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March Group Live

The theme for the March Group Live is
**Women's World Day of Prayer/Mothering
Sunday**

The editorial team would welcome any
contributions from our readers.

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

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Archbishop's BBC New Year Message

Speaking in his annual BBC New Year message, the Archbishop of Canterbury reflected on the importance that Christianity bestows on young people and challenges us to actively support our local youth facilities and opportunities which, he argues, play a crucial part in a healthy society.

Quite a lot of the images we're likely to remember from the footage of the riots in the summer will be of young people out of control in the streets, walking off with looted property from shops, noisily confronting police and so on. It all feeds into the national habit of being suspicious and hostile when we see groups of youngsters on street corners or outside shops and bus shelters. We walk a bit more quickly and hope we can pass without some sort of confrontation.

The events of the summer were certainly horrific. They showed us a face of our society we don't like to think about – angry, destructive, lawless. But it's crucial to remember that what we saw on the streets in August was just one facet of a bigger and much more heartbreaking problem. The youngsters out on the streets may have looked like a big crowd, but they are a minority of their generation – the minority whose way of dealing with their frustrations was by way of random destructiveness and irresponsibility. Most people of their own age strongly shared the general feeling of dismay at this behaviour.

I've visited the charity Kids Company in London where a lot of young people joined together to pack food parcels for needy families in the neighbourhood. When you have a chance of talking to young people like this you really get a sense of how they feel about the society they're in and the challenges they face.

We have to ask, what kind of society is it that lets down so many of its young people? That doesn't provide enough good role models and drives youngsters further into unhappiness and anxiety by only showing them suspicion and negativity. When you see the gifts they can offer, the energy that can be released when they feel safe and loved, you see what a tragedy we so often allow to happen. Look at the work done by groups like the Children's Society or by the astonishing network of Kids Company here in London, and you see what can be done to wake up that energy and let it flourish for everyone's good.

One of the unique things in the Christian faith, one of its great contributions to our moral vision, is the way it has spoken about children and young people. Whether it's Jesus blessing children, or St Paul encouraging a young church leader, saying, 'Don't let people look down on

Bishop of Lincoln's Letter for January

I am writing towards the beginning of 2012, near the Feast of Epiphany which to some extent is a neglected feast – though in Hispanic and Latin countries it is celebrated in great style and is the moment that presents are exchanged. For me, Epiphany has three big ideas at its heart.

First, arising from the **journey** of the Wise Men, the idea that life is a journey of exploration from 'here to eternity' and I hope the work on discipleship we shall be beginning in 2012 will resource each one of us for this.

Secondly, arising from the **homage** offered by the Wise Men, we are reminded of the fundamental importance of worship of something greater and beyond our routine experience.

Thirdly, arising from the **gifts** of gold, frankincense and myrrh, the offering of gifts as signs of love. The people of our diocese are greatly gifted by God to offer Him worship and serve him the life of the world. Let's mobilize those gifts.

Every blessing for 2012,

+Christopher Lincoln:

you because you're young', or St Benedict in his rule for monks saying that you need to pay attention to the youngest as well as the oldest – Christian faith has underlined the essential importance of giving young people the respect they deserve.

Of course they're not infallible; of course they have a lot to learn. So do we all. But being grown-up doesn't mean forgetting about the young. And a good New Year's Resolution might be to think what you can do locally to support facilities for young people, to support opportunities for counselling and learning and enjoyment in a safe environment. And above all, perhaps we should just be asking how we make friends with our younger fellow citizens – for the sake of our happiness as well as theirs.

A very happy and blessed New Year to you all.

