



From the Curate

Dear Friends,

By now folks will have realized that the much publicized Mayan prediction of the end of the world in December 2012 has not come to pass; Jesus did warn us to beware of false prophets. Only the Father knows the appointed day for the consummation of all things; it is a Christian's duty to live in a state of spiritual readiness but not to get over anxious.

There is in America a growing group of people, 'preppers' or 'survivalists' who, whether motivated from spiritual or economic grounds, are actively preparing for 'meltdown', the end of the world as we currently experience it. Their obsession leads them to stockpile huge quantities of commodities, especially food and weapons. It was this obsessive mentality which eventually led to the tragedy at the school in Connecticut and the massacre of so many innocent children.

Christians everywhere grieve with the parents of Sandy Hook school. In the midst of the twelve days long celebration of Christmastide, on 28th December, falls the feast of Holy Innocents, the day on which we remember the slaughter by Herod of all the children around Bethlehem, as poignantly recalled in the haunting 'Coventry Carol'. On this day we remember not only the sorrow of Bethlehem but also those children who have met with tragedy in our own age.

The new year lies before us like the pristine white pages of a new exercise book; live, not obsessively but healthily... as Jesus advises live each day as it comes: 'Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today'. The end of the old year gives us the opportunity to glance back, take stock, to assess where we are, in mission, in spirituality, in finance. There are likely to be challenging times ahead, but as we move into the new and unknown we do so with the Lord: 'Remember I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

A happy and blessed new year to you all

Revd Sonia

New Year Greetings to you all

Firstly I would like to thank you all for making Christmas events so special at the Priory Church. Everyone works hard to make sure that the festival is really special. Thank you very much! At the time of writing I am sitting listening to "My my, time flies" by Enya, one of my favourite popular artists. I love her individual Celtic style, and we have most of her

CDs. However, the sentiment of this song is so true – time flies! So Alistair and I wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year for 2013, and may God bless us all richly.

Revd Janet



HOUSE GROUP
7:30pm Wednesdays, at 45 Crowson Way, DSJ.
All welcome!

Registers for November 2012

BAPTISMS: we welcome into the Lord's family:

4 th	Charlie Christopher Pennells
18 th	Oliver James Cowell

A Date for your Diary

There will be a "Plough Supper" on 6th January 2013. Will those who wish to attend please sign the list at the back of Church.

Bill and Margaret

Priory Coffee Group

On Thursday 29th November the Priory Church Coffee Group held their Pre-Advent coffee morning in the Church Hall. Those attending were served with coffee and mince pies plus a variety of savouries. Many prizes were given for both the main raffle, the lucky door ticket and also for the chocolate tombola. The treasurer Margaret Flegg thanked those attending and also the faithful helpers who manned the stalls, served coffee and not forgetting the washers-up. The event raised £ 292.35, which will be distributed to local good causes at the Spring coffee morning.



Margaret Flegg

The next Churches together will be held on 20th January. This will be for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service will be held at St Guthlac's Market Deeping at 6:30pm and the preacher will be Ann Bossingham from the Methodist Church. We hope you will be able to support this ecumenical service.

Rose and Sweet Peas Show

We now need to get cracking on this. I am looking for a small team to organise this event, and a couple of people to organise the raffle and prizes. Please do offer to help before I come round twisting arms!

Revd Janet

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In this Month's Priory News ...



Dear All

As I write this, we are in the middle of Advent, waiting for the “main event” – the celebration of the Birth of Christ. Many are the times when one has

heard of this as a “time of new beginnings” and it is certainly one of the most stupendous events ever to have happened. I was saddened recently to read in one of the national newspapers about a survey which had been carried out to see what people really understood of the true meaning of Christmas. Many of those questioned seemed unaware of the real significance of the Birth of the Saviour of the world. Some even thought that the first visitor to the stable at Bethlehem was Father Christmas! Isn't it sad to think that in this “enlightened age” there is such ignorance surrounding God's wonderful gift to us? So, as we embark on a New Year, maybe we should see this as a challenge that those around us should see something of God's purpose reflected in our lives in the community of Deeping St James.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year,

John

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Bravo Margaret, there's nothing like a Lincolnshire pork sausage! (pew, no turkey).

