveridge Report, instigated by the coalition government during World War II. “Medical treatment covering all requirements will be provided for all citizens by a national health service”, is how it was defined, though it had to wait until 1948 for its implementation to begin.

It was part of a programme for reconstruction, aiming to eliminate Want, Disease, Ignorance, Squalor and Idleness. Sir William Beveridge, who gave his name to the report, was close friends with two other social reformers: R H Tawney, and William Temple, who was to become Archbishop of

Canterbury. Today's Archbishop, Justin Welby, wrote this about the trio: “Drawing on Christian understandings of justice, generosity and human dignity, they described the kind of country that they felt reflected God's values better.”

St Paul couldn't have thought he was providing a slogan for a welfare state when he wrote, “Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ”, but that is a neat summary of the way the National Health Service works. We all pay in when we can and we all benefit when we need.

One estimate of the cost of the NHS today is £158.4 billion, which in real terms is 10 times as much as in 1950. In the meantime, it's no longer completely free for all. Prescription charges and dental fees have been introduced. The development of ever-more sophisticated life-saving drugs and medical procedures will inevitably mean higher costs - and a heightened moral dilemma. Must there be further limits to the provision of “medical treatment covering all requirements”?

The colossal task of rebuilding a shattered economy in the years to come may compel the British people to choose between what is essential and what is optional. The Christian principle now sounds particularly demanding: “Bear one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ”.

The man who created Sherlock Holmes

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the multi-talented writer who created Sherlock Holmes, the world's most famous detective, died 90 years ago, on 7th July 1930 at his home in Sussex, probably of a heart attack. He was 71.



He had been born in Edinburgh to a prosperous Irish-Catholic family with a dysfunctional father and a loving mother who had a talent for inventing stories. He spent seven years in a Jesuit boarding school in England, which he loathed, and qualified as a medical doctor at the University of Edinburgh. He added 'Conan' to his name at that stage.

He wrote the first Sherlock Holmes story, *A Study in Scarlet*, in 1887. In all, he wrote nearly 60 novels or short stories involving Holmes and his sidekick, Dr Watson. He did not regard them as his best work – he

wrote prolifically on many subjects – but their characterisation and ingenious plotting made them by far the most popular.

He was married twice – first to “gentle and amiable” Louisa Hawkins, the sister of one of his patients, and then, after she died of tuberculosis in 1906, to the “strikingly beautiful” and talented Jean Leckie. Towards the end of his life he developed a strong interest in the occult and spiritualism. He was knighted in 1902.

Lo, I am with you always

Wide fields of corn along the valleys spread;
The rain and dew mature the swelling vine;
I see the Lord in multiplying bread;
I see Him turning water into wine;
I see Him working all the works divine
He wrought when Salem-ward His steps were led;
The self-same miracles around Him shine;
He feeds the famished; He revives the dead;
He pours the flood of light on darkened eyes;
He chases tears, diseases, fiends away;
His throne is raised upon these orient skies;
His footstool is the pave whereon we pray....

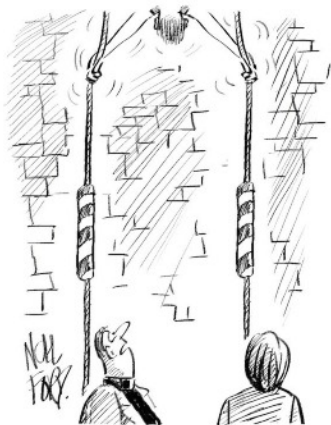
From a poem by John Charles Earle (1749 – 1818)

Sudoku challenge

Enter numbers into the blank spaces so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 to 9 without repeats.

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Eric took social distancing while bell ringing very seriously.

Wordsearch

Find the 35 words hidden in this Wordsearch puzzle.