Rowan Williams

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Bishop of Grantham's Letter for February

Dear friends,

For many years I have sat in the same seat on the Kop at Sheffield Wednesday and, during my time as a parish priest just up the road from the ground, I would be asked by many members of the Sunday school and youth club whether they could come to a game with me and my family. On many occasions, I would be sat with a group of seven or eight football mad youngsters and would get vicarious enjoyment from their excitement. On one such occasion, the match was going well! Sheffield Wednesday were winning, the crowd were singing and all seemed well in the world. Suddenly, the opposition equalised via the superbly struck volley of the opposing team's striker and I was surprised to see the young boy next to me, a young black boy of African extract, rise sharply to his feet and make his way to a steward. A few words were exchanged, and then a man sat just behind us was forcibly removed by a gaggle of stewards. Unbeknown to me, my young friend had heard a racist comment directed at the black striker who had scored the superb goal and decided he would act: I've not seen the ejected and dejected fan ever since. That young boy, now a strapping man with a first class honours degree in sports science and himself a successful cage-fighter, often reminds me to this day of that incident long ago.

In today's world, it all seems so antediluvian when we hear of such racist incidents but, sadly, we do not have to go too far to be reminded that, as proscribed and publically despised as racism now is, it still lurks just beneath the surface.

This reality has, both, come to light recently in the case of the Liverpool footballer Suarez and the subsequent racist barracking of an Oldham player by a Liverpool supporter and also in the intimate revelations about the nature of racism during the trial and conviction of the two men found guilty of Stephen Lawrence's murder. In both these cases, the institutions involved—a football club in one case and the police in the other—have taken all the right steps to try and ensure that such prejudiced behaviour is not systemic and inherent in them. However, the horrible truth is that, in the heat of competition or in the bravado of a deeply disturbed young person's hateful tirade, the evil of racism still lurks and it is not far from us all.

Such racism was not unknown to Jesus: we are told that he stood at the well with the Samaritan woman; a woman from a race despised by some simply because they chose to worship God in another Temple other than that in Jerusalem. Jesus cleverly extracts from this 'hated' foreigner the knowledge that he is the source of eternal life and the eagerly expected Messiah. On their return to the well, even Jesus' disciples join in the unconscious and implicit racism, being 'astonished' that he was speaking with her.

Ash Wednesday Services 22 February 2012

St Lawrence's	7:30pm
All Saints	6:30pm
St George's	9:30am

Churches in North Scunthorpe Lent Groups

Tuesday, 28 February

St Lawrence's 7:30pm

Wednesday, 29 February

St George's 7:30pm

Thursday, 1 March

St Lawrence's 10:30am

Thursday, 1 March

Congregational 7pm
(to be confirmed)

In William Shirer's seminal book on The Third Reich, one is struck by the matter of fact way in which the cremators for the killing fields of the concentration camps were ordered from the manufacturers: as simple as ordering a microwave for the kitchen. Such ordinariness combined with horror is rightly named 'the mundanity of evil'. My young friend in the football match was right to challenge that thoughtless and cruel barb by a fellow supporter for there must be link between these small, mundane, acts and the kind of racism that leads to violence and loss of life?

In the end, the real tragedy of racism is that it de-humanises those we parody and to whom we attach simplistic prejudices. It was the 'hated' foreign woman at the well who saw the deep mystery of Jesus and his divinity: when our eyes are clouded by colour, class or creed we fail to see and enjoy the true beauty of the person underneath.

+Tim Grantham

Pastoral Letter Lent/Fairtrade Fortnight

On the way into my study today to sit down and write this short article I fell over the box that houses our family Christmas tree that has come out every year for the past 10 years. It feels that every time I walk past it shouts at me to put it away in the loft!! But already, so early in the year, we are thinking about preparing for the imminent arrival of Lent. But when Easter falls early and the two festivals are so close together, it serves to remind us of how closely interconnected the two events of Christmas and Easter are. It is impossible for us to think of the Christ Child laid in his manger, being worshipped by the Magi and adored by his mother without in the same moment considering the desperate heartbroken look that Mary must have had when with her same eyes she watched that same beautiful son hang on a cross and die such a terrible death.

