



## *From Reverend Janet*

Dear Friends,

I always look forward to the Pentecost Festival: the time celebrating the giving of the Holy Spirit to the church, and the promise that we receive this same Spirit in faith. I look to this season of the Spirit for an infilling of God's presence, discernment and guidance, as well as a time for being filled with the Spirit's special gifting. Consider some of the outpourings of the Holy Spirit from Scripture:

- The Spirit of God moves upon the world at its creating: ([Genesis 1](#))
- The Spirit falls upon different Old Testament characters giving them special insight or holiness: Gideon ([Judges 6](#)), Samson ([Judges 14](#)).
- The prophetic books speak of the Spirit's work: ([Isaiah 11](#)), ([Joel 2](#)).
- The Spirit overshadows the Virgin Mary, and she conceives Jesus: ([Luke 1:35](#)).
- The Spirit falls upon the gathered disciples with remarkable signs and wonders: ([Acts 2](#)).
- The Spirit leads early missionaries on their journeys: ([Acts 8:29](#))
- The Spirit gives the Church energy and vision: ([1 Corinthians 12-14](#))

Well, I could go on, there is so much to say about this. It is absolutely vital that we ask the Holy Spirit of God to fill us and guide us in our day to day lives. Come along to the special Churches Together Open Air Pentecost service at 6pm on 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Riverside next to the Boundary Fish and Chip Restaurant to hear more about it.

We also have our Sunday Eucharists at 8am and 10am at this festival time where we celebrate the coming of the Spirit in style.

At Pentecost we begin a simple week of guided prayer from 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> June for the future life of our Church and that of St Guthlac in Market Deeping. We know that at some point in the future (we don't know when exactly) one stipendiary Priest will be in charge of both parishes, with a ministry team of non stipendiary assistants; Readers and Clergy. You may recall that my appointment was set in place to work towards that aim, so a week of guided prayer is a good start, I think.

I'm not planning an extra event, because we are so busy in June, so there will be printed material available at the time, and I am asking each group within the Church to pray in its own way for our future. Sonia and I will try to attend each meeting that week, as well as leading the Thursday Eucharist in special prayers.

With all good wishes and prayers,

*Revd Janet.*

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# In this Month's Priory News ...



Dear All,

What a joy it is to have such a full and varied edition as we bid a fond farewell to Priory News. Thank you all so much, not only for your contributions,

but also for the many kind words, emails and letters we have received in appreciation of our efforts.

As you may know, John Worthington (aka PN's own Caxton) has nobly volunteered to take over as editor with the welcome support of a small team. We wish them every success.

Warmest wishes,

*Bet and Dave.*

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All the latest on the [Church Hall Garden](#) (P11) and the exciting story of [our giant sequoia](#) (P14).

A delightful article and photos from Lisa about [Junior Church's Good Friday Easter activities](#) (P6).

Be sure to read all about this year's unmissable [Rose & Sweet Pea Show](#) (P10) and remember to [get your tombola items to Liz](#) (P11).

Tony takes us on [a jaunt to Tewkesbury](#) and reveals some of its history in his own inimitable style (P16).

**Cover picture:** Bantam cock at Wiveton Hall Farm, near Cley Next The Sea, Norfolk.  
[Photo courtesy of Dave Washbrooke.]



Thank you to those who have sent in articles for Priory News. Contributions and suggestions are very welcome. Please let us have your prayers, poems, pictures, comments, reminiscences and anything else you'd like to share. **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 **July** edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June**. Thank you for your help.

# Church Calendar for June

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	<u>Rogation Day - Justin, Martyr of Rome, 165</u>	
2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<u><b>ASCENSION DAY</b></u>	
		7:30pm	Sung Eucharist
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i>	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	12:30pm	Wedding of Paul Drew and Sarah Palmer <u>Deepings Show Weekend</u>
<b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY (SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)</b>			
5 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<u>Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath &amp; Wells, Hymnwriter, 1711</u>	
		11:00am	Deanery Clergy Chapter at Whaplode St. Mary
		7:30pm	Deanery Synod at Moulton
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	<u>Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597</u>	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	House Communion
10 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i>	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
11 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<u>Barnabas the Apostle</u>	
		2:00pm	Wedding of James Tamburrini and Aimee Robinson
		7:30pm	Churches Together Bible Celebration, Methodist Church
<u><b>PENTECOST</b></u>			
12 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm	Churches Together: Pentecost Worship, Riverside Park (or at Open Door Church if wet)
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	<u>Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253</u>	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		7:30pm	Music in Quiet Places in church
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship
17 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i>	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers