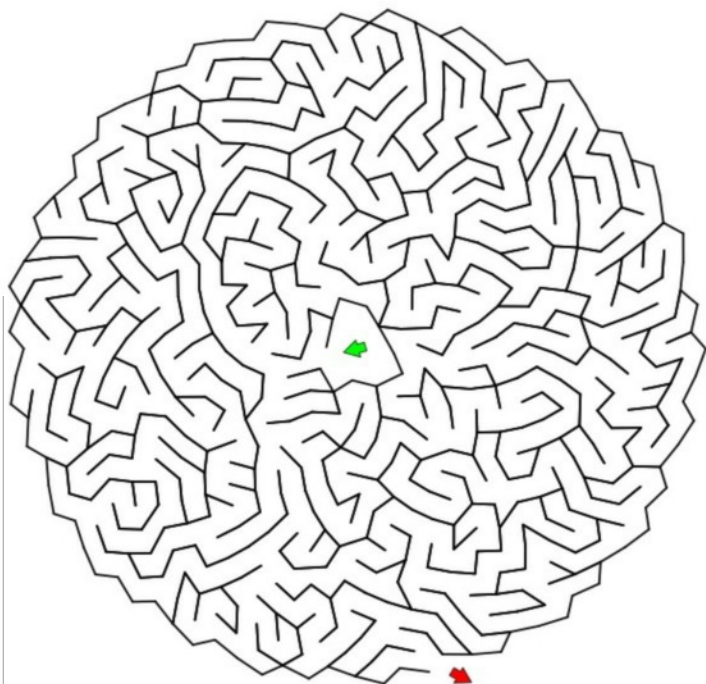
The clues are found in the item about Mary Magdalene appearing on page 10.

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Maze Find your way from the centre to the text at the bottom right.



They were trying to remember when they had last left the house.



Solutions for June edition

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From The Registers

Funerals “May they rest in peace”.

Lilian Smith died 10th May aged 87
Service at Boston Crematorium on 11th June.

Jeffrey Charles Miller died 25th May aged 77.
Service at Boston Crematorium on 22nd June.

Michael John Wells died on 2nd June aged 73.
Service at Boston Crematorium on 25th June.



Memorial Services will be held once current restrictions are eased if families want one.



This month sees the first anniversary of the death of the following parishioners. We remember them and their families and friends at this time

Wendy Hines
Douglas Cawthorn

If you would like to add someone's name to the Book of Remembrance in St Margaret's Sibsey contact the churchwardens.

Prayer requests

If you would like prayers said in church for you at a time of illness this can be arranged. If the request is for another person the prayers will not be said in public for confidentiality reasons. Contact the Clergy or Lay Ministers listed inside front cover.

A Prayer

Merciful God

Watch over all who come to pray

May your healing grace rest upon them.

May the power of your inner strength pour into them, so enabling them to face the future with hope and confidence.

May the power of their love for you, their families and loved ones and for all who are struggling at this time be channelled to you through and in the love of Christ Jesus,

Our Lord and protector.

Let them find peace and may that peace bring them inner joy.

In the name of Jesus we pray. *Amen.*



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Why did God make mothers?

Here are some of the answers seven-year-olds gave to the following questions...

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mum?

God knew she likes me a lot more than other kids' mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your mum?

I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.

What did your mum need to know about your dad before she married him?

His last name.

Why did your mum marry your dad?

She got too old to do anything else with him.

What's the difference between mums & dads?

Mum knows how to talk to teachers without scaring them.

What would it take to make your mum perfect?

On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.

Lincolnshire Libraries

Anyone can join the library to access online material by visiting <http://bit.ly.lincslibjoin> and getting a temporary card number and PIN. Online material can be found at <http://bit.ly/lleservices>.

Press Reader is available so you can read newspapers and magazines online for free.

Renewal dates for any physical books and items borrowed are being automatically extended to 1st August 2020 due to the lockdown and extended library closure.

Some Lincolnshire libraries will start to physically re-open larger sites from 13th July. Mobile libraries will resume later in the Summer.

There may be revised opening hours and new ways of accessing library stock through a new Library Takeaway Service. PC access in libraries may be limited. Further details will be announced nearer the time.

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Nine Churches' websites

Material on the 'A Church Near You' (ACNY) church websites for Sibsey, Frithville, Carrington, New Bolingbroke, Wildmore, Langrick, Brothertoft, Holland Fen and Kirton Home is updated each week with Reverend Clive's sermon, a Morning Worship for use at home, weekly news updates and videos. Similar updates take place on the Sibsey Group of Churches Facebook page and Kirton Holme Church website. Most changes occur weekly in time for Sunday.



The New York and Frithville School weekly newsletter is added each week during term time to the local church websites.

Currently nearly 7,000 page views a month take place on the nine A Church Near You webpages.