But however uncomfortable the thought of it might be, it is central to our faith that the child born in Bethlehem was born in order to die for the sins of the world. It is out of the awesomeness of this fact that we approach the season of Lent with anticipation of a journey with God that will culminate in the passion of our Lord and ultimately his resurrection on Easter Day. Lent is the church season that lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays) and commences on Ash Wednesday with the last week of Lent being called Holy Week. It is a time for us to walk with God, much as Jesus did when he spent forty days in the wilderness and is often characterised by three main practices; reflection on the significance of Christ's death along with prayers of repentance and confession, fasting as a means to focus more wholly on God, and giving to assist the poor. We will be helped by our group churches over the period to do the first two but the fortunate coincidence is that during Lent this year lies Fairtrade Fortnight and we are presented with a real opportunity to reflect on what we can do with our time, lives, money, gifts and talents to aid the poor wherever they may be in the world. Buying products that carry the Fairtrade mark, even if just for Lent, is one way that we can ensure a better and fairer deal for the poor of the world, but there may well be other opportunities that present themselves with which we can for a period give 'over and beyond' what we normally do, in aid of the disadvantaged. This might include abstaining for a period from our favourite food or drink and donating the monies to organisations working with the poor, or donating the time we spend on our favourite hobbies or activities to those same organisations. Whatever it might be, the aim of prayer, reflection, confession and acts of mercy that are characteristic of Lent is to emerge out of Easter a stronger and more vibrant person of faith having spent time with Him.

Let's resolve this Lent to embrace the experience with both arms, a period to walk with Christ as he walked with God in the wilderness for those forty days and respond to the invitation that comes from the Beloved in the Song of Solomon to 'Come away with me my love'.

David Swannack

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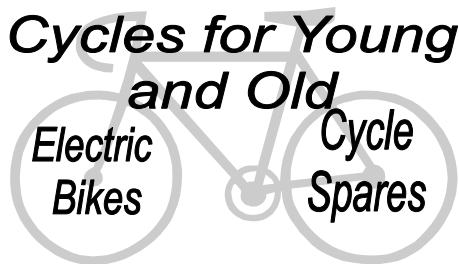
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Continuation of George Stephenson

by Ron Simpson

Father Robert moved where there was work at various mines in the district and George at 10 years old drove a horse for 2p a day and at 14 years old he earned one shilling a day as assistant fireman to his father.

George was developing a love of steam engines. He built models from clay and dismantled and assembled the engine he worked on in his own time. At 16 years old he was a fireman on his own ability and at 17 he was a plugman. It involved going down the pit and cleaning the pipes when the pump stopped working. He was constantly trying to improve his knowledge to better himself and at 18 years old earning a man's wage of a £1 a day he was still illiterate. George wanted promotion and he took night classes to read and write on three nights a week for 3p and by the age of 19 he could understand the basics. By his next birthday he was promoted to brakeman, a responsible job operating the cage in the shaft,

A sure job, at the age of 20 he began to look for a young lady and got to know Elisabeth Hindmarsh, a farmer's daughter but her father stopped his daughter seeing George.

Later on in his life they meet again, but now George looked elsewhere and proposed to Frances Henderson, a lady 12 years his senior who must have thought she had missed her chances and they were married in 1802 and moved to Willington Quay.

The marriage produced a son the following year christened Robert. George was occupied at Willington as they were trialling a new stationary steam engine that would haul wagons and he mended clocks, making shoes, learning his reading and writing and of course being a father.

In 1804 George again moved collieries to Killingworth north of Newcastle. Fanny's health improved and she gave birth to a daughter who died after three weeks. Fanny died from consumption at the age of 37, so at 25 George was left with a two year old son and a living to earn.

This is history that I am interested in and I propose to continue this history in the next issue, I do hope it meets with our reader's approval.

To be continued



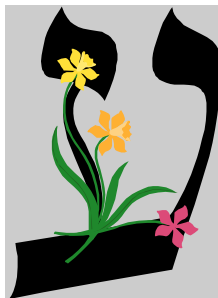
One hundred years ago someone decided that St Lawrence's Church Frodingham should start a Mothers Union Branch which has continued to this present time: We are planning to make it a memorable year. It would be good to include in our magazine notes your memories of your time as a member. Please think about it and let me have your contributions.

