



# *From the Curate*

**The Reverend Sonia Marshall**

Dear Friends,

Choose you this day ... who will serve you! Yes, after the months of speculation, election time is finally here again. Appropriately enough it's in May, the month when the Church remembers St Matthias (14<sup>th</sup> May), who was chosen to fill the place among the apostles left vacant by Judas Iscariot. The apostles chose according to the practices of their day – by lot – though they were careful to do it (as we read in Acts) only after prayer.

Several constituencies will now be choosing new candidates to replace those who have resigned after the parliamentary expenses scandal. Though the sceptical may express the opinion that it is a lottery whether our interests are represented well, the right to vote is one that our forbears have fought long and hard for. It is a privilege and a responsibility which we should exercise most carefully.

In advance of May 6<sup>th</sup> consider the policies of each party and candidate. What rôle do they see in society for faith-based organizations? What is their policy in respect of marriage and family life, the elderly and terminally ill? How does each aspect line up with what we know of Jesus' concern for love, truth and justice? After 2,000 years it can sometimes be difficult to make comparisons with situations we read about in the Bible. This is where Christians fall back on prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We recall the events surrounding the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May this year), remembering Jesus' promise that his followers do not stand alone, that the Holy Spirit is our help and comfort, a teaching, guiding force to be with us forever as we make up our minds about the issues of the day. So on May 6<sup>th</sup> turn out and mark your cross through the love of him who suffered on the cross for us, Jesus our Lord.

*Sonia Marshall.*

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## *in this month's priory news ...*

Dear all,

As I write, the Icelandic ash cloud is clearing, the sun is shining and the politicians are smiling! What more could we ask?

My thanks to John Fisher for submitting the beautiful picture of a barn owl for our front cover. The original photograph was taken on the Norfolk Broads by John's cousin, Carl Allen.

When we first moved to Deeping St James, thirty years ago, barn owls were a common sight. Now they are much more elusive but, as Adrian Hallam reminded us in his excellent article about Deeping Lakes in January's Priory News, you can still catch a glimpse of them locally.

As we go to press, the Annual Parish Meeting has just taken place. Look out for full details in next month's issue.

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:

**priorynews@dsj.org.uk**

Please let us have your contributions for the **June** edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May**. Thank you for your help.

# CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 2010

1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday	<i>Philip and James, Apostles</i>	
<b>2<sup>ND</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<i>English Saints &amp; Martyrs of the Reformation Era</i>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion followed by Home Communion
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship
7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i>	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<i>Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, 1417</i>	
<b>9<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <i>(Christian Aid Week begins)</i>	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
		6:00pm	Choral Evensong
10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Rogation Day	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Rogation Day	
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	Rogation Day	
		11:00am	Clergy Chapter at St Mary's Church, Pinchbeck
		7:30pm	Archdeacon's Visitation, St Mary's Church, Pinchbeck
<b>13<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	
		<i>No 9:30am Communion this week</i>	
		10:00am	Coffee morning
		7:30pm	Holy Eucharist
14 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<i>Matthias the Apostle</i>	
		<i>Practice Night:</i>	
		6:45pm	Choir
		7:30pm	Ringers
<b>16<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist <i>(Christian Aid Coffee Morning after 10 o'clock Service)</i>
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<i>Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988</i>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	<i>Alcuin of York, Abbot of Tours, 804</i>	
		9:30am	Holy Communion
		7:30pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship Annual Dinner
21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	<i>Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330</i> <i>(Practice Night: re-arranged this week)</i>	
		7:00pm	Harp Recital in Church (see page 9 and website for details)
<b>23<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>PENTECOST</b>	
		8:00am	Holy Communion
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00pm	Evening Prayer
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<i>Charles &amp; John Wesley, Evangelists, 1788 &amp; 1791</i>	

25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday		<i>The Venerable Bede, Monk, Scholar, Historian, 735 Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709</i>
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday		<i>Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605; John Calvin, 1564</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion
28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday		<i>Lanfranc, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1089</i> <i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
<b>30<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b> 8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evening Prayer
31 <sup>st</sup>	Monday		<i>Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Tuesday		<i>Justin, Martyr of Rome, 165</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Thursday		<i>Corpus Christi</i> 9:30am Holy Communion followed by Home Communion
4 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Friday		<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
5 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Saturday		<i>Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Martyr, 754</i> <i>(Deepings Show weekend)</i>
<b>6<sup>TH</sup> JUN</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b> 8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Choral Evensong



## REGISTERS FOR MARCH 2010

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

10<sup>th</sup> Bernard George Pearson at Peterborough Crematorium  
19<sup>th</sup> Stella Moerman



### HOUSE GROUP

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



Dear all,

## Re: My final comments on church floodlighting

When I wrote my first *What do you think?* letter on this subject in December 2009, I appreciated that the issues raised were difficult. The sight of the floodlit church at night is a beautiful, sensuous experience and would be greatly missed if the lighting were removed or reduced. I assumed that this was a given. My letter was triggered by the *News from the PCC* item in November's Priory News, where the only reported criterion considered for the continuation of floodlighting was the financial cost to the church.