We thank Philip Astle for this month's delightful cover photograph.

Have you visited our Website recently? You can see all the pictures in glorious colour – www.dsj.org.uk and click the link to the Priory News.

Clergy Duty Days: Revd Janet Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday

 Revd Sonia Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday

Either can be available on a Friday

Thanks to those who have sent articles for Priory News. Please keep them coming – all are very welcome. **NB: pictures containing recognisable children must be accompanied by authorisation to publish from their parents or guardians. We will not publish the names of children pictured unless specifically requested to do so by their parents or guardians.**

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Please let us have your contributions for the February edition of Priory News BEFORE the deadline, **Monday 21st January 2013. Thank you for your help.**

Church Calendar for January

1 st	Tuesday	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	
2 nd	Wednesday	Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, 379 and 389	
3 rd	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Home Communion
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship
4 th	Friday	Practice Night:	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
6 th	SUNDAY	EPIPHANY	
		9:00am	Holy Communion (Common Worship: said)
		10:00am	Family Service
		6:00pm	Plough Service followed by Plough Supper
8 th	Tuesday	12:00noon	Deanery Clergy Chapter at Moulton
10 th	Thursday	William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
11 th	Friday	Practice Night	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
12 th	Saturday	Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167	
13 th	SUNDAY	BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
		8:00am	Holy Communion (said)
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
17 th	Thursday	Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship – Burns Supper
18 th	Friday	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	
		Practice Night	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
19 th	Saturday	Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095	
20 th	SUNDAY	EPIPHANY THREE	
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
21 st	Monday	Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304	
23 rd	Wednesday	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
24 th	Thursday	Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, 1622	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
25 th	Friday	Conversion of Paul	
		Practice Night	
		6:45pm	Choir

		7:30pm	Ringers
26 th	Saturday	Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul	
27 th	SUNDAY	EPIPHANY FOUR	
		8:00am	Holy Communion (said)
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
28 th	Monday	Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274	
30 th	Wednesday	Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	
31 st	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion (said)
February			
1 st	Friday	Practice Night	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
3 rd	SUNDAY	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)	
		9:00am	Holy Communion (said)
		10:00am	Family Service
		6:00pm	Choral Evensong
4 th	Monday	Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189	
6 th	Wednesday	Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952	
7 th	Thursday	9:00am	Holy Communion
		10:30am	Home Communion
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship
8 th	Friday	Practice Night	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers

Knit and Natter

The next Knit and Natter evening will be held on Thursday 10th January 2013 at Cranmore Farmhouse starting at 7:30pm.

Everyone Welcome



Victoria

Confirmation for Adults

We are hoping to begin preparation for the Confirmation on May 9th 2013 at St Guthlac, Market Deeping in the evening. The Young People have already made a start on their preparation, and there will be an opportunity for adults as well. If you are interested, please phone Revd Janet on 01778 343750 to let her know, and to discuss which time of day or evening would be best.

Revd Janet

Cooking with Margaret

Sausage and Leek Supper



Ingredients:

680g Potatoes, peeled and sliced

25g Butter

2 tsp Vegetable Oil

1lb Lincolnshire Sausage, sliced,

1 Onion, peeled and sliced

4 Leeks, washed, trimmed and sliced

40g Plain flour

450ml Milk

110g Cheddar Cheese, grated,

25g Fresh Breadcrumbs

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas 4. Bring a large saucepan of lightly salted water to the boil. Add the potatoes and cook for 5-10 minutes. Drain the potatoes and wipe out the saucepan. In the pan melt the butter, add the oil and sausages and cook for 5 minutes, until browned all over.
2. Add the onion and leeks and cook for a further 5 minutes, until softened. Then add the flour, cook for 1 minute and gradually add the milk then heat stirring continuously, until the sauce thickens and becomes smooth. Cook for 1 minute.
3. Remove the saucepan from the heat, add 75g of the cheese and stir until melted. Transfer contents to an ovenproof dish, arrange the potato slices on top and sprinkle with the remaining cheese and breadcrumbs.
4. Bake in the oven for 35-45 minutes until the topping is browned. Serve with steamed carrots and cabbage.

