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Bishop's Letter

Dear friends

Unless we've been living a particularly hermitic life of late, we should now be well aware that we are welcoming a new Bishop of Lincoln and are all looking forward to introducing Christopher Lowson to our wonderful County of Lincolnshire. It is a time, at his consecration to the episcopate and subsequently his enthronement here in Lincoln Cathedral, when the Church can be relaxed about being a little triumphalist and we can enjoy the unparalleled acts of worship, the holy ceremonies and the dignified pomp. For the arrival of a new Bishop, nay the inauguration of the fresh ministry of any minister of whatever position, is a time for rejoicing as the old gives way to the new and we begin to be invigorated by what comes next in the life of the Church. It is wonderful that, in a contemporary society supposedly so secular and unconcerned about the things of God, men and women still lay their lives on the altar of service to God and to others through ordination: not just bishops, but priests and deacons and a host of others. For this is the real source of our rejoicing at the inception of a new ministry: that God's love will be revealed in this newly dedicated life. So let's enjoy this time and pause to remind ourselves what it is all about when the Parish Share has been paid, the roof put back on the church building and the church rotas written: ***'God is love, and those who live in love live in God, and God lives in them'***.

And what about you and I? There will be those who welcome a new Bishop because they expect an omnipotent, omnipresent prelate who will right all the supposed wrongs of the Church and, within weeks of his arrival, our churches will be full once more and everything will be as we always wished it to be. In our heart of hearts, we all know that this is an unrealistic expectation of any human being and possibly cruel to the recipient of such exaggerated projections. Perhaps more properly, there will be those who warmly welcome a fellow worker for Christ into the life of a Diocese which has had an ongoing life for many centuries and which seeks to grow into the future. Yes, bringing the best out of its Episcopal leader, but also pledging our own efforts, love and ministry so that the best may be brought out of all us for Christ and his Church.

And what is this 'best' that I speak of. In all his utterances, commands and teachings, Jesus always urged his first disciples to look outwards in love on the world: unconcerned about their needs, it was the healing and service of other lives that brought life and vitality to his Church. And so it is for us today who are now fellow servants with the first disciples. When the narrow needs and issues of the Church are all that concern us, we wither and perish: when we look outward in love and service we thrive.

And perhaps this is the real reason that we rejoice and party at the start of a new Bishop's ministry because, above all, it symbolises the constant outpouring of God's love in His world and the opportunity for the Church, Bishop and people alike, to both receive and show that divine love in their life as his Church together.

Yours in His love,

+Tim

Clergy Letter

As I write the wind is blowing fiercely on a stormy but dry day. The branches of the trees are moving and the sound of the wind through their leaves is loud.

The weather fascinates us in England – we have so much of it. This wind is the remnant of a hurricane that has moved across the Atlantic, and in doing so has reminded us of the other times when the elements have been challenging. We've had the drought of 1986, the heat waves of earlier years in this decade, and the deep snow that greeted Tim and I when we first visited Scunthorpe last December. It seems that there are more storms and floods and heat waves, and this may be so. But what is certain, is that even in a year like this when our temperatures in the UK are not so high, the average global temperature of the planet will be higher than it was last century. The climate is changing and it is having an effect on the planet.

Tim regularly checks the web for news of the extent of sea ice in the Arctic, and sees it reducing, making living tough for the Polar Bears, but also feeding more cold water into the sea currents and changing how they flow. Meanwhile sea levels are rising and some island states are wondering how long their land will exist.

What can we do as Christians about all this? The first response is to care. When we read in Genesis that God gave humanity dominion, lordship of the earth, it is important to read that as Christians. Jesus showed us what being lord means – it is to serve and to love to the uttermost. So when we read of the changing environment it is important to care, for the world and for those people whose lives are being harmed by it.

Secondly we are to do what we can. Obviously we need all the nations to play their part in reducing carbon emissions to have a big effect, but just because we can't do everything doesn't let us off doing the something we can do. After all the great sound of the leaves is made up of many tiny sounds of one leaf on another all together making a big impact.

Moira Astin

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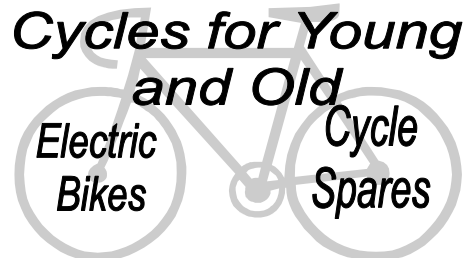
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Lighting the Way to a Future of Plenty

Selina and Asha are two extraordinary young women who are supported by Christian Aid partner Shushilan to find new and exciting ways to grow food in a land affected by salination.

In 2009, Cyclone Aila swept across Satkira District on the southwest coast of Bangladesh, where Selina and Asha both live. Asha's house was damaged and Selina's land was covered by salty sea water.

Combined with the longer-term effects of climate change, Cyclone Aila was too much for those whose homes were destroyed and whose lands were submerged in the storm. Many families were forced to leave their villages, becoming 'floating people' without roots and, in many cases, without a means of earning a living.