Today as I was taking down the decorations from our Christmas tree (6th January) I was reminded of so many friends from St Lawrence's Mothers Union who are still very much part of our Christmas. Mary Warren, Essie Grocock, Joan Lawson, who all knitted little characters as tree decorations and I spent many happy hours making snowflakes with Iris Layfield and I have a set of silk clowns made by Eileen Simpson which come out each year. As a church craft group we made some lovely things. What a shame handicrafts seem to be dying out.

The theme for the Mothers Union this year is '**Celebrating our Gifts**'. We begin our new year with our A.G.M., followed by pancakes and poems. Here is a chance to read a poem of your own or just a favourite. Brenda Richardson would be in her element wouldn't she?

At our March meeting we want to invite anyone who you think would like to get out, have a cup of tea and meet people. We will try to get a speaker and make it an interesting start to our centenary year. Please help us to make it a really special year.

***The weeks are moving forward,
As every year they must,
And many resolutions lie
Forgotten in the dust.
But as we seek the road ahead,
Lord, show us you are here
And light the way and show the path,
And wipe away each tear.***



St Lawrence's Floral Group

Judith's Jottings

Well, last year went out on a real high – a great meal at our new venue, some fun and games, lots of laughter, and best of all a night with good friends and lovely people. What more could anyone ask?

So 2012, here we come, and believe it or not February is just around the corner (next month to be precise) 'flowers with a theme' is our next challenge – choose your own subject. The fun will be trying to guess what it is, and a prize for the most inventive.

Whilst on the subject of flowers, what a display for Christmas in church, everyone excelled themselves and so many people have told me how beautiful they were. 'We love doing them' is the reply when I talk to everyone whilst they're arranging them but the thought and hard work that goes into the flowers is amazing and I'm truly blessed to be one of them.

Judith

EJ. Extra Jottings

Have you seen the snowdrops popping their heads up, if not eyes right on entering church, they are beautiful.



***The snowdrops peeping through the
earth
Remind us life goes on,
And we can find new hope and
strength
When doubt and fear have gone.
Now as we watch the seasons change,
Lord, teach us how to live,
And how to share the joy of life
And all the gifts you give.***

Iris Hessleden

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Pat Marshall

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

'LET JUSTICE PREVAIL'

On **Friday 2nd March** over 3 million people worldwide will be praying and worshipping together during an annual day of prayer, using a form of service prepared by Christian women in Malaysia.

Jean Hackett, president of the National Committee of the Women's World Day of Prayer movement in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, said:

'This is always an exciting day as a great wave of prayer sweeps the world, beginning when the first service is held in the Queen Salote Girls School in Tonga and continuing around the world until the final service takes place, some 35 hours later, in neighbouring Western Samoa. By then the day will have been celebrated in over 170 countries and more than 6,000 services will have been held in the British Isles alone.'

Malaysia is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country. Throughout its history it has attracted migrants from other parts of Asia and beyond and it is one of the wealthiest and most developed countries in South East Asia. Women have made important contributions to its social and economic development but, nevertheless, they still face discrimination and violence at all levels of society. Even today a girl child is seen as less valuable than a boy. Malaysia is now the most popular destination country in Asia for migrant workers and human trafficking has become a sophisticated and organised operation.

Although Malaysia's multi-ethnicity has added to the rich heritage of its land and people, it has also given rise to many problems. In the service those issues of concern are named and the women voice their hope for the future. Justice for all is their hope, and their prayer is "Let Justice Prevail".

Although organised and led by women, this is essentially a day of prayer for everybody, demonstrating our solidarity with our sisters and brothers in other countries and all are welcome to attend. Further information can be found on the WWDP website at www.wwdp-natcomm.org.

Details of local services are not yet available but will be published in the March edition of Group Live.

Fairtrade Fortnight - 27 February - 11 March

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The UK fair trade market is now worth more than £700 million a year making it the largest in the world. So, with all this success, should we consider the job done and switch attention to other causes and priorities? Far from it, says Paul Chandler:

- ◆ 1.4 billion people still live below the World Bank poverty line of \$1.25 a day;
- ◆ fair trade sales are still less than 1% of UK grocery sales;
- ◆ trade injustices and imbalances of power remain huge;

“Our role is as important as ever – pioneering new ideas, responding to the needs of producers, challenging those who seek to distort or dilute.

