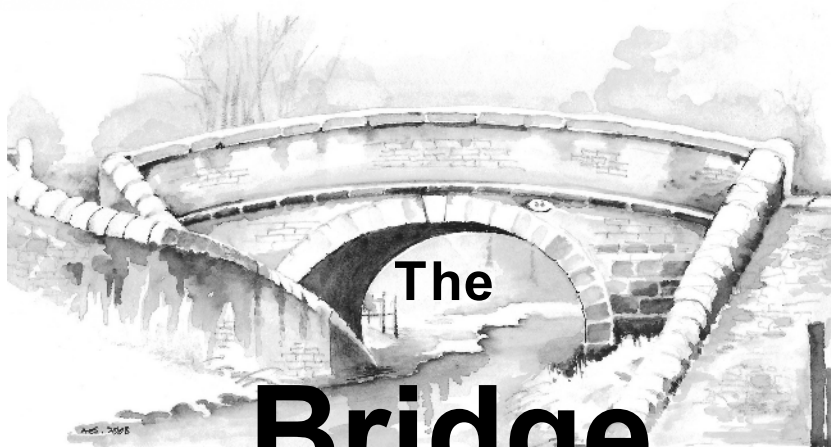




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Welcome to September edition of *The Bridge*

Church of England advice continues to advise that magazines should be online rather than printed for now.

In this edition the vicar explains how Holy Communion will be introduced into services on page 8. Also in September we have details of new events taking place like Heritage Open days and Macmillan coffee Mornings. Harvests are ready and the meteorological season of Autumn has begun. Mothers Union is even looking ahead at Christmas. Enjoy the end of Summer season but remember to keep alert and stay safe whatever you do.

The Editorial Team

Village Halls re-open

The Government allowed community centres/ village halls to re-open from 4th July. ACRE has issued regularly updated documents to help hall managers, trustees and hirers to understand and comply with the new cleaning and social distancing requirements. If you have a family or personal event coming up don't forget to consider your local village hall as a possible venue.

25 years ago

On 3rd September 1995 the auction site eBay was founded (as AuctionWeb).



It's September and time to hold that coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

This year hold your coffee morning with social distancing, virtual or do some other activity such as a walk, run, cycle, etc to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year over £27million was raised equivalent to fund over 500 nurses.

How about picnic blankets in the park, bring your own thermos, coffee-to-go from your front door, a cuppa with the neighbours over the fence, a brew and biccies with your nearest and dearest, an online quiz, a bake-off, or a garden party. You decide.

To find out more go to the website coffee.macmillan.org.uk for lots of tips, promotional material, registering your event. If you can't find the answer to your question, ring on 0330 102 7810 or email coffee@macmillan.org.uk.

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<https://volunteering.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/nhs-volunteer-responders-portal>

Covid-19: what we know

This new virus is highly infectious and affects some people with particular ferocity. Currently over 25 million people have been officially tested positive globally and nearly 850,000 have died according to the John Hopkins University tracking website. Both figures are believed to be an underestimate because of limited testing and poor records.

There is no vaccine or cure for Covid-19, however, vaccine trials are taking place. Two current drugs may reduce severe symptoms: dexamethasone and remdesivir.

The key symptoms to watch out for include a persistent cough, a high

temperature and a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste. Most people get one of these symptoms. If you or a member of your household show symptoms get tested immediately and stay at home along with the rest of your household and social bubble and do not have visitors. If the test is positive you and your household and social bubble must self-isolate. The person with the symptoms must self-isolate for 10 days while other household and social bubble members should do so for 14 days.

Use friends, family and voluntary groups to bring your medicines, food and other items and leave them on your doorstep. Seek help and advice from NHS 111 telephone service.

To reduce the spread of the coronavirus everyone must wash hands regularly, cover your nose and mouth with a fresh tissue (not hands) if coughing or sneezing, avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes and socially distance from everyone you do not live with or outside your social bubble by 2 metres (6 feet). If you cannot socially distance by this distance you should wear a face covering.

Face coverings are mandatory in shops, NHS premises, banks, post offices,, public transport and in most indoor places where you will meet others , such as, places of worship, museums, hotels, village halls, libraries, cinemas, hair salons, barbers and professional services (legal, financial, etc). A face covering will reduce the risk of droplet transmission.

A grain of sand at a time

This autumn, do you feel overwhelmed with all the things that you need to get done? Then think of your life as an hourglass. There are thousands of grains of sand in the top of the hourglass; and they all pass slowly and evenly through the narrow neck in the middle.