Selina has decided that she will work in every way she can to ensure that her family will not be forced to leave their home and their land. 'I will always stay here

and adapt to changes. This is my own land, this is my locality, I don't want to move from my home.'

So with Shushilan's help, Selina is now growing saline-resistant rice seeds in her small plot of land. 'I used to grow traditional rice, but the seeds don't grow here anymore because the water is salty. I am now cultivating saline-resistant seeds which are adapted to grow in this environment.' Crops which grow in salty earth and water are a source of hope to people whose land is now permanently affected by sea water.

Selina is not just concerned with her own family's future – she is working to ensure that her whole community will be able to withstand the impact of another cyclone. She is part of her village committee, which works in practical ways to ensure that future disasters will not destroy the lives and livelihoods of the people around her.

'We have begun to develop early warning systems if there are future disasters. We have also rebuilt embankments which were destroyed so that communities are not cut off. We have made sure that channels of communication are better.'

Selina faced many obstacles when she took on a leadership role in her community, but she has now convinced everyone of the importance of her work – and of her worth as a leader.

£5 could buy environmentally-friendly fertiliser for a farmer to grow saline-resistant seeds.

£10 could buy saline-resistant seeds and fertiliser for a family to grow rice which can be sold for £140, an incredible profit!

Like Selina, Asha discovered that she could no longer grow traditional crops on her land after Cyclone Aila hit her village. Rather than leaving her home to try to earn a living elsewhere, Asha received training from Shushilan in rearing crabs for sale at the local market.



'When I sell the crabs, I use the money for school fees and books. I also use it to buy household goods and to buy more crabs.'

Asha's name means 'hope' – and with Shushilan's help, she now has renewed hope for her family's future.

'Before and just after Aila, life was really difficult. We used to struggle. Now we are involved in this project we can earn more. I can buy schoolbooks for my children, proper food and clothes for the family.'

£16 could buy enough bamboo and plastic netting to build a protected pond to rear crabs.

£21 could buy baby crabs for a family to fatten so that they can sell them when they are grown. In just two weeks the crabs can be sold for approximately £70.

Because of the help that Christian Aid and Shushilan have given these two extraordinary young women, Selina and Asha are now able to reap a harvest from a salty land.

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Mothers Union Notes



From Pat Marshall

The Mothers Union does its best to put on a good show but it pales into insignificance at the spectacular performance Mother Nature puts on in the autumn. Every year it never fails to impress. After that we will be knee deep in leaves, but I love the shape of the bare winter trees so I put up with all the sweeping.

On October 5th St Lawrence's Church will be hosting 'Scunthorpe Churches United Fellowship Rally'. Afterwards our Mothers Union will provide refreshments. We will have a bring & buy stall to include home baking and produce. Donations to go to our church charity.

November 2nd – on your programme you will see we planned games a for winter afternoon. Before then I will get inspired, but we thought it would be a really good chance to 'air & share'. If you have any questions, problems or just comments please write them down and let us have them beforehand if possible.

We had a lovely afternoon in September when Margaret Lambert spoke to us about her involvement with the lifeboats. Margaret has a very easy manner and makes it very interesting. Our harvest stall raised £40 for WATSAN in Uganda. Eric & I enjoyed Iris Brigg's home grown veg, Tony Dennison's beans and Chris's apple crumble for our lunch today (my poor contribution was the parsley for the sauce)

Our thoughts and prayers are still with Joyce Blacker. We look forward to her return to good health. She is really missed. Jean Walker was back with us after a few months of illness. Good to see you again.

Pat Marshall

There are lots of young people leaving home for the first time to go off to University (some of our own grandchildren). We wish them well. Eleanor Roosevelt put it more poetically 'The future belongs to those who follow their dreams' our love & prayers go with you all.

Gardening Column



by Ron Simpson

Gardening is never straightforward, problems raise their ugly heads every year and there is no regular recurring problem. It seems that new and different ones just come along and test our patience every year.

For instance this year I have lost all my Busy Lizzies through a viral type of disease that causes them to lose their leaves and so die. There is no cure and the plants need to be destroyed. It's a mildew that develops from airborne spores that appears as a white powder on the underside of the leaves causing them to fall off. It was first identified in 2003 on imported plants and has now spread over most of the country. Thompson and Morgan are quoted as saying that it is the end of Busy Lizzies. Interestingly I have two plants surviving and they are in a wall basket sheltered by the eaves of the roof.

Flowers that provide a show at this time of the year are Coreopsis, Heleniums, and Rudbeckias; they will flower well into September.

If you want to propagate any of your favourite shrubs now is a suitable time while there is still warmth in the soil. Cut ripened growth about nine inches long, strip the leaves leaving the two top ones and insert two thirds of the length into the soil. Choose a shady site with extra grit and sand to give good drainage and next year from spring onwards you should be able to lift them if they are showing signs of growth.

Enjoy your garden.