Anyone interested can join the email distribution list available on the ACNY websites. Please invite others to join. If you have any material to go on a church website please let Reverend Clive know.

You can send Reverend Clive a message through each ACNY church website through the 'Get in Touch' section.

Remembering the man who founded Barnardo's

It was 175 years ago, on 4th July 1845, that Thomas Barnardo, the humanitarian and philanthropist, was born in Dublin. He founded Barnardo's, a charity which continues to care for vulnerable children and young people.

The son of a furrier, he worked as a clerk until converted to evangelical Christianity in 1862. He moved to London, intending to study medicine and become a missionary in China. He never qualified as a doctor – despite being known as Dr Barnardo – and soon decided that his real calling was to help poor children living on the streets of London, where one in five children died before their fifth birthday.

He opened his first home for boys in 1870 and soon vowed never to turn a child away. Most Victorians saw poverty as shameful, associating it with poor morals and laziness, but Barnardo refused to discriminate. He made sure boys were trained and found them apprenticeships.

When Barnardo died in 1905, he left 96 homes caring for more than 8,500 vulnerable children, including those with learning difficulties. Because he believed that children should ideally grow up in a family setting, in 1887 he introduced an early form of fostering – boarding out children to host families.

Time for a Smile

Last year, some friends took their six-year-old on a car trip to France. To help pass the time on the way down to the Channel, they encouraged their son to practise his new reading skills by calling out road signs.

He fell asleep just before they entered France. When he awoke, he saw the French motorway signs and said in a worried tone, "I think I forgot how to read while I was asleep."

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?"

"He died and went to heaven," the father replied.

The boy thought a moment and then asked: "Why did God throw him back down?"

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, five, and Ryan, three. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the chance for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"

Quick as a wink, Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

The church treasurer came down early one morning and complained to his wife that he had hardly slept a wink. His wife asked, "Why on earth didn't you count sheep?" He replied, "I did, and that's what got me into trouble - I made a mistake in the first hour, and it took me until early morning to correct it."

A church notice sheet was prepared in great haste and it contained the following announcement. A proof reader would have helped! "There will be a special meeting of the Church Council next Saturday morning. We hope all members will be able to attend. It will be gin with breakfast at 7.30am."

Our minister wanted the title of his next sermon to be posted ahead of time on the church website. He rang our church warden and said that the title was to be: 'Are Ministers Crazy?' Not hearing this as a question, the church warden dutifully posted: 'Our Minister's Crazy.'

As you prepare for the school holidays, remember this: children are natural mimics. They act like us in spite of all our attempts to teach them good manners.

Coronavirus: For the first time in history, we can help save the human race by lying in front of the TV and doing nothing. Let's not mess this one up!

Beware the spell-checker on your special service sheets!



From: The Rectory, St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

When producing material for your magazine or church services, beware the computer spell-checker. We once let our own system check a Christmas carol sheet and, on the night, found ourselves obliged to sing "away in a manager", mangers apparently being unknown to our machine.

If you use special sheets regularly, it seems a law of nature – as with metal coat hangers - that they all intermingle while no one is watching. Thus, on Easter Day, half the congregation will have been issued with sheets for Harvest, which will only become obvious once the service begins. The first hymn will be entirely lost while sidesmen scuttle about looking for replacements only to find that there won't be enough of them anyway and then the second hymn will be lost while others helpfully wander about church donating their sheets to those looking helpless and then trying to find someone to share with.

Never, ever, print on them 'Do not take home' as this will only ensure everyone does so. I have sometimes wondered if the instruction 'Take this sheet home for reference' would ensure that they stayed neatly arranged in the pews after the service. And if it is a service where babies are likely to be present, be assured that many of the copies will be returned half chewed and coated with bits of whatever the infant had for breakfast. There must be a market for paper treated with a child-repellent flavour for such occasions.

Anyone who thinks we are an unimaginative nation should visit a church after a special service to see how many places members of congregations can invent to hide the booklets: under kneelers, neatly folded and hidden inside hymn books, among flower arrangements and behind heating pipes so that no one can quite reach them. They then lurk there reproachfully for the next ten years until mice solve the problem.

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New Archbishop of York to be confirmed

Bishop Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell will be confirmed as the 98th Archbishop of York this month.