We are like that hourglass. When we start in the morning, there are hundreds of tasks which we feel that we must accomplish that day. But if we do not take them one at a time and let them pass through the day slowly and evenly, as do the grains of sand passing through the narrow neck of the hourglass, then we are bound to break our own fragile physical and mental structure.

Do not attempt more than God designed you to do.

Dogs can mean better-behaved children

Is your child naughty? Consider getting a dog.

A recent study has found that children who grow up with a dog are far more likely to be willing to share and help others.

Researchers at the University of Western Australia in Perth have found that young children who live with a dog and who frequently interact with family members who interact with the pet dog are far less likely to be naughty or uncooperative.

Small children who are taken for a dog walk with their parents and siblings at least once a week even show a 30 per cent drop in being naughty and disruptive, and a 40 per cent drop in falling-out with friends.

“Dogs help children learn about responsibility and unconditional loyalty. But they can also help with language development and verbal skills, while promoting trust and empathy.” Say the researchers.

Their study was published in the journal *Paediatric Research*.

Getting back to work?

When he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. Matthew 20:2

For many of us it is time to get back to the workplace, as restrictions are easing. But can we be forced to go back to the workplace if we are concerned about how safe it is?

Many employment contracts include a requirement for the employee to work at a specific place and during a certain time. Most people are entitled to written terms of employment and this would include information on where to work. Refusing to turn up for work could lead to disciplinary action. The coronavirus epidemic has changed things, so that now an employee is entitled to ask questions about how safe the workplace is.

If you have concerns about going back to work, you should speak to your employer about them. These issues might include worries about using public transport, worries with childcare or other caring responsibilities and how safe the work place is.

Employers have a duty of care towards employees, to look after both their physical and mental health, to comply with equalities legislation and not discriminate against those who have protected characteristics, such as a disability. Under the government's COVID-19 return to the office guidance, all

businesses have a duty to conduct a COVID-19 risk assessment. You can ask what has been considered to make the workplace a safe place.

Some employees have a right to ask about flexible working hours, such as coming in before or after the rush hour or working some days at home. You must give reasons and you should consider any compromise if it is refused. The employer is entitled to say no if there is a good business reason.

The key point is what is 'reasonable'. Your employer will want to get back to normal business and it is in everyone's interest to have a productive successful business.

As always this is a light-hearted guide to a complex subject and always get professional advice.

David Winter, a solicitor

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Letter from the Vicarage

My Dear Friends



It is with delight that I can inform everyone that services have been well received since their reintroduction in our churches, and

it has been a delight to be able to share in an act of worship which at the same time was being followed by all those who were not able to join us in church at this time.

As the social distancing and the hygiene requirements have all proved to be both acceptable and not too intrusive to worship I believe the time is now right to move one step closer to restoring further Worship provision.

Holy Communion services using the Red Books will now recommence across the benefice along with the provision of Morning Worship using the Green Books. For those unable to join us in church, I will continue to provide my current format of Morning Worship

online together with my reflections.

I will be introducing Holy Communion gradually, beginning with a service at Holland Fen at 10.45am on 13th September. Holy Communion will then be offered at Sibsey at 10.30am on 20th September.

In order to ensure the safe delivery of the Sacrament at this time, Communion will be offered in one kind only, with the Priest being the only person to consume the wine on behalf of the people.

To prevent unnecessary movement especially in some of our smaller churches, the priest will come to the people in their seats and gently drop the Sacrament onto the open hands of those wishing to receive.

Those who do not wish to do so simply keep their hands down, this will be done in silence.

Once the communicant has received the Sacrament they may then release their facemask

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to consume it replacing the mask immediately.

Please do remember to re-sanitize your hands as you leave the building following the end of the service.

May I thank you all for your patience and understanding at this time.

Services for September will be posted on the websites and in The Bridge as well as on Church Notice Boards, please remember that due to constant changes these may need to be amended at short notice.

Services for October which will provide some Harvest Themed Celebrations will be posted as soon as possible.

With my prayers and best wishes

Clive.

Brothertoft Group Friendship Club 2020-21

We are now up and running and the following Draws have been made.

Draws will be made on a monthly basis in the future.

