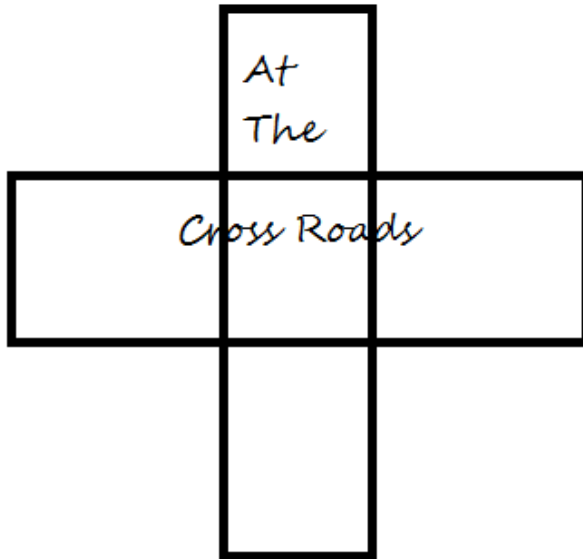


At the Cross Roads



May 2016

**The Quarterly Newsletter for the Parish of
St Mary Magdalene with St Paul in the Bail
and St Michael on the Mount, Lincoln**

Please take one- Donations welcome

Greetings from the Vicar



Much is being made at this time of the Queen's 90th birthday, which reminds me that, at a Diamond Jubilee reception in 1977, Queen Elizabeth II said: "When I was twenty-one I pledged my life to the service of our people and I asked for God's help to make good that vow. Although that vow was made in my salad days, when I was green in judgement, I do not regret nor retract one word of it."

This sentiment is firmly rooted in the Christian faith, a faith which in many ways has powerfully influenced the nature of British society. Even in a more secularized self-serving Britain, we can still speak of the Civil Service, public service and civil servants. This is no accident of speech, for this concept is based on the teaching and example of the world's greatest religious leader who urged his disciples to understand that he came 'not to be served but to serve' and who intended to 'give his life as a ransom for many'.

He was and is the master and teacher who became as a servant and washed his disciples' feet, urging them to do likewise. He was the teacher who taught them to love one another and their neighbour as themselves.

When many of us renewed our baptism vows on Easter Sunday morning, we embraced once again that principle of unselfish love and committed lifelong service to God and to others, which is the foundation of the Christian life. As modern day disciples, this is something we are pledged to work out in our daily lives. We are called to live the vowed life of Christian discipleship in the service of God and the world.

Every blessing

Alex Whitehead

Diary Dates

3rd May 10.30am Meeting of the Uphill Ministers' Fraternal at St Mary Magdalene's.

5th May 6.00pm **Ascension Day**

There will be an open air Celebration of Holy Communion on the site of the old St Paul in the Bail, one of the earliest Christian sites in Britain, going back to Romano-British days when Lincoln was a Roman Provincial capital. In the early 4th Century Lincoln had its own Christian Bishop, Adelphius. Be

bold, and come and join us for this act of communion and witness.



Old St Paul's, demolished as redundant in the 1970s

15th May Pentecost Sunday
The Festival of the Holy Spirit
11.00am Sung Eucharist

16th May 7.00pm Parochial Church Council

Christian Aid Week

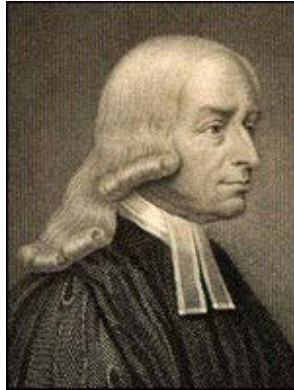


17th May 12-2.00pm Christian Aid Lunch at Eden House 70 Yarborough Crescent. Host: Jane Harris. All welcome.

21st May 10.00 – 4.00pm Farmers Market

Like last year, the proceeds from the Farmers Market hospitality will go toward Christian Aid. Volunteers welcome.

29th May 6.00pm **Fifth Sunday Songs of Praise** on the theme of *John and Charles Wesley*, led by Revd Dr Geoff Harris



June 5th 6.00pm. At Horncastle Parish Church, a welcome to the Archdeaconry Service for the Venerable Gavin Kirk, Archdeacon of Lincoln.



July 24th

The Patronal Festival of St Mary Magdalene

11.00am All Age Eucharist

6.00pm Festal Evensong in Lincoln Cathedral

The procession leaves St Mary Magdalene at 5.50 for the Cathedral and returns to St Mary Magdalene's for refreshments after Evensong. Those who would prefer not to walk from Church to the Cathedral are welcome to go straight to the Cathedral.

The Patronal Festival is one of the great occasions in the life of our parish. All are welcome. Come and bring a friend.



Looking Forward to More Special Services:

21st August 6.00pm A Service of Wholeness and Healing



September 25th The Harvest Festival

11.00am All Age Harvest Eucharist

6.00pm Harvest Evensong,

followed by informal Harvest Supper



29th September 6.00pm

Holy Communion at St Michael on the Mount.

As you know St Michael's is now partly occupied by the Lincoln School of Theology, with the School's Library housed in what was the sanctuary with the great archangels as it were presiding over the readers. As in recent years we will celebrate Holy Communion there.

