



From the Curate

The Reverend Sonia Marshall

Dear Friends,

What makes a saint? Over the centuries men and women from vastly varying walks of life have been acclaimed as saints. Some are more noted for the manner of their death, maintaining their beliefs to the end. Others are noted for the way in which they lived their life; it does not mean that they were without sin or fault but through the grace of God their faith and integrity are hailed as outstanding.

Recognition by the Church obviously plays a part, and this has been the case since the earliest days of the Church. In the seventeenth century the Roman Catholic Church developed a formal process; the Anglican Communion continues to commemorate modern day 'heroes and heroines of the faith' with special prayers and readings.

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln from 1885-1910, is remembered not only in our diocese but also throughout the Anglican Church as outstanding for his holiness, wisdom, and fatherly care of individuals. His faith and integrity also shone when under trial for his customs in celebrating the Eucharist.

Edward King is now celebrated as a festival in the Anglican Calendar on 8th March but this year (which marks the centenary of his death) on Saturday 6th March there will be a special celebration in Lincoln Cathedral at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside (further details in the Bishop's letter this month). Canon Niccy Fisher and I hope to be there to join the celebrations; it will be a wonderful day for our diocese.

Sonia Marshall.

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in this month's priory news ...

Dear all,

Our magazine this month has a rather lean look (perhaps appropriate for Lent).

Despite the snow, there are certainly signs of spring. It is delightful to see the newly planted snowdrops in the churchyard. Well done to all involved in planting them.

Nancy Titman makes a welcome return with the first article in a series about the history of the Ladies' Church Fellowship.

I'm sure that you will all join me in thanking our retiring churchwardens, Richard and Tony, for all the time, effort and dedication they have given during their time in office.

Warmest wishes,

Bet.

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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, comments, reminiscences and anything else you'd like to share. Please send copy to:

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Please let us have your contributions for the **April** edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Monday 22nd March**. Thank you for your help.

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2010

1 st	Monday		<i>David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, 601</i>
2 nd	Tuesday		<i>Chad, Bishop, Missionary, 672</i>
3 rd	Wednesday	7:30pm	House Group
4 th	Thursday	9:30am 7:45pm	Holy Communion, followed by Home Communion Church Ladies' Fellowship: AGM followed by a Beetle Drive
5 th	Friday		Women's World Day of Prayer <i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
6 th	Saturday	11:00am Noon-1:30pm 12:30pm	Celebration in Lincoln for Edward King (<i>see Monday 8th</i>) Archbishop of Canterbury's lecture at Lincoln Cathedral Lent Lunch at the Open Door Church Church Ladies' Fellowship Sale in the Church Hall.
7th	SUNDAY		THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Choral Evensong (Plainsong)
8 th	Monday		<i>Edward King, Bishop Of Lincoln, 1910; Felix of Dunwich, 647</i>
10 th	Wednesday	11:00am 7:30pm	Deanery Clergy Chapter at Crowland House Group
11 th	Thursday	9:30am 10:00am	Holy Communion Church Coffee Group AGM
12 th	Friday		<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
13 th	Saturday	Noon-1:30pm	Lent Lunch at St Guthlac's Church
14th	SUNDAY		THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday) 8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evening Prayer
17 th	Wednesday	7:30pm	<i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, 460</i> House Group
18 th	Thursday	9:30am 6:15pm 7:45pm	Holy Communion Beavers' Flag Dedication Service Church Ladies' Fellowship
19 th	Friday		<i>Joseph of Nazareth</i> <i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
20 th	Saturday	Noon-1:30pm	<i>Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687</i> Lent Lunch at the Catholic Church
21st	SUNDAY		THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passion Sunday) 8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evening Prayer

22 nd	Monday		<i>(Church Spring Cleaning this week)</i>
		7:30pm	PCC meeting, preceded by Holy Communion at 7:00 pm
24 th	Wednesday		<i>Walter Hilton, Mystic, 1396</i>
		7:30pm	House Group
25 th	Thursday		<i>The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
		9:30am	Holy Communion
26 th	Friday		<i>Practice Night:</i>
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
28TH	SUNDAY		PALM SUNDAY
			(*NB. British Summer Time begins - clocks move forward one hour.)
			<i>(No 8 o'clock service today)</i>
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist and Procession of Palms
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
29 th	Monday		Student Cross Pilgrimage
31 st	Wednesday	7:30pm	House Group
1ST APR	THURSDAY		MAUNDY THURSDAY
			<i>(No 9:30am Communion this week.)</i>
		7:30pm	Sung Eucharist with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar followed by the Watch of Prayer
2ND APR	FRIDAY		GOOD FRIDAY
		9:30am	Way of The Cross (for children) in Church, followed by Good Friday activities in the Church Hall
		10:30am	Good Friday Liturgy followed by Holy Communion from the Reserved Sacrament if desired
3 rd Apr	Saturday		Easter Eve
4TH APR	SUNDAY		EASTER SUNDAY
			<i>(No 8 o'clock service today)</i>
		9:00am	Easter Liturgy
		6:00pm	Festal Evensong