May 2020 - 1st Prize £25

Richard Priestley

2nd Prize £15 Peter Clark

3rd Prize £10 Steve Nundy

June 2020 - 1st Prize £25 Tim

Casey

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3rd Prize £10 Tim Casey

July 2020 - 1st Prize £25 David

King

2nd Prize £15 Margaret Johns

3rd Prize £10 Mel Parry

NOTE : the December Draw will consist of a First Prize of £50 and 8 runners-up £25

Mick

Local road closures

Subject to change. North End, Swineshead 21-25/9; North Forty Foot Drain pipe repair, Holland Fen 30/9-2/10; Willows Lane Level Crossing, Sibsey 30/9; High Ferry Level Crossing, Sibsey 4-6/10; High Ferry Lane Level Crossing , Sibsey 6-7/10; Station Road Level Crossing, Sibsey 10/10; Local diversions will apply. Latest roadworks information on <https://roadworks.org>

Now even more plastic

There is growing concern in the Government, among campaigners, and among scientists over how coronavirus has sparked an increase in single-use plastics.

Not only are millions of disposable masks and gloves now 'out there', but there has been also a huge increase in disposable cutlery, sachets and containers.

One study by UCL estimates that in the UK alone, if every person used a single-use face mask every day for a year, it would create an additional 66,000 tonnes of contaminated waste, and 57,000 tonnes of plastic packaging.

Two environment ministers, Lord Goldsmith and Rebecca Pow, have said: "We are actively thinking across the Government and NHS whether we can safely reuse PPE and we are aware of other countries who have begun looking at the potential to decontaminate and reuse it."

Scientists warn that it could take up to 500 years for polypropylene face masks to degrade. Meanwhile, according to some estimates, 129 billion masks and 65 billion plastic gloves are being used each month worldwide.

VJ Day 75 Celebrations - 15th August 2020

The Villagers of Kirton Holme celebrated VJ Day 75 with a game of croquet on the green whilst maintaining social distancing.

In line with National celebrations the Cry of Peace was read by Mick and Fay followed by the villagers taking turns to ring ONE bell a total of 75 times, one for each year since VJ Day 15th August 1945.

Glasses were raised in Memory of those who lost their lives. The day ended with a picnic tea and the Last Post.

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Full details are online at www.heritageopendays.org.uk. Printable lists can be obtained sorted by region, county, local council area.

Events are planned locally by Dogdyke Steam Pumping Station; St Benedict's Church, Haltham on Bain; Horncastle Virtual History Tour; Tattershall College; Fydell House, Boston; Benington History of Farming; Pubs and Past Times in Boston; St Mary and St Nicholas church, Wrangle and many more.

Thanks

The Langrick District Church Council would like to thank Nev Kirk for his wonderful care of the grounds at St. Margaret's. It is a joy to see the care he takes and the pride he also takes in his work.

Thank you.

Marilyn Casey would also like to thank Sandra Hulme and Glynis and Hilary Wilkinson for their help in preparing St. Peter's for worship again. It was worth all the effort as it is a long time since the church has looked so good. Also my mother in law, who at 94 years of age cleaned all the brass and Jon Portess, the builder, and his staff for the excellent work on the repairs and the re-decoration. *Marilyn*

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Louis Pasteur – ‘father’ of microbiology

A tiny invisible thing that brings disease and death where have we heard that before?! But Louis Pasteur, who died 125 years ago this month, on 28th September 1895, was not interested in a virus from China, but in tiny living organisms that brought disease and death in other ways.

Pasteur made some outstanding breakthroughs. He discovered the principles of vaccination, and then created the first vaccines for anthrax and rabies. His medical discoveries provided support for the germ theory of disease and nullified the theory of spontaneous generation.

But Louis Pasteur is best known for his invention of the technique of treating milk and wine to stop bacterial contamination, a process that was named after him: pasteurisation. In doing so, he saved the French beer, wine and silk industries.

All in all, this gifted French biologist, microbiologist, and chemist well deserves his title as the ‘father of microbiology,’ and to be seen as one of the three main founders of bacteriology.

The Diaspora Churches

The ‘Diaspora’ Churches is a new name for what have previously been called ‘Overseas National Churches’. The Global Connections network of Christian organisations is now using this new and clearer name – Diaspora Churches.

There are dozens of different denominations which could be included under such a heading. The forthcoming new edition of UK Church Statistics lists:

- 33 different national Catholic Churches in the Diocese of Westminster alone, as well as others serving wider afield.
- 16 different Lutheran denominations, mostly based in England, but some, like the Finnish, German, Latvian, Norwegian and Polish, have work in other parts of the UK as well.
- At least 26 nationalities represented by Asian or non-British White countries
- Huge numbers of black congregations from many African and Caribbean countries.
- 24 different Orthodox denominations each focussing on a particular nationality.
- Over 100 languages spoken.