## **HOUSE GROUP**

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



## **Junior Church**

### **Good Friday Easter Activities for Children**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, thirty-five children, plus over twenty-five teenagers and adults, enjoyed a fantastic morning at the Church and Church Hall taking part in the annual Good Friday children's service and activities.

After the traditional 'Way of the Cross' service in the Church, everyone headed to the Hall, where ten craft activities were ready and waiting to be enjoyed. All the children spent the next hour and a half making creative Easter cards and pretty bookmarks, a gorgeous real flower arrangement, very decorative paper fish, beautiful paper flowers and jewelled cross necklaces. The chocolate activities were very popular, with fun cream egg bunny rabbits and decorated boxes of eggs. As usual, most children made a beeline for the kitchen where Johanna and her team created edible Easter bonnets and the most highly decorated fairy cakes ever seen!

After very welcome seasonal refreshments with members of the congregation, all children left the Hall clutching a tray each of their goodies, including a goodbye gift of a chocolate egg to enjoy on the way home!

It really was a wonderful morning and lovely to see some new faces in the Church and Hall. There are many people to thank; firstly everyone in the congregation who provided the chocolate eggs - thank you so much for your generous donations. Thank you to Pauline and Christine for supplying the flowers (a late Easter meant that daffodils were hard to come by) and to Tony for organising the Hall (and rescuing me when I got locked in, but that's another story...). Tesco in Market Deeping kindly donated the yummy hot cross buns.

On the day itself, thank you to Sonia for the lovely service and a special thank you to John, who came to play the piano at very short (indeed, no) notice. Thanks to Kevin Dixon at the Red Cross and the ladies who attended on the day and made sure we were safe. Thanks Tim and Julie, who worked so hard in the kitchen and with the clearing up afterwards, and thanks to Ali for managing the raffle. Martin and Paul did a great job meeting and greeting and ensuring everyone was safely accounted for. Then for the craft activities themselves: Karen and Emily, Edward, Tim and Claire, Martha, Sarah, Esther and Mandy, Sarah and Alice, Johanna,

Hendriene, Alistair, Ali and their other helpers in the kitchen, Sarah and Ann, Catherine and Emily and Victoria. Thanks also to Steve, Richard and Andrea for behind the scenes support.

You may have seen the photograph and article in the Stamford Mercury; here are some other pictures to enjoy:





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*Lisa Goodchild.*

# Just People

These pictures are from Just People's thought-provoking Passion Play, reviewed last month by Paul Boswall.



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*Bet Washbrooke.*

## News from the Tower

We have rung two quarter peals during April. The first was on the 3rd April which was rung to welcome The Rev Janet. One of our young ringers, Elizabeth, rang her first ever quarter on this occasion. The second quarter was rung for the Easter Festal Evensong, and once again included another of our young ringers, Emily, which was her first quarter peal. Well done to both of these young ringers for the effort and concentration they required to complete this task.

*Mike Gentle.*



# Rose & Sweet Pea Show

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011

The annual **Rose & Sweet Pea Show and Garden Fete** will take place as usual on the last Saturday in June in the Church Hall garden and in the Priory Church.

The **Horticultural Show**, from which the event takes its name, includes competitions for displaying a variety of exhibits from a single rose to a vase of sweet peas as well as awards for fruits and vegetables and baking a cake.

There are competitions for children as well as adults. Competitions for children will include **making a "Lego" space vehicle and writing a poem on the theme of weddings**.



Photo courtesy of John Marsh.

Entries are limited to residents of the Deepings, those on the Priory Church electoral role and members of the Priory youth and children's groups.

The **"Beauvale Ensemble"** will be playing for an hour in the Church for the first time this year and is something we will hope to repeat.

The **Deepings in Bloom** award for the most innovative planting in an unusual container will again take place with the hope that entries this year will greatly

exceed last years.