(You can use any sausage in this dish, even a mix of sausages)

Children in Need 2012

As many of you will know on Sunday 18th of November our children's groups and the Social Committee ran our usual fund raising coffee morning for BBC CHILDREN IN NEED. This year we were also joined by the Mission Committee who kindly organised some additional events to add to the fun! Many thanks go to Margaret Flegg who kindly made and donated a beautifully decorated Pudsey themed cake. The biggest "Thank You" goes to all of our congregation who brought along cakes for our Bring and Buy sale and spent their money to support the children. A grand total of £275.00 was raised on the day which has now been banked in Market Deeping. Thank you from all the children and leaders at Children's Church.

A word about Stewardship from Revd Janet

The PCC is concerned that we need to make plans to ensure that we can make ends meet in the next year and beyond, so a renewal of Stewardship is being planned soon. We hope to invite the Bishop of Lincoln to a special event as part of this, and we are waiting to hear of his availability from his secretary, so watch this space!

Mission Matters

Many thanks to all who knitted and stitched together squares for the blankets for Romania. Thanks too go to the people who crocheted around the edges of the completed blankets. If you saw the display in Church you will know how colourful they were. We shall be sending five small and three large blankets in January.

Thanks

Victoria





Gardeners' Christmas Quiz 2012

*All answers have some plant and/or garden connection
(answers next month)*

1. It's a useful shrub for a clean sweep
2. The actor who played Jack Duckworth recently died. What might he have said as a soothing greeting to his Coronation Street wife?
3. You might meet this gardener off the A605 in Northamptonshire
4. This might ring for the Archbishop
5. If this firm had wanted to hedge its bets, it might have made buses and trucks in Italy
6. This might light the way for a rickshaw
7. It might get prickly at this time of year!
8. These might be used by Basil to keep his paws warm?
9. This fruit might get stuck in the throat
10. This flower might be universal
11. It's pretending to be a citrus fruit
12. Was this the Archbishop's first calling?
13. Sailors might use this for decorating at Christmas
14. Susie's been in a fight!
15. Felix might have this as an after dinner treat!
16. They now hold the keys but perhaps not much longer!
17. This is built up from the Foundations!
18. What herbs might you find in Scarborough?
19. I am greeted by this every morning
20. Poor, unreliable & expensive public transport has made us this!
21. These smell sweet unless you are in them!
22. According to Beatrice Potter, where did Benjamin Bunny's father have an accident and what was it?
23. In the BBC sitcom "Keeping up Appearances" what was the name of the main female character
24. Brown, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Yale are in a league of their own. What is it?
25. What girl could be described as having a facial hair problem?

John Marsh

"New Year Greetings"

To the Ladies and Gentlemen who delivery the Priory News Magazine to its readers, "Thank you"

Doris Bellairs



Rotas for January

		Servers	Sidespersons	Intercessors
6th	EPIPHANY			
	9:00 am	John Sellars and Simon Marshall		Bet Washbrooke
	10:00 am	Paul Boswall	Team A: Kim Hallam, Adrian Hallam and Jane Thompson	Vicki Billyard
	6:00 pm	Geoff Armstrong		
13th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST			
	8:00 am	Geoff Armstrong		
	10:00 am	Chris Halley and Simon Marshall	Team B: Joy Cunningham and Ann Meekings	Ann Smart
20th	EPIPHANY THREE			
	10:00 am	Simon Marshall and John Sellars	Team C: Tim Hitchborn and Cled Bennett	Janet Donaldson
27th	EPIPHANY FOUR			
	8:00 am	Geoff Armstrong		
	10:00 am	Paul Boswall and John Sellars	Team D: Trevor Harwood and Graham Hardy	Niccy Fisher
FEBRUARY				
3rd	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)			
	9:00 am	Chris Halley and Simon Marshall		Sonia Marshall
	10:00 am	Paul Boswall	Team E: Bill and Margaret Flegg and Liz Bridgeman	Liz Bridgeman
	6:00 pm	John Sellars		