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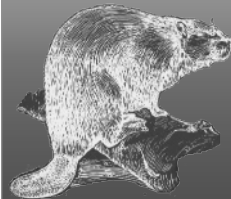
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When the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night

2^{3rd} September is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere) The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

Bring back hedgerows

We need our hedgerows back – urgently. They are part of 'nature's toolbox' to help us reduce our carbon emissions.

That was the recent message from the CPRE countryside charity which points out that there were twice as many hedges in England before the Second World War.

Since then thousands of kilometres of hedges have been ripped up to make way for new housing and motorways, and to merge and enlarge fields.

The 2007 UK Countryside Survey found that there were 600,000 kilometres of managed and unmanaged hedgerows in the UK, with the vast majority of them in England.

This was a significant decline on the same survey from 1984, when there were about 680,000 kilometres of hedges across Great Britain. That is a reduction of 80,000 kilometres, or 50,000 miles. To put that another way, we have ripped out about 57,000 times the entire length of Britain (874 miles).

No wonder, then, that the CPRE's report, *Greener, better, faster: countryside solutions to the climate emergency and for a green recovery*, calls for millions of pounds to be spent on new hedges. It says: "By planting more trees and hedgerow, restoring peatlands and moving toward a more sustainable way of farming, we can use nature's toolbox to capture greenhouse gases from the air, while revitalising our natural environment."

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Celebrating 400th anniversary of the voyage of the *Mayflower*

If we find it difficult to cross the Atlantic just now, it was even worse 400 years this month. On 6th September 1620, 102 determined Puritans climbed on board the *Mayflower* and set sail from Plymouth. They had 30 crew to steer them across 3000 miles of open, perilous ocean.

Those Puritans, or 'Pilgrim fathers', could never have dreamed that their journey would become one of the most influential in world history. Their courage and purpose for the voyage would help shape the very history and culture of the USA.

The Pilgrim fathers themselves were in search of religious freedom and a new life. Years before they had rejected the Church of England, due to its Roman Catholic past, and in 1608 they had moved to Holland (some from Lincolnshire initially imprisoned in Boston in 1607), where they could worship freely. But life was very hard there, and so the New World beckoned to them.

They had originally intended to use two ships, but the *Speedwell* sprang a leak shortly after sailing, and so they crowded as many as possible into the *Mayflower*. After a long and difficult 10 weeks at sea, they reached America, but could not reach their intended destination, Virginia, because of heavy seas.

They finally landed in Provincetown Harbor, Cape Cod, Massachusetts on 11th November.



That presented the next great challenge: the bitter, harsh winter of Massachusetts.

Half of the Pilgrims perished that first winter, of hunger and cold. Without the help of the local Indigenous peoples to teach them food-gathering and other survival skills, all of the colony would probably have perished.

After months of hard work, by the 'Fall' of 1621 the tiny colony had its first harvest. They celebrated this great achievement with their new Indigenous friends. It became Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims had been convinced that God wanted them to go to the New World. They wrote: "We verily believe and trust the Lord is with us, and that He will graciously prosper our endeavours according to the simplicity of our hearts therein."

The *Mayflower* was one of the earliest pilgrim vessels, and so became a cultural icon in the history of the United States. This year, until coronavirus put a stop to things, many celebrations in the USA, England and the Netherlands had been planned.


In England from 4 July, where it's not possible to stay 2 metres apart keep a distance of 1 metre + precautions



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Music and memory

Have you ever heard a certain song or tune that immediately takes you back to your youth? It can be a very poignant moment.

When researchers at the University of Westminster examined the choices of 80 different guests on the BBC radio show *Desert Island Discs*, they found that most guests had chosen music which dated back to when they had been between 10 to 30 years old. This time span was identified as a 'self-defining period' in their lives.

The research concluded: "The music we know and love between the ages of 10 to 30 will play a significant role throughout our lives, connecting us as individuals to other people, places and times that become central to our identity."

What songs trigger the big memories for you?

What to eat when you drive

Here is a way of staying awake at the wheel on those long motorway drives: avoid heavy foods such as hamburgers, chips and cakes. They only encourage drowsiness, which accounts for 23 per cent of fatal car crashes, according to France's motorway companies.

Instead, choose a meal high in water content, with some bitterness and acidity to round it off. For example, how about: some radishes, a lentil dish, and then kiwi fruit and dark chocolate, washed down with water? This sort of meal has a low glycaemic index, which means there is no sugar rush followed by a drop in your alertness.

The idea is based on research done by the French insurers' federation Assurance Prevention.