St Lawrence's Floral Group

Judith's Jottings

August demonstration, what can I say? Well in a word, out of this world. Yes I know that was four words, but necessary after such a brilliant demonstration from Lynne. Unknown to everyone but a few, it was her debut demonstration no less, ending with rapturous applause from everyone, plus some very happy raffle winners (not me alas, but maybe next time).

Well, coming down to earth, our September meeting will be practising flowers and foliage in a vase, so please bring a vase of any shape, size or colour with foliage etc. applicable to size of vase and we will demonstrate wonderful and wondrous ways of arranging them. Good fun will be had by all!

Moving on to October, and I will say this quietly the title is 'All about Christmas'. Yes it's creeping up on us as I speak, sorry write) so I will have a list of items you will need by our September meeting (in other words we haven't decided yet!).

Also, our menu for our Christmas dinner will be out for our September meeting (just hope this magazine is otherwise all this is for nought).

Next our November meeting – no that's for next time. By the way, I'm just jesting, we are a very organised committee, hardworking, dedicated but happy. Need I say more?

Judith

E.J. Extra Jottings:

Tony says no you're rambling – me ramble? Never...

Gunness & Burringham W.I.

We meet on the second Tuesday of the month in the Coleman Hall, Gunness at 7pm.

Our meeting on October 11th is our Harvest meeting when all are invited to join us for an evening of singing and readings followed by auction of produce and apple pie supper.

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More details to follow

November Group Live

The theme for the November Group Live is **All Souls/All Saints/Guy Fawkes/ Remembrance.**

The editorial team would welcome any contributions from our readers.

(The deadline for articles is always the second Sunday of the month.)

Tuesday Club

Want to catch up with old friends, make new friends, have a game of dominoes, or just enjoy a cuppa?

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Churches United Fellowship Rally

Wednesday, 5 October 2011 at 2pm

at St Lawrence's Church

Everyone is invited to attend this afternoon of celebration and praise. This year the theme is **MISSION.**

Hosted by Mrs B Bentham, Congregational Church and Mrs V Binns of St Lawrence's Church, supported by The Elderberries Choir with Mr M Bakes and Rev K Hague.

There will be readings and musical items by friends from various churches.

All are welcome, ladies, and gentlemen too.

Refreshments and fellowship after the service in the Church Hall.

Verity Binns

A Winter's Tale

Miss Houghton was Secretary of the Scunthorpe Music Club and teacher of Music at Doncaster Road Girls School, where Lidl's now is.

In 1947 she organised a coach trip to Sheffield City Hall to hear the Halle Orchestra, conductor Sir John Barbarolli, leader Laurence Turner, second violin Arthur Persival. The Australian violinist Alan Loveday also made his debut in this country playing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.

Unfortunately our coach broke down in terrible snow! My brother, Arthur Grantham, who played the violin in Mr Larvin's Orchestra, Arthur's future wife, Clarice Taylor, who played the cello, her sister, now Audrey Day who was to play the viola later in the National Youth Orchestra, my mother and I and indeed the whole coach load eventually arrived and were ushered through the specially opened doors to our seats watched from his rostrum by the great conductor Sir John Barbarolli.

Extremely embarrassing for a near teenager like me!

I still remember the wonderful music. Later on there was also a glass dance floor in the City Hall.

Joyce M Stamp

Jacob was a cheater, Peter had a temper, David had an affair, Noah got drunk, Jonah ran from God, Paul was a murderer, Gideon was insecure, Miriam was a gossiper, Martha was a worrier, Thomas was a doubter, Sara was impatient, Elijah was moody, Moses stuttered, Zaccheus was short, Abraham was old, and Lazarus was dead.... God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the CALLED!

Email sent to Jonathan Thacker by Valentine Adiberole

Early Days

I was sad to learn of the death of Ann Morrison.

Canon Basil L Greeson's most cherished wish was to have a church built on the Berkeley Estate although I still went back to St George's, Crosby and taught nine year old boys, among them Ian Tutty and Godfrey Leak, in Isaac Rimmington's Middle Sunday School when I married in March 1956. Deaconess Joan Franklin came to see me and I had a house Sunday School from October 1957 to January 1959.

The first meetings held to organise the building of the church on the Berkeley Estate were held in my house although my husband Tom was chapel; his family kept the chapel going in Luddington.

Uncle and Aunt, Arthur and Sarah Anne Drakes, and Ann and Charlie Morrison, all lived on Scotter Road and together with a lot more of us held a Garden Party in their garden.

Ann used to come to the meetings with Vin Ross, Mrs Watmough, and Mrs Walmsley who was the caretaker for the Ferry Road West Mission.

Joyce M Stamp

The Noise

I went into the little bedroom and the noise was there! Into the bathroom - the noise was there! Everywhere I went in the house the noise was there!

I put on my coat to go to the Post Office and said at the door "If you are there when I get back I shall call the Vicar!"

A friend called, she asked me "Do you need new batteries for your fire alarms?!!"

Joyce M Stamp

Jim Lewis - 1951-2011

Janice and I were asked to put together a memorial for Jim Lewis and his life. Not an easy task as there are so many things to say about a truly Great Man.