The service, at 11am on Thursday 9th July, will be broadcast entirely via video conference due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

The service, which had been due to take place in York Minster, will be in two parts. A legal ceremony with readings, prayers and music, will be followed by a film marking the start of Bishop Stephen's ministry as Archbishop of York.

The service will be available on the Church of England website. Arrangements for Bishop Stephen's enthronement service will be announced later in the year.

Online book of remembrance opened at St Paul's

St Paul's Cathedral has launched *Remember Me*, an online book of remembrance for all those who have been living in the UK who have died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. People of all faiths, beliefs or none are invited to contribute to *Remember Me*.

HRH The Prince of Wales, who recorded a video message, said: "This virtual book of remembrance

is here not just to recall our loss and sorrow, but also to be thankful for everything good that those we have loved brought into our lives."

Family, friends and carers of those who have died can submit, free of charge, the name, photograph and a short message in honour of a deceased person via the *Remember Me* [website](#). The deceased person must have been living in the UK. *Remember Me* will be open for entries for as long as needed. It is intended that the *Remember Me* site will become a physical memorial at the Cathedral.

15th July - St Swithun (or Swithin), saint for a rainy day

St Swithun is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15th July, it will then rain for 40 days after that.

It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10 years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

On his death he was buried outside the West Door of the Old Minster as he requested. On 15 July 971,

his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun.

Lawyers in Lockdown

*For the LORD is our judge,
the LORD is our lawgiver...
(Isaiah 33:22)*

The last few months has proved a busy time for many solicitors. Sadly, the added stress, uncertainty, isolation, and changes to daily life brought on by coronavirus has led to many disputes. People have ended up fighting their business contacts, colleagues, neighbours and even family members,

Strangers may also prove a threat. There are increasing numbers of scam emails, as crooks try to hack into your computer or try to get you to invest in some get-rich-quick scheme. Then there are those advertisements for gambling on television. They are disguised as 'fun', but in reality, they are anything but fun: gambling during lockdown can escalate very quickly.

The lockdown has thrown up some questions: what to do if the post office is prevented from delivering mail to tenants on an estate and whether you still have to pay rent for a student accommodation if the student has gone home. The tenants have a right to receive mail and the answer to the other question is probably 'yes', because student lets are often for a fixed period without an option to end the letting early.

People are spending more time close together, although in isolation. This can lead to domestic violence and anti-social behaviour. Neighbours, tenants and landlords can get on each other's nerves. Anti-social behaviour indoors or outdoors is always taken seriously by the authorities.

Some of us are spending more time in the garden and this can lead to noticing problems about that tree which overhangs your house and the branches that bang on the roof in a high wind or the fence that needs a repair.

Being a good neighbour /colleague /family member is more important now than ever. It is always best to first talk to people - at a safe distance!

David Pickup, a solicitor

Coronavirus and our young people

A recent survey by the Prince's Trust has found increased levels of anxiety among young people because of the crisis. Half of them say that finding a job now felt 'impossible'.

Seven out of ten young people reported feeling that their life is "on hold", and a third feel that everything they have worked for was now "going to waste".

Jonathan Townsend, UK chief executive of the Prince's Trust, says: "An alarming proportion of young people are feeling increased levels of anxiety, and fears are building about their future. We cannot allow this crisis to cripple the aspirations and prospects of our nation's young people."

Over-65s go shopping online

When you can't go out, go shopping. That seems to be the decision of many people over 65.

Record numbers of over-65s have signed up for online banking, according to recent data from Halifax. And they are now shopping online twice as much as a year ago, after being forced to stay home during lockdown.

Overall, the proportion of transactions being made online by those over the age of 65 has doubled, climbing from 20 per cent to 40 per cent.

Perils of your makeshift home office

Have you found that working from home is a pain in the neck? You are not alone.

Many chiropractors have seen a rise in clients seeking help for neck and back-related pains. The blame has fallen on makeshift office set-ups, which can put our muscles under strain.

Many of us working from home end up at our kitchen table or on the sofa. And, unlike the specially designed furniture in many of our offices, a kitchen table or sofa is not designed for computer work, day after day.

Chiropractors are also warning that working from home means a lot less exercise: with no commuting or walking around the office at all.

They urge taking breaks to get regular exercise throughout the day.