REGISTERS FOR JANUARY

BAPTISMS: *We welcome into the Lord's family:*

10th Emily Louise Cowell

WEDDINGS: *We congratulate:*

9th Simon and Gay (formerly Addy) Fox

FUNERALS: *We commend to God's keeping:*

20th Edna May Gaches

21st Henry James Stocker

27th Rose Emily Glasgow



Wardens' World

As I write this article the north wind is still blowing and the new heating system in Church is working hard, however, I sincerely hope that we won't be facing any more icy paths this spring. Thank you to all who braved it to services through the winter in what were sometimes treacherous conditions and I do regret that we weren't always able to keep the paths ice free. The PCC discussed this and some more salt and grit is on order to keep in reserve.

This will be my last 'Warden's world' for a while as I've served for 6 years now and recent legislation says that I should now step down. I do think that this is a very sensible rule as it is dangerous for too much knowledge to reside in one person. We have had a great tradition in Deeping St James of people stepping forward to take on the role of Churchwarden and then continuing to offer their support after their term of office. I am hugely grateful for the knowledge, support and wisdom that's been passed on to me by Trevor, Bill, Liz, Bernard, Bet, John and Tony and hope that I can be as supportive to my successors. If you fulfil the necessary criteria of being over 21, and are a communicant on the electoral roll perhaps this is your year to consider standing. I'm sure that any of the past wardens would be very happy to discuss the role with you.

Richard Gamman.



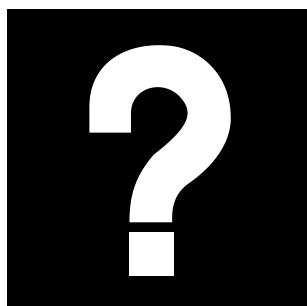
News from the Tower

On the 22 January our annual dinner was held at the Ruddy Duck in Peakirk. 25 persons (ringers, family members and friends) attended and a good time was had by all.

The Bell Ringers A.G.M. was held on 12 February in the ringing chamber with 15 members present. Thanks were expressed to the various people who have kept the bells and tower in order.. Two of the junior ringers were awarded their Ringers Guild Certificates. Plans were put forward for our ongoing progress in our ringing methods. A tour of some of the local towers was proposed and will be organised for the springtime.

Anyone wanting to learn or return to bell ringing are always welcome. Our contacts are:- Richards, Brenda or Mike.

Mike Gentle.



Did You Know...

... that we're in the middle of Fair Trade Fortnight (22nd February – 7th March)? During this fortnight, you are encouraged to swap your usual product for Fairtrade alternative. By buying Fairtrade goods, you are helping families live a better life. For more details, please refer to:

www.fairtrade.org.uk/thebigswap

Bet Washbrooke.



Spring Cleaning

As mentioned recently in the weekly notice sheets, we have designated the week beginning Monday, 22nd March our 'Church Spring Cleaning Week'. Nearer the time we shall put a list at the back of church of areas which need attention and any help during that week would be appreciated so that our church can look at its best in time for Easter.

Thank you.

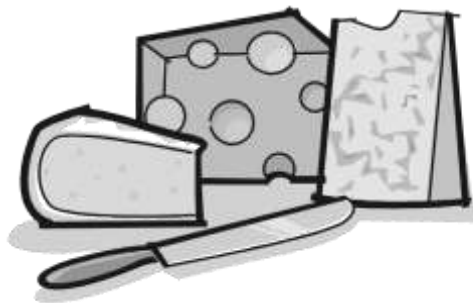
John Worthington.

Holy Week Readings

As in previous years we are asking for volunteers to take part in the dramatic readings of the Passion Gospels on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. There are, of course, verses which we all read together, but if you would like to feel more 'involved' and read one of the smaller parts, please tell either Sonia or me as soon as possible so that I can get a copy of the appropriate text to you before the service(s).

Thank you.

John Worthington.



Lent Lunches

The Lent lunches in the Deepings in March will be held between noon and 1:30pm on the Saturdays below. Lunch will consist of soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee. Donations go towards the work of Christian Aid and CAFOD.

March	
6 th	Open Door Church
13 th	St Guthlac's Church
20 th	Catholic Church

Bet Washbrooke.

Priory Church Social Committee Pancake Party

On Tuesday 16th February the Priory Church Social Committee organized a traditional pancake party. The evening started with a choice of five soups with home made bread; this was followed by pancakes with a choice of fillings. Once the 47 had been fed, seconds

were offered, which many were pleased to accept. The evening concluded with a beetle drive which was enjoyed by all.