Harvest 2020

Farmers are finding harvest yields variable

this year and the storms of recent weeks hampering progress and also encouraging second growth just at a time they need the crops to be drying out. This is leading to high moisture content which will increase costs to transport and to remove.



Of course, Vicar, you are most welcome to some harvest milk. Would you like 4% fat, 3.5% fat, 1% fat, pre-treated, post-treated, homogenised, whole, skimmed, semi-skimmed or flavoured...?

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Worship Rota

Sunday 6th September

10.30am Sibsey Family Service
10.45am Brothertoft Morning Worship

Sunday 13th September

10.30am Sibsey Morning Worship
10.45am Holland Fen Holy Communion

Sunday 20th September

10.30am Carrington Morning Worship
10.30am Sibsey Holy Communion
10.45am Kirton Holme Holy Communion

Sunday 27th September

9.00am New Bolingbroke Morning Worship
10.45am Langrick Holy Communion

Sunday 4th October

10.30am Sibsey Holy Communion
10.45am Wildmore Morning Worship

Notes

- 1. Services taking place are subject to clergy or lay persons being able to attend to lead the service and Government guidance permitting. Last minute changes or cancellations may occur.*
- 2. Seating capacity is limited to allow for social distancing. If you could let local churchwardens or the vicar know in advance of your attendance at a service it would be appreciated.*
- 3. Use of face coverings is expected. Hand sanitiser will be provided. Singing is not permitted. Movement around the church will be restricted. Contact details will be taken for 'Track and Trace' purposes.*
- 4. Holy Communion will only take place if licensed clergy are available and if COVID-19 secure procedures can be followed. Members of the congregation will remain seated and the priest will move around.*

The story behind ...

ABIDE WITH ME

One of the most famous hymns in the world came out of Brixham, near Torbay, Devon, in 1847.

In those days it was a poor, obscure fishing village, and the vicar was the Rev Henry Francis Lyte. It was a discouraging place to be a pastor, but Henry felt that God wanted him there, and so he stayed, though it was lonely work, and he suffered constant ill health.

By the time he was 54, Henry had contracted tuberculosis and asthma, and he and his family knew he was dying. It would have been so easy for him to look back on his life and feel a complete failure.

What had he ever much accomplished? And yet – and yet – Henry knew that in life it is not worldly success that matters, but how much we respond to Jesus Christ, and how much we follow Him.

In September of 1847 Henry was preparing to travel to the south of France, as was the custom for people with tuberculosis at that time. One day before he left, he read the story in the gospel of Luke about the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They were met by Jesus on the day of His resurrection, and they invited Him to stay with them because it was getting late. “Abide with us”, they said “for it is towards evening.”

“Abide with us - for it is toward evening.” These words struck a chord with Henry, who knew that it was getting ‘towards evening’ in his life. So, he sat down and wrote this hymn as a prayer to God – (the following are just some of the verses)

Abide with me

*Abide with me; fast falls the
eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with
me abide!
When other helpers fail and
comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with
me.*

*Swift to its close ebbs out life's little
day;
Earth's joys grow dim; its glories
pass away;
Change and decay in all around I
see;
O Thou who changest not, abide
with me.*

*I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to
bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no
bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where,
grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.*

Shortly after Henry wrote that hymn, he preached his last sermon. He was so ill he practically crawled into the pulpit to do so. A few weeks later, in Nice, France, he died, and so of course he never knew that his hymn would go on to become greatly loved the world over.

Sudoku challenge

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



The bishops had formed a 'support bubble' all on their own.

Wordsearch

Find the 26 words hidden in this Wordsearch puzzle.

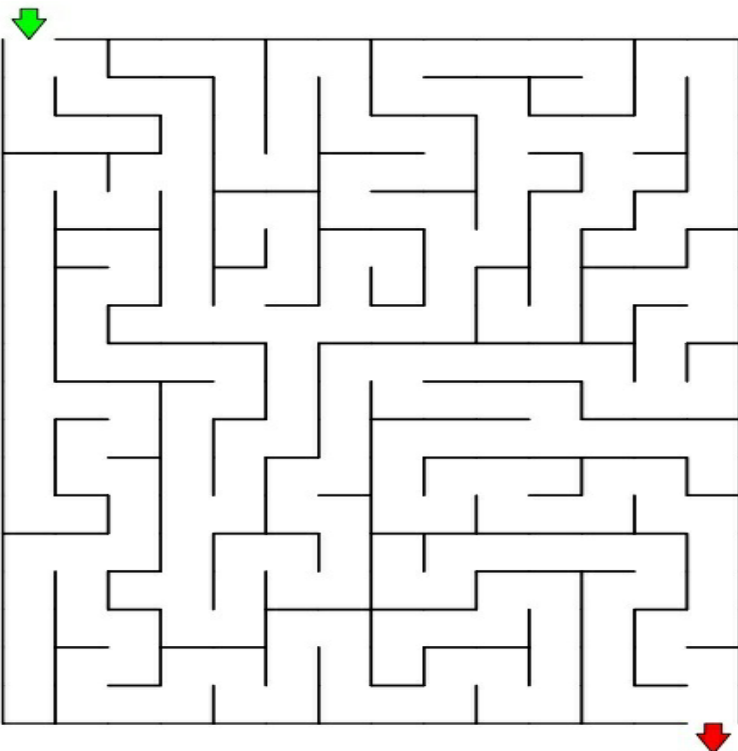
The clues are found in the item about Angels appearing on page 30.