For the Garden Fete there will be many of the usual fete activities including arena performances by children from the local schools and, by no means least, **the Crowning of the 2011 Rose Queen**.

There will be an array of stalls selling plants, cakes, bric-a-brac and white elephant as well as a tombola, a range of children's activities and food and drink.

Not to be forgotten is the Grand Prize Draw with, once again, some excellent prizes including £100 cash, a £50 John Lewis token, meals at Maharanis in Deeping St James, Tolthorpe theatre tickets, a family ticket for Burghley House, a bird feeder and bird food from Vine Farm, a hanging basket from Swine's Meadow, hampers and fish and chips!



Photo courtesy of John Marsh.

Grand Draw tickets are already on sale at 50p each (£2 for a book of four) and will also be available to purchase on the day. The more you buy the better chance you have of winning! Our thanks go to all the local firms and individuals who have donated such an array of wonderful prizes.

Gates to the show open at 1pm. Visit the Church web site at [dsj.org.uk](http://dsj.org.uk) for photographs of last year's show to see what a fun afternoon is again in store.

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Garden Fete and Grand Prize Draw:	John Marsh	01778 347330

*John Marsh.*

## Church Coffee Group

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the Spring Coffee morning, money raised during the past events was distributed. £100 was given to the First Responders, £100 towards the Church Hall Garden fund, and £500 towards the purchase of equipment for the Hall. £100 was accepted by Janet towards lighting the spire. On the previous Thursday, £100 was presented to the Notts & Lincs Air Ambulance representative, following a talk to members of the Church Ladies' Fellowship. Those attending were thanked for their support at this event, when £201.00 was raised towards next year's funds.



Photo courtesy of Bill Flegg.

*Bill & Margaret Flegg.*



## Roll up! Roll up!

Any donations for our Tombola Stall at the Rose and Sweet Pea Show will be gratefully received. Your surplus could be our money-spinners. Please put donations in the box at the back of the church.

Many thanks.

*Liz Spratley.*

## Garden News

Everything in the garden is growing quickly now despite the lack of rain.

A pair of mallards has taken a liking to the little pond and, with some difficulty, both try to swim at the same time.

We have set some dahlias and French marigolds grown by Margaret Flegg, and some lavender grown by Frances Haynes. Thanks to both of you.



Last Thursday the Church Coffee Group presented us with £100. We thank them for their hard work fund raising and have decided to spend the money on having an outside tap fitted. It will help us a great deal as we try to keep new plants alive.

Please use the garden as much as possible for a few quiet minutes, as it is such a peaceful place to be.

*John & Linda Sellars, Chris Halley.*



## From the Flower Coordinators

Firstly we would like to thank everyone who helped to make our church even more beautiful with the flowers at Easter by arranging and contributing to the cost.

Through the year people arrange flowers on the altar at their own expense and a rota is at the back of the church on the notice board.

If anyone wishes to add their name in a vacant slot they are more than welcome to do so. Also, if anyone wishes to change, can they please let us know.

At Easter and Christmas there is a plate put out to help with the cost of the flowers for the altar etc but other people pay for their own. It would be nice to be able to pay for everyone's flowers at these times but without the generosity of the congregation that is impossible. At Harvest time everyone pays for their own fruit, vegetables and flowers. Sometimes foliage is difficult to get but we manage. If anyone has lots of spare foliage please contact us to see if we can make use of it. Oasis is another expense and we do get boxes at a time from wholesalers but this is not from Church money. Anyone can acquire some by ringing us and buying it from us at cost price.

Thank you all once again.

*Pauline Brooksbank & Christine Masters.*

## Deepings in Bloom 2011

When the RHS Judges came to Deeping St James last year, the first year of entry into East Midlands in Bloom, the back of Old Priory Farm was a bit of an embarrassment - what had started out as well meaning planting on a handkerchief of land abutting the pavement had, over the years, become unwieldy. In overhanging the pavement on a sharp bend, with no pavement on the opposite side of the road, many pedestrians considered it to be dangerous. Remedial work was carried out by the Community Payback Team, but it was clear that more needed to be done.



Photo courtesy of Judy Stevens.