A vote of thanks was given to Margaret and Bill for their work in making another memorable social evening.

Bill Flegg.



Railway Weekend



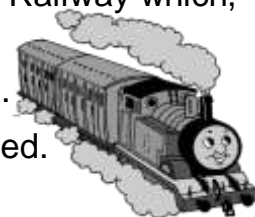
The Priory Church will be holding a Railway Weekend on 24th and 25th April 2010 in memory of the late John Andrews.

There will be model layouts of different gauges in the church hall and a second hand stall. In church there will be an interior of a working signal box with regular demonstrations of how it works and an opportunity to try out your hand. Also in church there will be continuous DVD, an exhibition of photographs, together with railway relics and nostalgia. On display will be one of two surviving share issue for the Market Deeping Railway which, of course, never materialised.

Lunches and snacks will be available as well as tea, coffee and soft drinks.

Everyone! Do not plan anything for this weekend as you may well be needed.

Philip Spratley.



Church Ladies' Fellowship

Grand Sale

A Bric-a-Brac, Jumble and Book Sale will be held in the Church Hall at 12:30 on 6th March. Proceeds to Local charities.



Please come and support us.

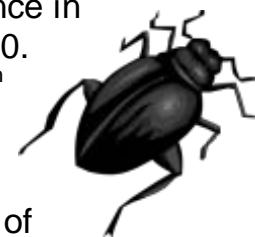
Membership

New memberships commence in March and fees will be £7.00. The AGM will be held on 4th March, followed by a Beetle Drive.

We have a varied selection of speakers for the forthcoming year.

Meetings are followed by home-made cakes or biscuits, tea or coffee.

Visitors or new members are always welcome.



Carole Mills – Secretary.

Memories of the Church Ladies' Fellowship

Rev. Sidney Smith came to be our Vicar in 1947 when the War was over at last but life was austere because food, clothing, and household goods were tightly rationed. Young people, demobbed from the Armed Forces, were anxious to get married and start their families but frequently had to live with their parents as housing was in such short supply.

The Vicar ran a very popular Youth Club, and the long established Church Workers' Guild catered for the middle aged with Whist Drives and Socials but there was no provision for young women to meet socially.

The Vicar's wife, Mrs Hylda Smith, herself a young mother, invited others in the same circumstances to join the "Young Wives Fellowship". The Group met in Church for a short service taken by the Vicar, then we all trooped over to the Church Hall for the social gathering. We had a Speaker, someone local, who would talk about a hobby or a special interest. Our favourite visitor was Dr. Wright, whose husband was the Vicar at Deeping St Nicholas. She was a kind and understanding lady who had good advice to give.

Over the usual cup of tea and a biscuit there was the chance to have a natter and make friends with others in a similar situation. The meetings were most enjoyable and were very much appreciated by the members of the Group.

Rev Sidney and Mrs Hylda Smith and their small son, Hugh James, left Deeping in 1953.

To be continued ...

Nancy Titman.



Cooking with Margaret

Cheese and Walnut Loaf

Ingredients

- 225g Self-raising flour
- 1 level teaspoon dry mustard
- a good pinch of salt
- a shake of pepper
- 125g margarine
- 125g grated Cheddar cheese
- 25g chopped walnuts
- 2 beaten eggs
- 150 ml milk

Method

1. Sieve together into a bowl the flour, mustard, salt and pepper. Rub in the margarine. Mix in the cheese and walnuts, then add the eggs and milk and mix well.
2. Grease a 450g loaf tin and line base with greased, greaseproof paper. Tip in the mixture.
3. Bake just below the middle of a moderately hot oven, Gas 5, 375° F, 190° C, for 1½ hours. Leave to cool for a few minutes before turning out on to a wire cooling rack.
4. Eat cold with butter.

Margaret Flegg.

ROTAS FOR MARCH

		Servers	Sidespersons	Intercessions
Sun 7 th	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	Simon Marshall Paul Boswall	Team D: Kim Hallam, Graham Hardy, Trevor Harwood	Martin Fisher
	6:00pm	John Sellars		
Sun 14 th	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	John Sellars Chris Halley	Team E: Liz Bridgeman, Bill & Margaret Flegg	Tony Masters
Sun 21 st	8:00am	Paul Boswall	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	Simon Marshall John Sellars	Team F: Doris Bellairs, Christine Masters, Val Wilde	Richard Gamman
Sun 28 th	10:00am	Chris Halley Paul Boswall	Team A: Doris Bellairs, Mary Hamilton, Vivien Hamilton	Sonia Marshall
Thu 1 st Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY			
	7:30pm	John Sellars Simon Marshall		Niccy Fisher
Fri 2 nd Apr	GOOD FRIDAY			
	10:30am	Geoff Armstrong		
Sun 4 th Apr	9:00am	Chris Halley Simon Marshall	Team B: Joy Cunningham, Ann Meekings	Bet Washbrooke
	6:00pm	John Sellars		