Far from giving up, we need to redouble our efforts,” he says.

“We encouraged people to buy fair trade in supermarkets in order to get big companies interested and that has been a real success story. But we have conjured into existence some powerful competitors, who are eating away at the market on which we continue to depend.

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This article is produced by Fairtrade for church publications

Appeal from Maria Franks at The Forge

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**Many thanks.
Maria**

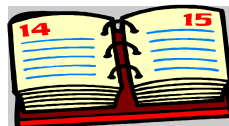
News from St Barnabas

Coffee Morning to be held at the home of Mr & Mrs R Smith, Old Village Street, Gunness on Tuesday 14th February from 10am-12 noon.

Proceeds to St Barnabas Church.

Please come along and help us raise some much needed funds.

Margaret Barker



St Lawrence's Diary Dates

1 st February	2pm – Mothers Union
15 th February	12.30pm – Lunch Club
21 st February	7.30pm - Everywoman
27 th February	7.30pm - Floral Group

St George's Lunch Club



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

Cost £4 a head.

Scunthorpe Trefoil Guild

The Guild is open to all Guiding and Scouting volunteers, past and present.

We meet bi-monthly in St Lawrence's Church Hall at 7:30pm. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 13 March when Pat Cliffe will be talking about the work of Magistrates.

If you are interested, just come along. You can be assured of a very warm welcome.

Thank You!

Thanks are expressed to Mr & Mrs Colin Smith for decorating the Chapel for Christmas. It looked really lovely.

Many thanks too to Mrs Valerie Threadgold for donating the Christmas tree (as usual).

**Myrtle Ward
Gunness Methodist Church**

Events at Lincoln Cathedral

Talk by Rosemary Mason, the Nosegay Maker to H.M. The Queen:

***Royal Maundy:
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DATE & TIME

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2:30pm-4:00pm and 7:30pm-9pm

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Gunness & Burringham Women's Institute 7pm in the Coleman Hall

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All are welcome to attend.

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Ron's gardening column

Jobs for February

Sow seeds of hardy and semi hardy perennials and annuals in the cold or heated greenhouse.

Plant shallots and onion sets in the garden.

Clean the greenhouse glass inside and out as the plants need light with warmth and moisture.

If it's frost free finish pruning the roses.

Prune buddleia, caryopteris and hardy fuchsias.

Mahonias that are leggy and woody can be pruned and shaped.

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night (four people per team)

Diary Dates - All Saints

A happy new year to you all!

Feb 1st	Little Fishes 10am
Feb 1st	Bingo 6pm for 7pm
Feb 2nd	Cake and coffee 10am
Feb 7th	Gentle Keep Fit 2.30pm
Feb 14th	Gentle Keep Fit 2.30pm
Feb 15th	Little Fishes 10am
Feb 15th	Bingo 6pm for 7pm
Feb 16th	Cake and coffee 10am
Feb 21st	Gentle Keep Fit 2.30pm
Feb 28th	Gentle Keep Fit 2.30pm
Feb 29th	Little Fishes 10am
Feb 29th	Bingo 6pm for 7pm

Christine Guest

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Update on Skills for Kids in Colombia

(St Lawrence's Charity for 2011)

The construction of the training school installation is almost ready to receive our 2012 "SKILLS FOR KIDS" group.

School holidays started on 10 December 2011 and we are initially receiving 15 youngsters from a foundation caring for abandoned and abused children on 20 January 2012. The children are from very humble backgrounds and their ages range from 7-17 years old. They are permanently fostered by the foundation and are being schooled privately in order to establish appropriate educational levels according to their ages. They will be accompanied by four ladies who are victims of domestic violence and hope to remake their lives along with their own children after receiving our help.

The youngsters will take roles in a simulation of a commercial enterprise dedicated to setting up a self sufficient working farm "from scratch" that could be adapted and used as the basis for a productive backyard exploitation. They are being asked to "apply" for the following positions: Secretary, Storekeeper, Carpenters, Bricklayers, Welders, Painters, Game Wardens and Gardeners.