The land was owned by Lincs Highways and they agreed to clear the land over the winter months when the birds weren't nesting. Meanwhile the DSJ in Bloom team contacted Round Table who they had met at the Annual Parish meeting, Round Table having been nominated for the Group to most make a difference award annually given by the Parish Council. At the same time, RHS award winning gardener, Peter Eustance of Symphonic Gardens based at Grimsthorpe was approached and both agreed to help out with the project.

Peter came up with a plan that would provide texture, shape and all year round interest - and with high grasses at the back, lower at the front and two magnificent box swirls it was easy to see that this was a plan that would give privacy to the houses backing onto the land while providing good sight lines for cars emerging from Old Priory Farm.



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When the land was eventually cleared, the back of a wall yet to be finished was revealed at the centre point of the area. It was clear that this was going to be a bigger project than originally had been thought. The wall was completed to give a surface to attach a modesty fence which sat on the old crew yard wall and Round Tablers, Chris Ray and Stuart Le Sage set about creosoting the entire fence.

The tree stumps and other debris that had been left in the ground proved rather more of a challenge and Darren Scott on his digger found rather more than he had bargained for on the sunny April Saturday that was the allotted time for clearance! Bourne skips provided the skip and over the morning and into the afternoon it was filled leaving the ground perfect for planting on the following Friday evening.

Landscaper Peter Eustance mapped out the design on the soil, Steve Fisk ably assisted by lurcher, Ash, parked his trailer opposite for ease of access to the plants and a dozen Round Tablers planted the carefully chosen shrubs to create what is to be the 2011 focal point of the Deeping St James community entry into East Midlands in Bloom! Impressive - very!

*Judy Stevens.*

## Our Giant Sequoia



Photo courtesy of Chris Halley.

Recently I spotted a large branch near the top of the Giant Sequoia was split and in danger of falling from circa 100 ft onto the ground below. This was very disconcerting as the last branch to fall off the tree (about 5 years ago) cracked a two foot thick stone wall and half filled my garden. As the tree is in a conservation area you have to inform the District Council of your plans in writing. With permission to act on the Church Hall Trustees behalf, I sent the Council an email (as instructed by the Council), with

pictures, requesting permission to remove the dangerous branches. This email they managed to lose! After resending the email a few days later, I was told my email was not valid as I was not a “tree expert”! Why you need to be an expert to see that a large branch 100ft in the air hanging by a thread is dangerous and needs urgent removal, is beyond my simple comprehension.

A tree surgeon was obtained, quotes received and engaged to deal with the Council. His advice was that because it was clearly dangerous we did not need permission to remove the danger but he would inform the council again of our intent.

Next day, a daring young man in an orange hard hat arrived to climb the tree and saw off the offending branch. The removal of the branch had to be in 3ft chunks to avoid a massive crash landing and also it was so high his ropes were not long enough to slowly lower the branch. On reaching terra firma, the tree climber said that the only reason the branch had stayed in the air was that it was resting on a lower branch.

All is now well and normal garden activities can resume.

*Chris Halley.*

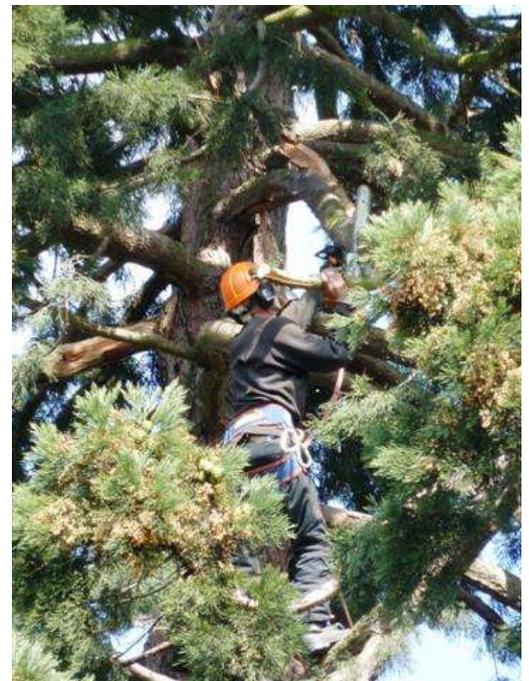
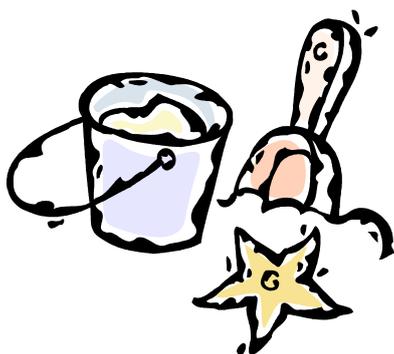


Photo courtesy of Chris Halley.