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Maze Find your way from the top to the exit at the bottom right.



"But did they plough the fields and scatter at a safe distance?"

Solutions for August edition

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From The Registers

Funerals “May they rest in peace”.

None notified this month.



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
June Clarke

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.

Next to you and lonely

(Matthew 25:40)

Cups of tea and people,

People who do and who know.

People with purposeful expressions,

Their eyes searching beyond her,
through her,

The invisible one.

She's next to you and she's lonely.

Smiles and one-way conversations,
With thoughts and eyes elsewhere,

Never noticing the masks of
brightness
Hiding hurting children,
The tired ones,
Who are next to you and lonely.

And the makers of the cups of tea,
The knowers and the doers,
Those who smile and seem to have
so much.

They too wear masks that hide their
crying,
The *together* ones
Sit next to you and are lonely.

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Computer Use: Access a limited number of computers for pre-booked 30 minute sessions

Returns: Drop off previously borrowed items and we'll quarantine them for 72 hours before making them available for others to borrow.

Mobile library services - call Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010 for further information.



Believe it or not, I have just received the MU catalogue for Christmas Cards, 2021 Calendars and Diaries.

As we are unable to plan any meetings for the foreseeable future, items can be viewed on line at www.mueshop.org or I should have some extra copies of the catalogue if anyone should want to see one. If you are able to view these items on line and then wish to place an order, please email the items you wish to purchase to me and I will collate into one order as the postages have been reduced for orders received 1st August to 1st October and if we have enough the postage will be free.

Please help support the Mothers' Union, and have a look at the items on sale this year which include hand made face coverings at £5 each, £4 which goes to the MU at diocese level and £1 to the Mother's Union Central Charity.

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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 reflection, a Morning Worship for use at home, details of local services, 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.



Weekly newsletters from New York and Frithville Primary Schools are added during term-time.

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.

Angels

The Church gives thanks for angels in September: the 29th is the feast day of Michael and All Angels.

Since the days of Genesis, these messengers of God have been sent many times to intervene for the good in human affairs. Angels guarded the Garden of Eden, they led Lot away from Gomorrah, they helped Gideon, they stopped Balaam, they closed the mouths of lions for Daniel, and, most important, the archangel Gabriel was sent to tell Mary that she would mother the Messiah. Angels sat in the empty tomb of Jesus, and told of His Resurrection.

Revelation is teeming with angels, sent on all sorts of missions by God in the last times. Today, many Christians in the world's hot spots report having had angels help them when in mortal danger.



Time for a Smile

Mother to young daughter after first day at school: "Well, dear, what did they teach you today?"

Daughter: "Not much. I've got to go back again tomorrow."

A second year student explaining to a first year student how to write essays: "When you take stuff from one writer, it's plagiarism, but when you take it from many writers, it's called research."

Student essay: Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway, but he mostly lived at Windsor with his merry wives. This is quite usual with actors.

Smith: So your son is in college? How is he making it?
Jones: He isn't. I'm making it and he is spending it.

A boy was sent by his parents to a school a long distance from home. He had been strictly enjoined to write home regularly and tell them all about himself and his new life. At the end of the first week, his first text arrived: "There are 370 boys here. I wish there were 369."

It takes 84 days for the average schoolboy to outgrow a pair of shoes.

This morning I saw a neighbour talking to her cat. It was obvious she thought her cat understood her. I came into my house and told my dog. We laughed a lot.