The issues I raised were the effects of floodlighting on the wildlife in what is sometimes known as "God's Acre" and on the wider environment and the apparent dichotomy between the unconsidered continuation of floodlighting at the current rate and the Church of England's *Shrinking the Footprint* campaign.

There were four replies to my letter (1.6% of Priory News circulation). None of them attempted to address either of the issues raised but were keen to say that the floodlit church is beautiful. Presumably, the silent 98.4% of the circulation, including the PCC, also have no views on the issues raised.

Other than saying that it was good to see that at least Peterborough and Lincoln Cathedrals both made the effort to join in with WWF's Earth Hour on 27<sup>th</sup> March, I will say no more on this subject in Priory News.

*Dave Washbrooke.*

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## News from the Tower

The tour around the Rutland Water area is now set for early May. This gives some of the ringers who have only rung our bells the chance to try other bells of various weights.

The maintenance on the bell frame has started. Thanks to Branch Bros for their assistance in the cost of the paint. It is hoped to get this project finished at the beginning of May.

If you are a keen listener to the bells on a Friday evening, don't wait up for them on the 21st May, as there is an event on at the church hall and we will be travelling over the border and ringing at Glington on that evening.

We welcome anybody who has rung in the past or who wishes to learn. Please contact: Richard, Brenda or Mike.

*Mike Gentle.*



## Children's Church

A few years ago the Pathfinders youth group performed a Passion Play around the Church Hall garden after Good Friday activities and this was always well received.

However, as far as I am aware, we have not had a children's Easter production before this year. I thought that it was wonderful! The enthusiastic singing, the confidence of the children and obvious group spirit that they had shone through. The musical format was obviously also such a great medium for helping the children to learn the Easter story and its wonderful message. I know that everyone

involved with the children's work is very grateful to Ted Fisk for producing this show.

Once again this year the Good Friday activities proved a great opportunity for Mission. Some 40 children came along to the service which Sonia led and John played at and then enjoyed an hour and a half of activities that Ian Templeton had coordinated.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone involved.

*Richard Gamman.*



**Children's Church Easter Celebration**  
Picture courtesy of John Marsh, who has obtained release permission for the recognisable children shown.



## Rose and Sweet Pea Show

### A Date for Your Diary

The annual Rose & Sweet Pea Show will be taking place as usual on the last Saturday in June in the Vicarage Garden. This year it is 26<sup>th</sup> June, so do make sure you have the date in your diary!

There will be many of the usual activities including the horticultural display in the church, children's activities, arena events and, of course, the crowning of the "Rose Queen".

Additionally there will be plant stalls, cake stalls and stalls for tombola, white elephant, bottles and, as they say, much, much more!

I have heard it said that "the Rose & Sweet Pea Show runs itself"! That, of course, couldn't be further from the truth and, as you might expect, planning is well under way. But more helpers are always welcome and new ideas will be gratefully received.

If you would like to get involved in what has become a whole village event, please give me a ring or e-mail me on [roseandsweetpea@dsj.org.uk](mailto:roseandsweetpea@dsj.org.uk) - you will be guaranteed a BIG welcome!

Look out for more news in next month's magazine or, for another way to help, ...  
READ ON!

*John Marsh.*

## Rose and Sweet Pea Show

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2010

### Grand Draw



As usual we'll be holding the Grand Draw at the Rose and Sweet Pea Show. This raffle is one of the main fundraisers for the church and we hope to raise at least £1,000 from the sale of tickets.

We are very dependent on selling most of the tickets beforehand, so we will, as usual, be asking members of the congregation and others involved with the church to take some books of tickets to sell in the weeks running up to the Show. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who has not been approached to sell tickets before but would be prepared to do so this year. There will still be plenty of tickets to buy on the day!

This year we have some good prizes and thanks must go to the local firms and people who have donated or contributed towards prizes. Also The Co-operative Store in Market Deeping which has, once again, sponsored the printing of the raffle tickets.

The main prizes are:

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|-----------------|---|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £100 in cash                                  |  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Meal for 4 at maharanis, Market Deeping       | <i>Donated by Maharanis</i>                        |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 2 tickets for the Tolethorpe Open Air Theatre | <i>Donated by the Stamford Shakespeare Company</i> |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Family ticket for Burghley House              | <i>Donated by the Burghley Estate</i>              |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Hamper  | <i>Donated by the Church Ladies' Fellowship</i>    |

There is an additional '1<sup>st</sup> prize'. This is a meal for up to four people at a local restaurant (Chesters), which has been *donated by Landis GYR*.