## A Day at the Seaside

In the 1920s few people had holidays, life was a long slog on the farm, at work or in the home; labourers looked forward to the Bank holidays marking the festivals of the Church at Christmas, Easter and Whitsun and the August Bank holiday; often mothers got no holiday at all.

As the decade wore on, buses made travelling easier and the Sunday School outing to the seaside made it possible for many families to have a day out. It was the highlight of the year for children. The Outing took a great deal of hard work and planning. Throughout the year Miss Crowson and her helpers organized Whist Drives and Socials to gather funds to pay for the transport and the tea.

The Church Sunday School was in the capable hands of Miss Charity, Miss Crowson and their band of teachers and helpers who taught a large number of children in the Vicarage Schoolroom every week, keeping a careful check of attendances in the registers. Most children went to Sunday School for the right reasons; some may not have been much interested in the instruction but all looked forward to the Outing, saving up pennies to spend at Skegness and dreaming of making sand castles and paddling in the sea.

Before the Treat there was the special service, the Egg and Flower service, when the children were on show and everything had to be right. They were all well turned out in their summer best, boys in short trousers and girls all wearing hats. Each child carried a bunch of flowers, the best they could provide, and a basket of eggs. An orderly procession made its way from the Vicarage Schoolroom to the Church and in through the vestry door, down the south aisle, then all the way to the altar. It was an awesome ordeal for a small child but they were disciplined in those days and (usually) did what they were told.

The gifts were received at the altar and were later distributed to sick parishioners or sent to the local hospital. The children sang special hymns and songs and at last the packed congregation dispersed with the children and all began making plans for the day at the sea.

Only those who can remember the 1920s and 30s can have any idea of the excitement of preparing for the day, which was almost an exodus from the village. The row of buses looked most impressive lined up along Church Gate in front of the tithe barn. They were small thirty seaters with a maximum speed of about 30 mph. People converged from all directions. Mothers loaded with bags and guiding toddlers, older children with buckets and spades rushing forward for fear that the bus might go without them. Friends meeting friends and all greeting Miss Crowson to know which bus to board. When everyone was settled the vicar came along. He was the Reverend William Pain, a scholarly aesthetic bachelor; he gave a nod of approval and set off much later in his own car.



At last the cavalcade set off, quite a sight, children cheering and excitedly looking out at the windows and remarking at everything they passed: cows in fields, people in gardens, trains, the river in Spalding, windmills and, most important, watching the weather. Please don't let it rain!

After about an hour and a half's travelling there was a stop at Boston and more exploring, when even pulling the chain at the toilet was a fascinating novelty. After another steady ride the excitement grew with each mile until the flat plain become the outskirts of Skegness, then the shops and cafés of Lumley Road and at last

there was a sight of the clock tower and the sea. Every thing was different. The air, the smells the space; everyone set off to enjoy that day of days.

A tea at the Tower Restaurant was part of the treat. Again Miss Crowson presided over the proceedings while Reverend Pain looked in to say Grace and smile benignly upon his happy, sun kissed flock before returning home in his car. There was still time to go to the amusements or for a final paddle before the buses loaded up and set off for home. All enjoyed the sweets and cherries Miss Crowson provided for the return journey; everyone sang and told about their adventures until, tired by sea, sand and fresh air, they had to give in and fall asleep.

People who had stayed at home congregated at the Cross awaiting the arrival of the travellers; they eagerly greeted their own and gladly carried sleeping babies and soggy bags while hearing the stores of all the day's adventures.

*Nancy Titman.*

## Jacob's Hedge



Earlier this year a work party from 1<sup>st</sup> Market Deeping Cubs helped plant another new hedge at Deeping Lakes.

Money to pay for the hedge was raised by my son, Jacob, who raised £120 for the reserve by cycling the Peterborough Green Wheel cycle route.