If biblical headlines were written by today's media

On Red Sea crossing:

WETLANDS TRAMPLED IN
LABOUR STRIKE

Pursuing Environmentalists Killed

On David vs. Goliath:

HATE CRIME KILLS BELOVED
CHAMPION

Psychologist Questions Influence of
Rock

On Elijah on Mt. Carmel:

FIRE SENDS RELIGIOUS RIGHT
EXTREMIST INTO FRENZY
400 Killed

On the birth of Christ:

HOTELS FULL, ANIMALS LEFT
HOMELESS

Animal Rights Activists Enraged by
Insensitive Couple

On feeding the 5,000:

PREACHER STEALS CHILD'S
LUNCH

Disciples Mystified Over Behaviour

On healing the 10 lepers:

LOCAL DOCTOR'S PRACTICE
RUINED

"Faith Healer" Causes Bankruptcy

On healing of the Gadarene

demoniac:

MADMAN'S FRIEND CAUSES
STAMPEDE

Local Farmer's Investment Lost

On raising Lazarus from the dead:

FUNDAMENTALIST PREACHER
RAISES A STINK

Reading of Will now to be Delayed

On how to survive a weekend away with the young people

From: The Rectory, St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren,

I think your idea for both our Confirmation groups getting together for a weekend away – socially distanced, of course - was excellent and our meeting last week drew most of the plans together. We didn't take any minutes, so let me record the decisions I believe we made.

Since all of us have to sleep far apart at the centre, I am prepared to spend the nights at a local hotel. By chance, I have found that there is a four star one only a few miles away, so I have booked myself in.

As the dining area in the youth centre may be cramped, I am also willing to have dinner each evening at the hotel, thereby creating more space for the rest of you. An additional sadness is that, since breakfast at the hotel is not served until 8am, I will not be able to join you either for your pre-breakfast dip in the nearby stream. It would be grossly unfair to expect you to pack lunch for me, so I will arrange for the hotel to provide me with a picnic hamper for one which I can have while you all enjoy your cheese and pickle sandwiches.

I think it will be an excellent learning experience if you prepare all the teaching sessions yourself, but be assured that I will always be on hand to give the advice of experience. That large armchair near the fire in the common room seems to be the best place for me to sit, so I can keep an eye on proceedings, while I take on the responsibilities for stoking the fire. This reminds me; do make sure that the young people are encouraged to saw enough logs each morning for me to fulfil my obligations.

Naturally, my arthritis will prevent me being able to accompany you on your afternoon hikes, but I will cheerfully park my car wherever you leave the minibus, to provide a second vehicle in case of emergencies. I do not mind in the least waiting all those long hours until you get back; I have already found an attractive tea shop in the village.

I am fully aware that not sleeping or dining at the centre, not being responsible for preparing the teaching, nor being involved on the walks will mean that my contributions will be ever so slightly limited, but these are sacrifices I gladly make in order to give you further experience in your ministerial career.

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High Toynton Church



After the church tower collapsed in January 2020 fundraising continues. Scaffolding and corrugated iron hoardings now enclose large parts of the building.

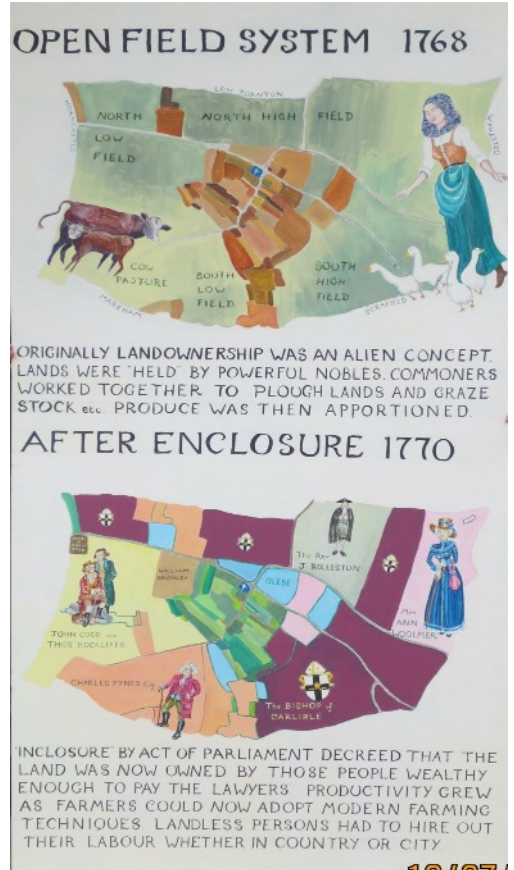
During lockdown a plan emerged to cover the hoarding with boards that depict the history of the village from the medieval times (the church was first mentioned in 1231), the Georgian church of 1772, Enclosure Acts of 1770, the Victorian Church (1872), all the men safely returning from both World Wars, the wildflower churchyard, and finally the collapse of the church tower.