We want to start with the dedication given by his sister Sheila, at his Funeral; it says nearly everything needed to be said.

Friends, loved ones and family:

It is a privilege for me to pay tribute to-day to a very special person, our big brother Jim, as his little sister and on behalf of my brothers, John, Mark, Barry and Terry.

Although my given name is Sheila, Jim affectionately referred to me as "little sister", his way of ensuring the pecking order remained as it should be!

As children we were an unruly bunch with a healthy sibling rivalry, coupled with a strong sense of family and belonging that is still there to-day! We all adored our Mother, no one more than our Jim.

Our brother Jim was born in Scotland. After being posted as an Air Force family, we enjoyed our early childhood overseas in Singapore and later in Germany. This was where Jim developed a fascination with airplanes, helicopters, pretty much anything that flew, which he maintained throughout his life, his childhood dream was to become a pilot.

Jim often spoke about the times when our mum's sister, Aunty Bridget would come to visit us, overseas as well as in the UK. She often brought some of our cousins with her. Jim got up to mischief with Patrick and Shaun. He said woe betide them when Aunty Bridget found out!

We left the Forces and settled in Scunthorpe.

We often went to Bolton where our mother's family live. We would sleep at Aunty Bridget's and Aunty Norah would prepare a feast for us and all our cousins. Our Uncles Patrick, Frank and Terry would give us handfuls of change out of their pockets and Jim would say he thought he was rich. They were good times.

Jim was academically bright, passing his 11 Plus. Whilst a young boy at school in Germany, Jim made a record, he had a choirboy voice and sang the carol "Silent Night", which was aired on BFPO radio. I remember listening to it with amazement and feeling so excited and proud he was my brother.

He loved sport. At school he played rugby and swam for school and county. The butterfly stroke was his speciality; his immense upper body strength gave him a good edge on the competition. His wish was to join up, so he prepared for this by joining the Air Training Corps 22 Regiment. Jim left school with good grades but he always felt he should have done better!

He passed his driving test as soon as he could.

Our parents divorced and Jim was our mum's helper and protector. He looked out for us all.

We can now only add a little to what Sheila has said. We asked his great circle of friends for any comments or stories of Jim and, as expected, we received a lot from all over the country. All said about his deep faith and his willingness to help others.

Jim was the first to visit when Barclay had his knees replaced and when Barclay said he was not sure he could take any more, it was Jim who led him in prayer to ask for the strength to carry on.

He was at Mags Bradley's side after major surgery and on being released from hospital, it was Jim who was cooking her breakfast and helping round the house, a measure of the man.

Jim was the sort of friend who would be sat at the side of you, metaphorically speaking in a prison cell, and say "Well mate, we bogged that one up", in other words he would never leave you in the lurch.

Jim was the sort of guy in so much as what you saw was what you got. Paul Mabbott crossed Jim when he had to condemn the wiring at St Georges and Jim let him know his displeasure at the top of his voice in a public car park. Embarrassing for both Paul and Jim, but Jim was never one to shy away from his feelings even if at times he was wrong.

His humour was always to the fore if, like Janet Coates, you came from Grimsby, you could be sure your welcome would be to do with being a Cod Head. And seeing Jim swop his hat for a mitre with the Bishop of Lincoln at a Cursillo Service was a sight to be seen.

Toni-Nicola Clark says a loving memory of Jim was him entering Lincoln Cathedral at the end of his Cursillo - arms aloft, beaming from ear to ear, a picture of joy in our Lord.

Jim went on to help many within the Cursillo movement but the most testing and trying for Jim was the Kairos he served on. This is very much a Cursillo weekend for people inside prison, Jim gave his all and for one think this to be his finest hour. He has done what many could not face and he could not wait to tell all about the people he helped. It was not about Jim, it was about "The Prisoners" and what they did, a truly great event in their lives.

He served on various posts within Cursillo in Lincolnshire and it would be an understatement to say he always gave his all to whatever task he was given.

Jim, along with Pat, also went to most closing services wherever they may be. Piers Carter remembers him doing a 300 mile trip to be at the Norwich One closing service, a typical way for Jim to show his help and support.

Chris Lilley remembers a time when Jim and Pat were in Cyprus. Jim was unable to walk very far but went as far as he could, then sat and waited for the others to return and tell him of the things they had seen. Chris says he never once complained or showed any self pity, he also attended all the worship and his voice carried over all others. This I am sure would have made Jim very happy praising the Lord in full voice and what a voice.

Jim could be irritable, he could be bloody minded, he could wind you up without even trying and often did, but he was our friend for many years and friends often fall out and make up. He would never hurt you on purpose and he was always on call if needed. We had some great nights out with Jim and Pat, along with Janice and Dave Tong, and we think it only fair to say where ever you went someone knew Jim. He was just that kind of bloke.

I am sure the world is a poorer place with Jim gone but we are certain heaven must be richer. A person once said you are never really gone until you are forgotten. Well all we can say is, Jim Lewis you will be in our hearts and minds for a very long time yet.