October 18th 11.00am

St Luke's tide Eucharist of Wholeness and Healing



Regular Worship Services every Month



1st Sunday 9.00am Holy Communion
11.00am Sung Eucharist 6.00pm Taize style

2nd Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong

3rd Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist

4th Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Choral Evensong

5th Sunday 11.00am Sung Eucharist
6.00pm Songs of Praise

Wednesdays: 10.00am Holy Communion

Monday-Saturday: 5.45pm Evening Prayer

Baptisms are arranged directly with the Vicar, and usually take place during a Sung Eucharist.

Choir Practice: 6.30pm, Fridays.

Church open daily from 10.30 – 11.30am, Monday - Friday.

Church open 10.00am – 4.00pm on 3rd Saturdays for the **Farmers Market** and on some other Saturdays by arrangement, when refreshments are served.



Concerts and Events

Tuesday 31 May 7.30 pm St Andrew's University Madrigal Group
Director: Jonathan McNaul

Wednesday 8 June 7.30 pm Lincoln Divertissimo
Director: Richard Lindsay

Tuesday 5 July 7.30 pm Guitar/Cello recital
Esther Ward-Caddle and friend!

Saturday 9 July 11.00 am Bailgate Busking Festival – finishes
4.00 pm

Saturday 23 July 7.30 pm 'The New Chamber Choir'
Director: Paul Hudson

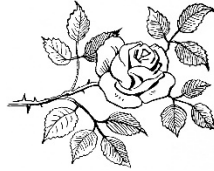


SUNDAY 24 JULY 5.45pm Patronal Festival Evensong in the
Cathedral

The service starts and finishes in church. year, the
procession to and from the cathedral will be led by the City
of Lincoln Waites Band

Saturday 29 October 7.30 pm “1685”

Wednesday 9 November 7.30 pm City of Lincoln Waites
The early C16th Music of a Mayor's town band Master of
the Waites: Allister Garrod



Flower Arranging

Helen Jones has kindly agreed to organize the Church's flower arranging. She would welcome offers of help, both of flowers and arrangers. Tel 01522 881291

Restoration and Renovation Work to the Church Building



The PCC is currently researching and compiling a list of restorative renovation works to be carried out if possible over the next few years. These works might include some re-plastering and lime washing of the

walls, conservation of the decorated oak panelling, a like for like replacement of the large Bodley altar curtain, conservation of the fine decorated ceilings, cleaning of the stonework and windows, restoration of the piped organ, and some maintenance of the external stonework. More ambitiously, we hope to revisit and revise the former plans for a mezzanine floor at the west end to enable a pressing need for extending our very limited meeting and storage facilities.. This will complement the very impressive work carried out on the church roof in recent years.

An important part of this work will involve the writing of action plans and statements of significance. It will also involve the researching and preparation of grant applications to a wide range of awarding bodies.

As a church we cannot ask those who carried out a similar very significant grant raising task for the church roof to now repeat their labours for the new programme of works. We really need some fresh volunteers to carry out this most important of tasks. If you feel you may be able to make a practical contribution to this task, do not hesitate to speak to the Vicar, the Church Wardens or Richard Main who has helped co-ordinate a PCC sub-committee.

Significant conservation research has already been undertaken by Sandra Longden and others. There are also important networking discussions already taking place with the conservators of the University of Lincoln, Lincoln Castle and Lincoln Cathedral. And in Shirley Brook we have our own 'in house' historian, to strengthen our understanding of the church's history and building.

Don't hesitate to ask about any of these important conversations and explorations, and please do not hesitate to come forward if you feel you may have a contribution to make to the above developments.

Events for Members and Friends



Look out for future details and information in the regular Church notices. and Sunday Service Sheet

Tuesday May 17th : Christian Aid Lunch at Eden House
(Donations)

Monday June 20th 6pm) : Lecture: 'Robert Grossteste, Lincoln's Medieval Einstein'. (Dr Jack Cunningham) £3 – Refreshments from 5.30pm Lecture 6pm – 7.30
(Hosted by the History Society – venue BGU)

Saturday July 2nd : Whisby Nature Park & picnic. Meet in the entrance at 11am. Free entry. Parking£1.

Wednesday 17th August Canal Walk – meet at The Pyewipe 11am – walk to the Brayford for lunch. Path suitable for puchchairs and wheelchairs.

Monday in September 5th . Any Questions Dinner with a panel of theologians at the Thai Room restaurant, 7 -9.30pm. Three course meal, tea and coffee. £12

Monday 24th to Tuesday 25th Retreat at Launde Abbey – In the Footsteps of St Francis –A deeper look at our spiritual inheritance. £92 to include all meals & refreshments for two days & overnight stay - arriving 10am Monday leaving after lunch on Tuesday.

Friday November 25th: Donna Nook Nature Reserve. An ideal time to see the seals – bulls, cows & pups! Short Coastal walk (2 miles) Meet at Donna Nook (Marsh Lane LN11 7PD) 11am followed by a pub lunch at the nearby 16th century inn, The King's Head, Mill Road Theddlethorpe LN12 1PB Lunch at 12.45

December: Christmas lunch locally (TBC)

Further information will become available from the Ministry Team and Jane Harris at 01522 807410

Archbishops Call for ‘Great Wave of Prayer’ for Evangelism During Pentecost

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation during the week before Pentecost Sunday.

The Archbishops have written to every serving parish priest in the Church of England expressing their longing “to see a great wave of prayer across our land, throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from 8th-15th May. We have Daily prayer booklets freely available in Church for those who would like to keep the Nine Day cycle of prayer.



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