The paintings have been created by 4 villagers and a friend in Horncastle.

Helpers needed

If you could help the church in some way please contact Reverend Clive to discuss your interest. Various roles may come up on the parochial church council, cleaning, flower rota, a reading, a prayer, writing an article, providing support or leadership and many others. All ages and experience welcome and Reverend Clive would be happy to discuss your ideas and suggestions. Your help and support would be appreciated.

An event to preview all the boards will take place on 5th and 6th September in the churchyard with live music in the afternoons. Everyone welcome. A short service in the churchyard will also take place at 3pm on 6th September.



Church of England provides digital resources

There are a range of new and existing Christian resources available for people to engage with at this difficult and challenging time in the life of the nation and the world:

Weekly service broadcasts -

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

Prayer for the day - each day the Church of England publishes audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.

Smart speakers – daily prayer and audio content can be accessed via our smart speaker apps.

Mental health reflections – 13 daily reflections that seek to provide hope, reassurance and comfort.



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.

The line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services or access digital resources during the period of restrictions in mind.

All calls to this phone service are free.

Oberammergau

Oberammergau is a small village in Bavaria, Germany. When in 1633 bubonic plague was sweeping through Europe, a man travelling back home to Oberammergau for Christmas brought the plague with him. It spread throughout the village. According to local tradition, a vow was made that if God would spare them, the villagers would perform a play depicting the life and passion of Jesus Christ every ten years. The village was saved from all effects of the plague and the villagers kept their word and first performed the Passion Play in 1634. It has since been performed every ten years. (The 2020 Play has been rescheduled for May 2021, due to the pandemic)

Death stalked the streets in the Bavarian village
As the plague brought havoc, death and despair,
Europe was ravaged as millions died,
Neither man or woman or child was spared.

They gathered together in desperation
A vow was given – if they could be saved
A play would be made of the Saviour's life
This was the promise the villagers gave.

Miracle of miracles their village survived,

Not one more death their lives had been saved,
So every ten years this Play is performed
To honour the God who had come to their aid.

Prayers were made and the answer came
A heavenly lesson we too can own,
That He who dwells in ineffable light
Is also the One who brings blessings down.

Megan Carter

65 years ago

On 22nd September 1955 Britain's first independent television channel, ITV, was launched. It ended the BBC's monopoly. Regional franchises were rolled out across the whole country by 1965.



Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



This was allowed (Deut 23:25), but it was the Sabbath.

The Pharisees said to Jesus



Why are your disciples harvesting on the Sabbath? That is against the rules!

But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



*1 Sam 21:6

And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



*Num 28:9

Don't you understand when God says 'keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



*Hos 6:6

If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



There was a man with a crippled hand.

The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



Is it right to heal someone on the Sabbath?

If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



.. and it was healed!

The Pharisees left and made plans.



We will kill him.

Gorse – cheerful and perfumed, but prickly!

The old saying 'Kissing is out of season when the gorse is not in bloom' is based on the fact that it is a rare time of year when a flower or two cannot be found. The bush itself, growing on heaths and moors is well-known for its vicious spikes. This is its answer to the problem of producing leaves that will withstand wind, rain and hungry animals.

The golden yellow flowers are at their absolute best in spring when the bushes, growing often to a height of seven to ten feet, seem to glow in the countryside. They attract bees and other pollen-seeking insects and many of us enjoy the rich coconut-like perfume as well as the joyful colour. The sharp foliage gives protection to several species of bird as they nest deep in these bulging bushes, and larger animals such as sheep and cows, if grazing nearby, will take advantage of gorse as a very effective windbreak.

In the past, gorse, also known as 'furze' or 'whin', was used as fuel as it burns very readily when dry. This has caused many serious moorland fires in recent years, but gorse is fortunately a resilient species and quickly sends up new shoots from



the burnt stumps that remain. It is also apparently somewhat susceptible to frost, but will recover quickly with new growth.

A member of the pea family, its seeds are set in brown, somewhat unattractive pods, which on a hot summer's day can be heard popping, or they may be provoked into doing

so when held in a hot hand. However, what might surprise us even more is that in the past, in country districts, it was used for drying washing, as the thorns would allow nothing to escape, even in the strongest

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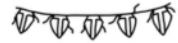
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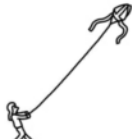
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