God bless you all.

Barclay and Janice Brader



Panto Time for

The Knight's of St George

For the past seventeen or is it now eighteen years the Knight's of St George have been putting on a pantomime for the local community and this year is no different. As the summer holidays start to fade I find myself starting the whole process again as we plan and cast the coming show.



2012's offering will be Cinderella and the chosen dates for the show will be 26th, 27th and 28th of January 2012 and the venue in all likelihood will be Centenary Church, so put that date in the diary - we look forward to seeing you there!

By the time you read this we will have already had our first meetings for this year and have had our first read through and initial casting, however if you are interested in being involved either on stage or back stage please do not hesitate to contact me. (My contact details are at the bottom of this article).

This years cast should still see one or two making an appearance on stage who were in the first show we did all those years ago but one of the real thrills for me is to see some who started as young children in the chorus in earlier years stepping up to take major rolls in our recent shows.

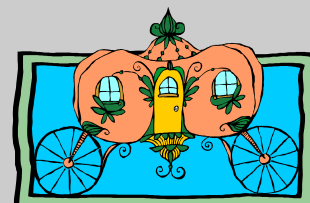
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Crosby One

What or who is Crosby One I hear you ask. If that is the thought in your mind then read on and even if you do know the answer please read on as I try and bring you up to date with events.

Crosby One is a charitable company set up by St George's to plan and manage the redevelopment of the church and its surrounding site. This came out of consultations the congregation held to plan where St George's and the church in Crosby saw themselves in the 21st Century! Out of this a working party was set up to do a feasibility study to exploit our building and resources to improve the Crosby area and in so doing our mission to the area.

The vision we came up with was to redevelop the church and the Greeson Hall Community site to provide an iconic building for Crosby which would provide a church, community hall, café, community facilities, adult education and social housing.

This is an ambitious vision and Crosby One was formed to bring this vision to reality. As stated earlier Crosby One is a charitable company, limited by guarantee and the board is made up of people from both the church and the local community. Ann Hindley was engaged as a consultant to advise and help us move this along.

We have to date engaged an architect who has produced plans for our new centre; we have consulted widely with the local community and received largely positive feedback and we have drawn up business plans for the centre as this will have to be self sustaining and we have worked with a housing association to provide the housing part of the scheme.

All this is going to cost money, a great deal of money and so quite a deal of the time and effort of Ann and others has been in trying to find sources of finance. We have had some success in obtaining funding which has funded the work so far but we still have a long road to go before we have the major part of what we will need.

To provide a greater cohesion the Greeson Hall Community Centre is in the process of merging with Crosby One this will mean that we will be just one body moving this together and at the recent very successful Crosby Cultural Carnival the Greeson Hall Community Centre was renamed the Crosby One Centre. Community activities in the centre have increased and we have two youth workers starting shortly. This last summer holiday saw a range of activities for all ages running throughout the period culminating in the Carnival Day.

So what is happening in the near future? We are ready to put in for planning permission and we are in discussion with the diocese to set in action all the legalities necessary if you want to knock down a church.

On the money front we are waiting to hear if the housing association we are working with has secured the funding for the housing part which is half of the cost of around £7 million for the project. Raising the other half for the church, eight flats for those with complex needs and the community facilities is what we are focusing on at the moment but in the current financial climate this is hard work as you can imagine.

So in a few words that is where we are, it has taken us about five years to get this far from the initial ideas to having a concrete plan. Hopefully another five years sees us in our new centre but we are going to need your and our prayers and much effort to make this vision a reality but that's what faith is about.

Martyn Whitehouse

Crosby Country Market

CrosbyOne Centre Digby Street



- ◆ Cakes
- ◆ Preserves
- ◆ Asian foods
- ◆ Knitted items
- ◆ Plants
- ◆ Handicrafts

Market Dates

(all Wednesdays, 2 to 4pm)

12 and 26 October
9 and 23 November
7 and 21 December



Kaleidoscope of Colours

After all the bad press we have seen in the papers and on the news about young people taking part in the riots in London I had a fantastic week with 17 young people from the age of seven to 16 at Bishop Grosseteste University College, Lincoln during the last week in August.

The group came from as far north as Ryton in Tyne and Wear, Keighley in West Yorkshire, Hinckley in Leicestershire and locally from North East and North Lincolnshire.

They all met for the first time on Monday 22nd August, had lunch and then began with a Drama Techniques Workshop before performing the Audition pieces (just like they would to take part in a professional show). If they hadn't brought a song but could sing they had to sing "Happy Birthday"!

The first evening, whilst tutors Cilla, Debbie and Sarah went away to decide who was having what parts, Sadie and I held a games evening with the Company - Give us a Clue, Pictionary and Beetle - along with a few others before returning to our rooms.

On Tuesday morning copies were given out, pieces marked and set, along with some songs being sung for the first time. This theme had a lot of words to be learnt during the rest of the week and it was Wednesday afternoon before all the parts were given out.