The hedge is next to the visitors' route, so we can all see how well it grows.

*Paul Boswall.*

## Tony's Travels

We've been to Tewkesbury for a weekend to visit Hugh Despenser. We weren't expecting much of a welcome or even a friendly word, after all to be fair he has been dead for more than 600 years; so we went to pay our respects and out of curiosity, since he is buried in a sumptuous tomb in [Tewkesbury Abbey](#). I had been reading about King Edward III's bold and somewhat ill-advised campaign in France in 1346, and on the eve of the Battle of Crécy Hugh Despenser performed a conspicuous act of leadership and bravery.

The English army was in desperate trouble, exhausted and trapped on the bank of the River Somme and desperately searching for a place to cross, the French army hard on their heels. The king offered a reward to any French prisoner who would reveal a crossing place, resulting in the disclosure of a ford with a causeway where at low tide the river could be crossed waist deep. However on reaching the ford it was discovered that the far bank was held by a French force of between three and

four thousand men. Without hesitation Hugh Despenser led the English archers across and they struggled through a mile and a half of water while the knights followed on horseback. Once within range the archers loosed a devastating hail of arrows, completely unnerving the French defenders, then stepped in to the deeper water on either side to let the mounted knights splash past them in to the shallows where, after a skirmish, they put the French cavalry to flight. The English army was saved to win a famous battle at Crécy the next day and the rest is, as they say, history.

So we determined to visit Tewkesbury Abbey and I searched the internet to find out more about the man, his family and his life. The first surprising thing was that he is known as Hugh The Youngest:

*'Well Watson I think you will find that where there is a Youngest there must surely be a Younger: In this respect Pitt The Elder and Younger must surely spring to the mind of any educated man of even moderate perspicacity.'*

*'Surely Holmes you don't mean we are now on the trail of a Hugh The Younger?'*

Yes indeed, Hugh The Younger, favourite of Edward II, a greedy, ambitious, amoral and powerful man. He used and abused his position to be effectively ruler of England for several years but made far too many powerful enemies, including the queen, resulting eventually in his downfall and execution at Hereford in a particularly humiliating and barbaric traitor's death on a 50ft high scaffold, followed by his quartered remains being scattered around on open show in various cities of the kingdom. Interestingly, in 2006 he was selected by BBC History magazine as 'the 14th century's worst Briton' – and that's quite something when you consider the competition he faced!

Here then is the problem when trying to find out more about Hugh The Youngest; he is completely overshadowed by his infamous father. But three cheers for Hugh The Youngest, saviour of the English army, you were a brave man worth remembering and I hope you were a better man than your father; and three cheers for the yeoman archers of England with their longbows and their arrows of the grey goose feather:

*'No warring guns were then in use,  
They dreamt of no such thing;  
Our Englishmen in fight did use  
The gallant grey-goose wing.*

*And with the gallant grey-goose wing  
They shew'd to them such play  
That made their horses kick and fling,  
And down their riders lay.'*

*(Old ballad)*

More about Tewkesbury and its abbey next time, your editor permitting.

*Tony Masters.*



## Save Your Stamps!

Thank you to all of you who continue to save your used stamps by placing them in the Mission box at the back of church. These stamps are then passed on to a collector in Crowland, who gives us a donation. In addition, I must thank the very generous parishioner who left a £5 note in the box! This has been added to the amount I was able to send 'Stamps for Evangelism', a Christian charity based in Derby. This year we raised £15. Please keep the stamps rolling in during the coming year. Thanks again.

*Paul Boswall.*

## Cooking with Margaret

### Apricot Charlotte



#### Ingredients

- 150g Butter
- 8-9 slices wholemeal bread, crusts removed
- 350g dried apricots
- 1 lemon, grated rind and juice
- 300ml water
- 100g soft rich brown sugar
- 25g flaked almonds

#### Method

1. Melt the butter and dip in the slices of bread.
2. Line a 1-litre ovenproof dish with the bread, leaving some for the top.
3. Stew the apricots with the lemon juice, rind and water.
4. When half-cooked, layer the fruit in the dish with three-quarters of the brown sugar and the almonds. Cover with the remaining bread, sprinkle on the remaining sugar and any extra butter.
5. Place in a moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F/gas 6) and bake until crisp.
6. Serve hot with ice cream or custard.