Each one will occupy a position in the organization and all will be made aware of the functions of the other positions and receive the training and equipment required to carry them out. Once the application and selection process has been completed we will start by asking all to help with designing our miniature farm and kitchen garden. We will continue by selecting and buying the materials, the construction of the installations, selection and buying of stock and seed. Materials will be managed by the storekeeper and administrative duties undertaken by the secretary. Snack breaks will be managed throughout the course as would be a curbside cafe by an adult applicant as part of a parallel project.

These courses could continue during all of next year. New candidates will be received, and existing participants will be invited to change roles each month. Each participant will be asked to tutor a successor.

We hope to be setting up our first Patio Productivo (productive backyard) by Easter.

Graham Binns

St Lawrence's Everywoman



by Sheila Robinson

We began with prayers for our November meeting then received apologies from several members who were unable to join us. We had a letter from Sue Maloney and the photos she promised to send us of her last visit to Uganda, where she saw lots of projects in which they were able to use some of the tools that we donated after her last visit.

Our speaker for the evening was Jay Greenway who some of us remembered from her time as a member of St Lawrence's. Her talk was entitled 'My life after St Lawrence's'. Jay told us that she was very grateful for all the years she spent with us but felt that it was time to move on and the text that she read was how she felt at the time:

***Come to the edge he said.
They said we are afraid.
Come to the edge he said
They came.
He pushed them and they flew.***

She explained how she had been lucky in her spiritual life with many doors opening and closing and new and interesting things to learn and grow from. This included her involvement with the Celtic Spirituality Group and so many other avenues she explored, all the many interesting people she met and places she visited, including Lindisfarne and Iona.

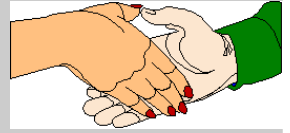
Since moving from St Lawrence's Jay has led a very spiritual life and she has grown so much and learned more since starting her new journey. We wish her and Michael well in their journey together.

After Jay's talk we enjoyed refreshments. Our next meeting was our Christmas dinner with the Floral Group at Holme Hall Golf Club. It was a successful evening, a lovely meal and fun and games afterwards.

A Thought for New Year from Joyce Stamp

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.'

And he replied, 'Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.'



That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way!

This poem was written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957), an American lecturer at the London School of Economics, who wrote as a hobby.

It was a favourite of Queen Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother, who showed it to her husband King George VI. He included it in his famous Christmas message broadcast in 1939 at the beginning of the Second World War.

After the King's death the Queen Mother had it engraved on bronze plaques at the entrance to the King George VI Memorial Chapel, Windsor, where both are now interred. It was also read at the funeral service of the Queen Mother.

Our January meeting in the church hall will be entitled 'Have I got news for you'. Remember to bring your newspaper cutting and something to share for a faith supper.

This will swiftly be followed on January 23rd by our joint party with the Floral group in the church hall.

Our meeting closed by saying The Grace.

Sheila Robinson

Fairtrade Fortnight - 27 February - 11 March

Change the world – you can do it!

Traidcraft was set up by a group of Christians who wanted to change the way the world trades. Here are three ways you can make it happen:

You buy – we trade: We're all consumers in one way or another and trade which is done fairly is the most effective way of helping people work their way out of poverty. Every time you buy a fair trade product you're helping someone you don't know and will probably never meet, build a better life for themselves, their family and their community.

Don't believe those who say it can't be done!

In the village of Kapasule, Malawi, women and children had to carry water in containers for 1.5 kms from the nearest village with clean water. Now, they have their own borehole and pump supplying them with clean, safe water, thanks to the fair trade premium Traidcraft pays for the sugar it buys from local farmers.

Choosing fair trade may add a few coppers to your bill (but not always!) but it **will** change someone's life for the better.

You give – we support: Even for hard working producers, making a living isn't easy. They often lack the know-how and skills to access national and international markets. Providing them with that vital knowledge through training and information resources is what our charity, Traidcraft Exchange, does. Raising money to help pay for that work, is one of the really important ways you can help change someone's life for the better.