Thursday morning took the form of costumes being sorted with what the Students had been asked to bring with them, colours sorted for the pieces, and once again Cilla's extensive costume and Prop Room had been raided prior to her arriving. We even managed to get the key for the College Costume department and borrowed three dresses.

Andy, our lighting technician this year, arrived on Wednesday evening for a discussion with Cilla as to what she wanted. The set for the performance was in place on the stage; though

it was simple it proved effective. Colours used went from white through most of the colours of the rainbow.

On Friday evening the students went on stage for the first time. They adapted quickly to their new space and had to get used to where spotlights were on the stage.

On Saturday Morning the performance continued to be perfected; we even had a visit from Chris Hallam (the college theatre technician) as Andy found a problem with the lighting deck and couldn't sort it. Chris was very impressed with the standard of the performance (he only saw the first half performed) and has said that next year we can use the better lighting deck and effects.

At 7pm parents and guests began to arrive to see a unique one off performance. We were pleased to welcome the Mayor and Mayoress of North Lincolnshire, The Mayor and Consort of Lincoln and the Sherriff and his Lady and we held a Mayoral Command at the end of the Show when they went on Stage and met the Company asking each where they were from.

To those from Frodingham who came, thank you, I hope you enjoyed the performance and that you will join us again in 2012.

Jane Holmes



Events at Lincoln Cathedral

26 April-31 October 2011

Exhibition in the Cathedral Libraries
Weekdays 13.00-15.00
Saturdays 11.00-15.00

Medieval manuscripts are being displayed in the Medieval Library. Rare printed books are on display in the Wren Library.

1 October 2011 - Lincolnshire Day

The Cathedral Centre hosts free drama in the Secret Garden. The Lincoln Mystery Plays Trust will present extracts of the original medieval texts in celebration of 600 years of Lincolnshire's performance heritage. Tea, coffee and cake available.

10-29 October 2011 - Exhibition: Four Quartets

An exhibition of images by John Allock, based on T S Eliot's collection of poems. The exhibition runs until Saturday 29 October.

Advance Notice - 12 November 2011 - Enthronement of the Bishop of Lincoln

The Right Revd Christopher Lowson will be enthroned as the 72nd Bishop of Lincoln on 12 November. Tickets are available on a first-come-first-served geographical basis by application no later than 12th October 2011.

(An application form can be downloaded from the Cathedral website.)

Praises of the Creatures

Most high, all powerful, all good Lord!
All praise is yours, all glory, all honour, and all blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures,
especially through my lord Brother Sun, who
brings the day; and you give light through him.
And he is beautiful and radiant in all his
splendour! Of you, Most High, he bears the
likeness.

Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the
stars; in the heavens you have made them
bright, precious and beautiful.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and
Air, and clouds and storms, and all the weather,
through which you give your creatures
sustenance.

Be praised, My Lord, through Sister Water;
she is very useful, and humble, and precious,
and pure.

Be praised, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom you brighten the night.
He is beautiful and cheerful, and powerful and
strong.

Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Mother
Earth, who feeds us and rules us, and produces
various fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.

Be praised, my Lord, through those who forgive
for love of you; through those who endure
sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in
peace, for by you, Most High, they will be
crowned.

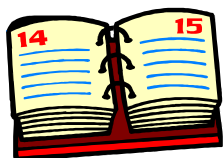
Be praised, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily
Death, from whose embrace no living person
can escape.

Woe to those who die in mortal sin!

Happy those she finds doing your most holy will.
The second death can do no harm to them.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks,
and serve him with great humility.

Composed by St Francis



St Lawrence's Diary Dates

5th October, 2pm – Mothers Union

18th October, 7.30pm – Everywoman

19th October, 12.30pm – Lunch Club

24th October, 7.30pm – Floral Group

News from St Barnabas

Lunch & Bingo in the Coleman Hall

12:15pm Tuesday, October 25th 2011
Bingo only at 2pm

Lunch tickets priced at £4 each
to be obtained in advance from:

Doreen Duckett, 31 Old Village Street,
Gunness. Tel: 01724 782719

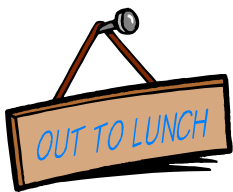
St Barnabas Share Club

September 2011

No 33	Mr R Wallace	£32	
No 10	Mrs N Brown	£20	
No 178	Mr M Jones		£15
No 63	Mrs R Chapman	£12	

Margaret Barker

St George's Lunch Club



This is held in the Greeson
Hall every Thursday at 1pm
for 1:15pm during term time.

Cost now £4 a head.

Churches in North Scunthorpe

Special Harvest Service

Hosted by the
Congregational Church on Ferry Road West

On Sunday - 2 October at 6 pm

News from the Church of the Resurrection

It was good to celebrate our harvest service with Rev. Moira Astin. Many thanks to everyone who helped in decorating the church and taking part in the service.

Now we are looking forward to the harvest supper on Friday 16th at 7pm; do feel free to come along and join us.