Good tips to help you avoid the virus

If you receive a package in the post, it is a good idea to leave it alone for 72 hours before opening it, in order to reduce the risk of infection.

That is just one of a number of tips which the website www.germdefence.org is offering to anyone who wants to reduce their risk of infection transmission. It is run by researchers from the universities of Bath, Bristol and Southampton, who are working closely with Public Health England.

The
Tale of the
**TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS**

**JESUS OFTEN TOLD
STORIES WITH
HIDDEN MEANINGS**



**ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO
WENT TO THE TEMPLE TO PRAY**



**ONE WAS A PHARISEE
(A MAN A BIT LIKE A PRIEST)**

**THE OTHER WAS A TAX
COLLECTOR. (NOT A POPULAR
MAN IN JESUS' DAY!).**



**THE PHARISEE BEGAN
TO PRAY**



**WHAT A GREAT CHAP I
AM! I NEVER DO
ANYTHING WRONG!!**



**I AM SO PLEASED WITH MYSELF,
ESPECIALLY AS I AM NOT A SCOUNDREL,
LIKE THIS TAX COLLECTOR!**



**BUT THE TAX
COLLECTOR COULDN'T
EVEN RAISE HIS HEAD**



**DEAR GOD... I AM VERY SORRY!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR
ALL THE WRONG THINGS
I HAVE DONE.**



**IT WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR,
NOT THE PHARISEE, WHOSE
PRAYERS WERE HEARD!**



**JESUS EXPLAINED -
'DON'T BE PROUD WHEN YOU
PRAY - INSTEAD BE HUMBLE.'**

Buttercups – treasure in our countryside

Buttercup! What a delicious name! Rumour has it that, as they were frequently to be found in meadows where cows grazed, they were responsible for butter's yellow colouring. So the name was an obvious choice.

However, since buttercups are poisonous and therefore are avoided as far as possible by our four-footed friends, this is somewhat unlikely. But surely, we all remember having a buttercup held under our chin to see whether the reflection proved that we liked butter! The shiny surface of the petals actually has two real purposes. Firstly, to help attract insects and secondly to act as a kind of mirror to aid the temperature regulation of the plant's reproductive organs.

We are fortunate that buttercups do not suffer from the same unpopularity as other poisonous plants, because if eaten, not only do they taste nasty, but the poison will also cause blisters in the mouth of the consumer. Extensive handling can also damage the skin, but presumably the size of bunch that many of us picked as children did not count as 'extensive'. Fortunately, Health and Safety experts do not yet

seem to have forbidden this source of pleasure for little people. Incidentally, the poison is reduced as the plant dries, and hay that includes buttercups is safe for cows and horses to eat.

Buttercups help form the traditional view of the British countryside. Differing varieties range in height from small to quite tall and although at their peak in early summer, the golden blooms can often still be seen in mid-autumn. Jan Struther, who wrote 'Lord of all hopefulness' also wrote a children's hymn entitled



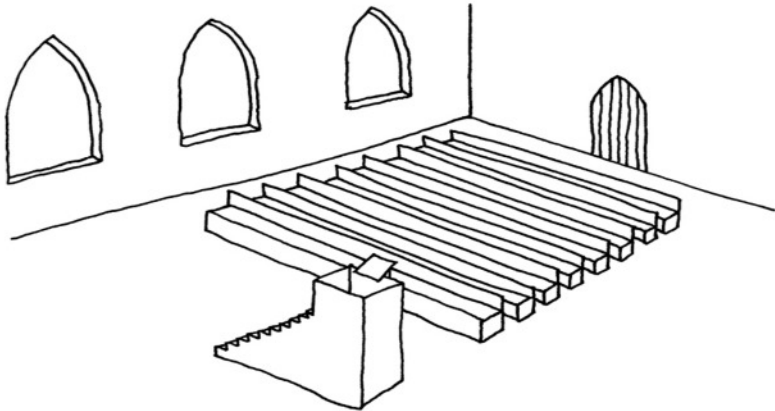
'Treasure' It starts:
*Daisies are our silver,
buttercups our gold:
This is all the treasure
we can have or hold.*

Kirsty Steele



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contempt	hope	resentment
hostility	joy	prejudice
arrogance	forgiveness	
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	self-control	
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Shine as a light to the world Mt 5:16