Don't believe those who say it can't be done!

Landmines, the legacy of years of conflict, have left large numbers of Cambodian people disabled and struggling to earn a living. Peace Handicrafts, a group working with disabled craft workers, is now finding new customers thanks to training provided by Traidcraft.

You campaign – we influence: Imagine trying to play a game where the other side not only writes the rules but either keeps them secret or keeps changing them in their favour. That's what global trade is like for many producers in developing countries. By joining in trade justice campaigns, you put pressure on governments and business to change the rules of world trade so they benefit the poor.

Don't believe those who say it can't be done!

Tens of thousands of Traidcraft supporters backed our campaign for the introduction of an ombudsman to ensure UK supermarkets treat their suppliers fairly. In the last few months, both the Government and the Opposition have announced their support for the proposal.

Last word: Paulo Friere, the great Brazilian educationist and human rights activist said: "In the struggle between the weak and the strong to do nothing is not to remain neutral – it's to give victory to the strong."

So whose side are **you** on?

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to Mr Derek & Mrs Jean Smith for delivering magazines for over 12 years.

They are now to retire and we are pleased that Mrs Pat Marshall has volunteered to take over that round.

CONGRATULATIONS!

"Congratulations to Joe and Laura Spavin on the birth of their first baby, Julia Jasmine (Lia). Lia weighed 7lb 12oz and was born on 27 October."

From her proud grandparents,
Margaret and Richard Hollingsworth

FROM THE REGISTERS

St Lawrence's

Holy Baptism

November 13th

Freya Eve Connolly
Nicola Korniak

November 20th

Isla Jade Maxwell
Jessica Nicole Thompson

November 27th

Benjamin Joseph Swannack
Luke Yarrow
William Peter Roe
Olivia Kelly Hollingsworth

December 4th

Joshua Robert Witting
Victoria Anne Edwards
Elizabeth Dempsey

December 18th

Ethan Lee Garner
Zachary Karl McHugh

Wedding

December 10th
Michael Thomas Almey and
Hannah Louisa Burrows

Funerals

November 25th Mrs Mary Harsley
December 1st Mrs Ann Andrews
December 6th Mr Harry Clifford Hobson
December 9th Mr Ernest Walter Frow
December 12th Mr George Henry Barrass
December 14th Mrs Eleanor Parker
December 16th Mrs Sheila Harper

December 22nd Mrs Valerie Carmichael

December 29th Mr Ian Smith

December 30th Mr Ronald (Ron) Shingler

January 3rd Mrs Margaret Di Miele

January 5th Mrs Joyce Paddison

January 6th Mrs Shirley Wood

January 6th Mr Edwin (Eddie) Cooper

Memorial Service

January 6th Mr Anthony (Tony) Baker

St George's

Funerals

January 6th John Robert (Jack) Thurston

January 9th Violet Rose Dann

January 11th Graham (Buck) Ellis

January 17th Audrey Joan Platt

January 24th Marlene McEwan

Church of the Resurrection

Holy Baptism

December 18th Lily Grace Holmes

St Barnabas

Funerals

December 14th Carol Newbitt

January 3rd Raymond Robbins

NORTH SCUNTHORPE GROUP SERVICES

Sunday Services	St George's Crosby	St Lawrence's Frodingham	All Saints Brumby
5 February	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am All Age Eucharist 6:30pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Service of the Word
12 February	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am PE (sung) 6:30pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Parish Communion
19 February	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am Informal Worship 6:30pm Parish Eucharist	9:30am Parish Communion
26 February	10:45am Parish Eucharist	8am Parish Eucharist (said) 10:30am PE (sung) 6:30pm Evening Prayer	9:30am Parish Communion
	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
5 February	9:30am Lay Led Service	9:30am Holy Communion	10:30am Service
12 February	9:30am Parish Communion	9:30am Morning Prayer	10:30am Service
19 February	9:30am Parish Communion	10:30am Joint Service at Methodist Church	10:30am Joint Service
26 February	9:30am Parish Communion	9:30am Holy Communion	10:30am Service