Looking ahead we were very fortunate to be able to book the local award winning group, the Jop Socs, (they have a very busy schedule). The concert will take place in church on Friday October 21st at 7pm; tickets are on sale at a cost of £4 including refreshments. We are expecting this to be very popular so please book early. Tickets are available from 332733 or any church member.

Here is a little something to make you smile:

Little Boy's Prayer

*Dear God, take care of my family,
Take care of the whole world.
And please God, take care of yourself,
Or we're all sunk.
Anon*

Pauline Parrott

Diary Dates - All Saints

Mon 3rd Oct

Mothers Union service 7pm, meeting 7.30pm

Sat 8th Oct

Craft Fayre 10am to 3-30pm
Refreshments available all day

Wed 12th Oct Little Fishes 10am

Wed 12th Oct Bingo - doors open 6pm

Sun 16th Oct

Harvest Festival Service 9.30am
followed at 12pm by three course lunch

To book please ring 01724 784858 - Cost £5

Wed 26th Oct Little Fishes 10am

Wed 26th Oct Bingo - doors open 6pm

Every Tuesday 2.30 pm gentle keep fit - £1.50

Advance Notice: Wed 16th November

Coach Trip to Leeds - shopping or leisure
Cost £8.50

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Observations on Growing Older

Your kids are becoming you, and you don't like 'em. But your grandchildren are perfect!

Going out is good. Coming home is better!

When people say you look "great", they add ... "for your age!"

When you needed the discount, you paid full price. Now you get discounts on everything ... movies, hotels, flights ... but you're too tired to use them.

You forget names, but it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

The 5lbs you wanted to lose is now 15, and you have a better chance of losing your keys than the 15lbs.

You realize you're never going to be really good at anything ... especially golf.

Your spouse is counting on you to remember things you don't remember.

The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

Your husband sleeps better on a lounge chair with TV blaring than he does in bed. It's called his "pre-sleep".

Remember when your mother said: "Wear clean underwear in case you GET in an accident"? Now you bring clean underwear in case you HAVE an accident!

You used to say: "I hope my kids GET married." Now, "I hope they STAY married!"

You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" & "OFF" switch. When GOOGLE, iPod, email & modem were unheard of and a mouse was something that made you climb on a table.

You tend to use more four letter words like "what?" and "when?"

Now that you can afford expensive jewellery, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

Your husband has a night out with the guys but he's home by 9:00pm. Next week it will be 8:30pm.

You read 100 pages into a book before you realize you've read it.

Ron Simpson

St Lawrence's Barbecue

While I was enjoying the fruits of the barbecue I was thinking of all the work that various members of the congregation had put into the event that made it such a success.

The preparation started on the Friday evening when chairs and tables were moved from the church hall to the vicarage. On Saturday morning the gazebos, barbecue, and tables were assembled and seats arranged.

Another group of people were responsible for the purchase of the food and the preparation and to be sure the chicken was right it was pre-cooked. So it goes on, the salads the sweets all prepared and ready for the day.

On the day servers, chefs and sommelier with his drinks appear to look after our needs.

Then after the very successful and enjoyable barbecue there is the reverse process of returning chairs and tables and packing up the gazebos.

This event illustrates the strength of our church community and the wonderful fellowship that we enjoy.

I'm sure that everyone joins with me in thanking all those people for making the barbecue such a success.

Ron Simpson

Appeal for fruit and vegetable donations

The **Forge Project in Scunthorpe** is appealing for donations of fruit and vegetables so that participants in the **EnGage project** can learn how to make jams and chutneys for fundraising purposes.

Anyone with spare home-grown fruit and veg, and anyone wishing to donate whatever they can, could really help the local group.

Empty jars are also needed, which will need to be washed and dried before being passed on.

Maria Franks - telephone 276742

St Francis of Assisi

Assisi, like most towns in Umbria, was built on a hill well above the malarial plains that lay below. Surrounded by defensive walls and cowering beneath its citadel it would have been an intimidating sight to the stranger. Now it opens its arms to the pilgrim in search of the legacy of St Francis and St Clare. But in their time a welcome would have been by no means certain. Neighbouring towns were frequently at war with each other. (St Francis was himself a prisoner of war in nearby Perugia.) The defences were not for decoration.

As the years pass by it becomes harder and harder to connect with the Assisi that St Francis and St Clare knew. Modernisation and mass tourism (which in truth has sustained Assisi for centuries) have changed the landscape and transformed the atmosphere.

I first went to Assisi in the summer of 1978 and trudged up the long steep hill from the railway station in the heat of a mid-July afternoon (mad dogs and Englishmen....). It was exhausting. I was tired and thirsty and my feet were sore from having caught just too many sharp stones on the rough uphill track. Now it is different. The rough track has become a paved pathway. It is discreetly lit at night (no more scrabbling around in the dark risking limb and rucksack while running to catch the last train to Florence). It has become a processional way rather than the last test of the pilgrim's stamina on the route to the great Basilica. That Basilica which though so wonderful is surely the very antithesis of the spirituality of St Francis.