		Bread & Wine	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning	Brasses
6th	EPIPHANY					
	9:00 am					
	10:00 am		Linda Sellars and Liz Spratley	Christmas Flowers		
13th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST					
	10:00 am	Martin and Niccy Fisher	Pat Feek and Doris Warner	Eileen Day	Bill and Margaret Flegg	Bill and Margaret Flegg

20 th	EPIPHANY THREE					
	10:00 am	Dick and Anthea Wray	Ann Bennett and Penny Hebblewhite	Christine Masters		
27 th	EPIPHANY FOUR					
	10:00 am	Peter and Val Wilde	Val Wilde and Doris Bellairs	Margaret Flegg	Liz Spratley and Sandra Jones	Val Wilde and Sylvia Anderson
FEBRUARY						
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)						
3 rd	9:00 am			Doris Warner		
	10:00 am	Bill and Margaret Flegg	Bill and Margaret Flegg			

Readings and Readers for January						
		OT Reading	OT Reader	NT Reading	NT Reader	Gospel
6 th	EPIPHANY					
	9:00 am	Isaiah 60: 1-6	John Worthington	Ephesians 3: 1-12	Caroline Herron	Matthew 2: 1-12
	10:00 am					
13 th	BAPTISM OF CHRIST					
	8:00 am	Isaiah 43: 1-7		Acts 8: 14-17		Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22
	10:00 am		Roger Bridgeman		Adrian Hallam	
20 th	EPIPHANY THREE					
	10:00 am	Isaiah 62: 1-5	Joy Cunningham	1 Corinthians 12: 1-11	Victoria Worthington	John 2: 1-11
27 th	EPIPHANY FOUR					
	8:00 am	Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10		1 Corinthians 12: 12-31		Luke 4: 14-21
	10:00 am		Ann Bennett		Alastair Donaldson	
FEBRUARY						
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)						
3 rd	9:00 am	Malachi 3: 1-5	Victoria Worthington	Hebrews 2: 14-18	Martin Fisher	Luke 2: 22-40
	10:00 am					



Letter from the Bishop of Lincoln

Dear Friends,

When I lived in central London, as I did until moving to Lincoln just over a year ago, the pace of life always seemed hectic. We seemed to be constantly busy, struggling to be heard over traffic noise, battling past thousands of people on every street. What a contrast to life in much of the Diocese of Lincoln.

There are many good things about living in the Diocese, but one of them which still has me catching my breath at times is the sky. I marvel at its bright, azure blue; I'm captivated by the wide open expanse of it – something you never see in the centre of a city. Most of all, though, I am in awe at the sheer wonder and the beauty of the night sky filled with countless stars. In the city, of course, you never glimpse the stars because of the street lights.

Here, I find the night sky endlessly fascinating. Sometimes illuminated by the moon and planets, sometimes not; sometimes constellations I recognise, sometimes not. But always, I am struck by the contrast between light and darkness.

You and I live in a world which can seem very dark at times, whether through war, illness, relationships under stress, worries about work and paying the bills. In Jesus, the greatest light of all has come down to earth to shine in the dark places of our lives and in our world. He has come among us as the light which no darkness can ever put out.

The season of Epiphany reminds us that, in Jesus, God revealed himself to the world. He made himself known in Jesus so that you and I have a glimpse of the true nature of God, and have a way of encountering and overcoming darkness in our lives.

Epiphany is also the time when we remember the Wise Men, who risked much as they followed the star in the night sky. Like them, you and I are called to follow that light, to go wherever it may lead, and to look for glimpses of God's presence, so that the love of God might forever shine bright in the darkness places of our world.

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flock,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart."

Howard Thurman

+ Christopher Lincoln :