Serves 6.

*Margaret Flegg.*

## Rotas for June

		Servers	Sidespersons	Intercessors
<b>Thu</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<u>ASCENSION DAY</u>			
	<b>7:30</b> <b>pm</b>	John Sellars		
<b>Sun</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION (SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)</b>			
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Paul Boswall Simon Marshall	<b>Team A:</b> Doris Bellairs, Kim Hallam	Sonia Marshall
<b>Sun</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>PENTECOST</u>			
	<b>8:00</b> <b>am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Chris Halley Simon Marshall	<b>Team B:</b> Joy Cunningham, Ann Meekings	Niccy Fisher
<b>Sun</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>			
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	John Sellars Paul Boswall	<b>Team C:</b> Tim Hitchborn, Cled Bennett	Janet Donaldson
<b>Sun</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>			
	<b>8:00</b> <b>am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Simon Marshall Chris Halley	<b>Team D:</b> Trevor Harwood, Graham Hardy	John Marsh
<b>Sun</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jul</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>			
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Paul Boswall John Sellars	<b>Team E:</b> Bill Flegg, Margaret Flegg, Liz Bridgeman	Bet Washbrooke
	<b>6:00</b> <b>pm</b>	John Sellars		

		Bread & Wine	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning	Brasses
<b>Sun</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY (SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)</b>					
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Doris Bellairs Christine Masters	Lin Witherington Joan Dyke	Joan Dyke	Josie Waghorn Joy Cunningham	
<b>Sun</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>PENTECOST</u>					
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Christine Payne Ann Meekings	Pat Feek Doris Warner	PENTECOST (Carole Mills)	Pat Feek Doris Warner	
<b>Sun</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u>					
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Dick & Anthea Wray	Bill & Margaret Flegg	Sue Marshall	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Christine Masters Doris Bellairs
<b>Sun</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>					
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Martin & Niccy Fisher	Val Wilde Doris Bellairs	Eileen Day	Bill & Margaret Flegg	
<b>Sun</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Jul</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>					
	<b>10:00</b> <b>am</b>	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Ann Bennett Penny Hebblewhite	Pauline Brooksbank	Bill & Margaret Flegg	

## Readings and Readers for June

		OT Reading	OT Reader	NT Reading	NT Reader	Gospel Reading
<b>Thu 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b><u>ASCENSION DAY</u></b>					
	7:30 pm	<u>Acts</u> 1:1-11	<b>Martin Fisher</b>	<u>Ephesians</u> 1:15-end	<b>Caroline Herron</b>	<u>Luke</u> 24:44-end
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY (SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER)</b>					
	10:00 am	<u>Acts</u> 1:6-14	<b>Cled Bennet</b>	<u>1 Peter</u> 4:12-14,5:6-11	<b>Ann Bennet</b>	<u>John</u> 17:1-11
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>PENTECOST</u></b>					
	8:00 am	<u>Acts</u>		<u>1 Corinthians</u>		<u>John</u>
	10:00 am	<u>2:1-21</u>	<b>TBA</b>	<u>12:3-13</u>	<b>Trevor Harwood</b>	<u>20:19-23</u>
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>TRINITY SUNDAY</u></b>					
	10:00 am	<u>Isaiah</u> 40:12-17,27-31	<b>Adrian Hallam</b>	<u>2 Corinthians</u> 13:11-13	<b>Alistair Donaldson</b>	<u>Matthew</u> 28:16-20
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>					
	8:00 am	<u>Jeremiah</u>		<u>Romans</u>		<u>Matthew</u>
	10:00 am	<u>28:5-9</u>	<b>Tony Masters</b>	<u>6:12-23</u>	<b>Victoria Worthington</b>	<u>10:40-42</u>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Jul</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>					
	10:00 am	<u>Habakkuk</u> 2:1-4	<b>Niccy Fisher</b>	<u>Ephesians</u> 2:19-end	<b>Simon Marshall</b>	<u>John</u> 20:24-29
	6:00 pm	<u>Psalm 139</u>		<u>Job</u> 42:1-6		<u>1 Peter</u> 1:3-12