But it is still possible to find something of St. Francis. (Less so of St Clare who in my mind is forever stuck in her glass case for all and sundry to stare at. No modesty for her in death.) A walk away from the crowds who fill the Basilica, through the town, past the church of Santa Chiara (St. Clare), through the maze of alleys that fill the space within the walls and out on a narrow road through the vineyards and olive groves to the Carceri Hermitage. Here in a cave is where St Francis had his bed and his chapel was carved out of the rock.

Out into the sunshine again and through the fields a brisk downhill walk brings you to the Convent of St Damian. Here St Francis received the calling that took him away from the intrigues of the town and civil life and made him the deeply spiritual man that he became. It was here too, that he composed the verses, *Praises of the Creatures*, that define the man who we, so many centuries later, seek to find. A respect for creation, for all God's creatures and not just self-regarding man.



A further walk will bring you down to the modern town gathered around the railway station and the basilica of St Mary of the Angels. But venture inside only if you have a strong stomach. Here stands the Perziuncola, the little chapel used by St Francis, barely large enough to hold a dozen people, but dwarfed by the baroque splendour of the basilica itself. I swear you can hear the sound of St. Francis turning in his grave at such an abomination.

And if you can't get to Assisi? Then do as I do. Whenever I am in London I go to the National Gallery. March through the crowds to the gallery which houses seventeenth century Spanish paintings. Ignore the Velazquez (something I find surprisingly easy to do) and seek out the paintings of St Francis by Zurbaran. More than any other artist it seems to me that he catches the essence of St Francis, his deep faith, his simplicity, the dark and the light of his life. And if you can't get to London? Then look at <http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/francisco-de-zurbaran-saint-francis-in-meditation>.

And if you can't do that? Then you probably need to do nothing. Your life is probably well on the way to that path of Franciscan simplicity.

Jonathan Thacker

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Joyce M Stamp



FROM THE REGISTERS

St Lawrence's

Holy Baptism

28 August

Morgan Francis Baker
Jasmine Joan Troke

4 September

Alexis Abigail Daisy McMenemie
Porcha McKenzie Lilian-May Parkin-Hare

11 September

Caleb Peter Leisk
Caden Dominic Leisk

Weddings

26 August

Daniel David Walker and Jodie-Lee Armiger

27 August

Craig Adlington and Louise Cherry Barley
Kevin Charles Mason and Janette Scott

3 September

Mark Andrew Harper and Sarah Jayne Jackson

10 September

Paul Andrew Taylor and Emma Louise Theobald

Funerals

24 August	Mrs June Mary Tune
25 August	Mrs Irene Gregory
31 August	Mrs Barbara Pepperil
8 September	Mrs Janet Hannon
12 September	Mrs Dulcia Padley
16 September	Mr William (Bill) Jones
16 September	Mr Ryan Terry Davey
20 September	Mrs Sylvia Hickson

St George's

Holy Baptism

31 July

Krystal Katie Iris Evelyn Proctor
Thomas Philip David Leaning
Imogen Paige Venable
Lily Rose Venable

21 August

Rio Conner Ryan Beacock
Alfie Neil Trafford Beacock
Callum John Thompson

Church of the Resurrection

Holy Baptism

18 September

Cherry Raine Bailey
Emily Mae Hope Pawley

The Prayer of St Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be
consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal
Life.
Amen.*



NORTH SCUNTHORPE GROUP SERVICES

Sunday Services	St George's Crosby	St Lawrence's Frodingham	All Saints Brumby
2 October	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am PE (sung) 6:30pm No Service	9:30am Service of the Word
9 October	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am PE (sung) 6:30pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Parish Communion
16 October	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am Lay Led Service 6:30pm Parish Eucharist	9:30am Parish Communion
23 October	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am PE (sung) 6:30pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Parish Communion
30 October <i>All Saints Day</i>	9:30am Group Service at All Saints	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 9:30am Group Service at All Saints 6:30pm All Souls Service	9:30am Group Service 6pm All Souls Service
	Regular Weekday Services	Regular Weekday Services	Regular Weekday Services
	First Tuesday in the month 6:45 pm Holy Communion	Monday-Friday 8:30 am Morning Prayer 5 pm Evening Prayer	First Monday in the month 7pm Holy Communion
	Wednesday 9:30 am Holy Communion	Monday 7 pm Informal Prayer	First Thursday in the month 9:15am Holy Communion
	Thursday 4 pm Evening Prayer at 17 Chatterton Crescent	Thursday 9:30 am Eucharist	
Sunday Services	Church of the Resurrection Mirfield Road	St Barnabas Guinness with Burringham	Guinness Methodist Church
2 October	9:30am Lay Led Service	9:30am Holy Communion	10:30am Service
9 October	9:30am Parish Communion	9:30am Holy Communion	10:30am Service
16 October	9:30am Parish Communion	10:30am Joint Service at the Methodist Church	10:30am Joint Service with St Barnabas
23 October	9:30am Parish Communion	9:30am Morning Prayer	10:30am Service
30 October	9:30am Group Service at All Saints	9:30am Group Service at All Saints	