		OT	Readers	NT	Bread & Wine
Sun 7 th	10:00am	Bill Flegg	Trevor Harwood	Doris Bellairs Christine Masters	
Sun 14 th	10:00am		Roger Bridgeman	Pat Feek Doris Warner	
Sun 21 st	10:00am	Ann Bennett	John Worthington	Dick & Anthea Wray	
Sun 28 th	10:00am	Richard Gamman	Jacob Boswall	Martin & Niccy Fisher	
Thu 1 st Apr	MAUNDY THURSDAY				
	7:30pm	Tony Masters	Cled Bennett		
Fri 2 nd Apr	GOOD FRIDAY				
	10:30am	Martin Fisher	Niccy Fisher		
Sun 4 th Apr	9:00am	Joy Cunningham	Graham Hardy	Bill & Margaret Flegg	

	Sunday Coffee	Church Flowers	Church Cleaning	Brasses
Sun 7th	Val Wilde Doris Bellairs	LENT	Liz Spratley Sandra Jones	
Sun 14th	Pat Feek Doris Warner	LENT		Pat Feek Chris Payne
Sun 21st	Liz Spratley Linda Sellars	LENT	John & Linda Sellars	
Sun 28th	John & Sue Marsh	LENT		
Sun 4th Apr	Bill & Margaret Flegg	EASTER	Janet Lill Marion Stevens	Joan Dyke



READINGS FOR MARCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT				
Sun 7th	Morning	Isaiah 55: 1-9	1 Cor 10: 1-13	Luke 13: 1-9
	Evening	Psalm 12; 13	Genesis 28: 10-19a	John 1: 35-end
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)				
Sun 14th	Morning	Joshua 5: 9-12	2 Cor 5: 16-end	Luke 15: 1-3,11-32
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passion Sunday)				
Sun 21st	Morning	Isaiah 43: 16-21	Phil 3: 4-14	John 12: 1-8
PALM SUNDAY (Liturgy of the Palms)				
Sun 28th	Morning	Isaiah 50: 4-9	Phil 2: 5-11	Luke 22:14-23,56; 23:1-49
MAUNDY THURSDAY				
Thu 1st Apr	7:30pm	Exodus 12: 1-4,11-14	1 Cor 11: 23-26	John 13: 1-17,31-35
GOOD FRIDAY (Good Friday Liturgy)				
Fri 2nd Apr	10:30am	Isaiah 52:13-end; 53:1-end	Hebrews 10: 16-25	John 18:1-end; 19:1-end
EASTER SUNDAY				
Sun 4th Apr	9:00am	Isaiah 65: 17-end	Acts 10: 34-43	John 20: 1-18



Bishop's Letter

Dear Friends

Remembering Bishop King

Lincoln has more of its Bishops with designated days in the Anglican Calendar than any other except Canterbury. They are Birinus (in those days Bishop of Dorchester), Hugh, Robert Grosseteste and Edward King.

It has been said that in the old days Communion Vessels were made of wood whilst Bishops were all gold - and now it's the other way round! Well, perhaps I had better leave others to make that judgement but we can indeed be proud of the part the See of Lincoln has played in the spiritual life of our nation through its most distinguished Bishops.

That is why the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese 5 - 8th March to share with us in marking the Centenary of the death of Bishop Edward King is so important. Archbishop Rowan is a person of profound holiness allied to immense learning and pastoral sensitivity. He stands with the finest leaders of our Church as an example of Christ-like faithfulness and service - and is therefore qualified more than most to do justice to the memory of Edward King.

During his time with us, he will visit Parishes in the north and south of the Diocese, meet community leaders and educationalists, and he will see at first hand some examples of our outreach to the most vulnerable people in our society. He will engage with our growing number of people in training for Ordained and Lay Ministry, and he will Preside at Eucharists in the Cathedral and St. James, Grimsby.

Tickets for the Cathedral Eucharist at 3 p.m. on Saturday 6th March have been sent to Clergy, Readers and PCC Secretaries in order to try and secure as wide a representation as possible.

But Archbishop Rowan's Lecture at 11 a.m. on 6th March in the Cathedral will be open to all - no ticket required and no charge will be made. The title is Faith, Hope and Charity in Tomorrow's World and will be of general interest to Church people and non-Church goers alike. Of course, early arrival will secure the better seats, but CCTV and screens should ensure that everyone will be able to see and hear well.

Please contact my office by telephone or e-mail:

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if you have any queries about these arrangements.

+ John Lincoln