Other raffle prizes include a £20 Stamford Arts voucher (*donated by Stamford Arts*), a £10 Grasmere Farm voucher (*donated by Grasmere Farms*), a bird feeder (*donated by The Pet Shop in Market Deeping*), a half box of mixed wines from M&S,



a £5 Waterside voucher (*donated by Waterside Garden centre*) and vouchers for fish and chip meals (*donated by The Boundary Fish & Chip Restaurant and Linfords*).

**We are still, however, on the lookout for additional prizes to make this a really bumper raffle and we would be pleased to hear from anyone who has a prize to donate or would be prepared to contribute financially towards a prize.** The more that is donated the more of the raffle money goes towards the upkeep of the church and hall – to the benefit of local people and groups.

For further information or to offer your services to sell raffle tickets or to donate a prize please contact me.

*Sue Marsh.*



## Harp Recital

We will be holding a Harp Recital at The Priory Church in Deeping St James at 7pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2010.

David Watkins is the premier harpist in the UK and plays the classical pedal harp. His audiences have included Princess Grace of Monaco, Nureyev at the Royal Ballet and even The Prince of Wales on his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer; a distinguished crowd indeed. More information about David can be found at **[www.davidwatkins.info](http://www.davidwatkins.info)**.

Mark Harmer is the most watched harpist on the internet, with over 3 million viewings of him in action. Mark also has an impressive CV and was a musical producer at The BBC for over 20 years. He is a member of Slainte, a six-piece band specialising in Celtic music. The group's website is at **[www.celtmusic.co.uk](http://www.celtmusic.co.uk)**. Mark will be playing the folk harp and entertaining us with a variety of Celtic music on the evening.

Our team of enthusiastic Priory Church Social Committee volunteers will be running the evening and, along with the interval drinks, there will be canapés for visitors. We do hope it is going to be a wonderful evening with a top class musical pedigree, open to anyone to attend. Money raised will go towards the upkeep of our magnificent church building which is open daily to the public outside of school holidays.

Tickets are £7, which includes a glass of wine or soft drink at the interval, and are obtainable from me and Bill Flegg. There will also be a few tickets available on the night.

*Johanna Jones.*

## Deeping Lakes Sponsored Bike Ride Success



Well, we managed it - the whole Green Wheel in just under seven hours. We tackled it on a beautiful April day and had a very pleasant time. The only worrying moment was when we nearly got knocked down by two escaped shire horses that had broken free of their metal shackles and had large chains flaying around behind them. That was a bit scary, but we survived and were punctureless throughout, which I thought was really very lucky.

A big thank you to all of you who signed up to pledge money, and to those who have given money to us in person at the end of a church service. In all, we have received or have had pledged £103, and will now be approaching you to collect any money and to thank you for your generosity. We intend to collect all money during May and then present a cheque to the Deeping Lakes warden on about 1<sup>st</sup> June. If you feel that you would like to make a donation and haven't already given or pledged, please feel free to see Jacob or me at the end of a service before 1<sup>st</sup> June.

*Paul Boswall.*

## Memories of the Church Ladies' Fellowship



L-R: Gordon Crowson, Canon Knight, Bob Titman, Ina Knight, Nancy Titman

Our next Vicar came to us from Sutton Bridge in 1961. He was a middle aged family man who smoked a pipe and loved his garden. His wife, Mrs Ina Knight, was a hardworking leader and organiser, a very able President of the Fellowship.

Everywhere was being rebuilt or extended in the early 60s and Deeping was no exception. The crops of waving corn that had grown on the Mill Fields were forgotten as the new houses were being built to make Hereward Way and Manor Way. It was the Vicar's mission to introduce the new people who came to live here to the Church and to make them feel welcome in the village.

The Church Coffee Group was started with that end in view and Fellowship members were pushed to their limits to provide events to attract the new parishioners. It was Mrs Knight who suggested having a Harvest Supper. In those days the kitchen was damp and inadequate, but she said that problems were only there to be solved. We all brought hot milk for the coffee, committee members made apple pies for dessert but the main hot course had to be cooked on site. I think it was turkey for 60 or 70 people. As there was no way of warming the plates, they had to be washed in very hot water quickly dried and the food served immediately on

them. It was hard labour in the kitchen but the diners pronounced the first Harvest Supper a resounding success

Another new idea was a Cheese and Wine Party, a more enjoyable occasion because it did not involve so much work. The Vicar's saying "We don't want to make money, we want to make friends" was a wise maxim for the changing times.

I think it was at this time that the name of the Group was changed. I remember the Vicar saying how pleased he was that the Fellowship was not narrow like the Mothers Union, which in his opinion soon became the Grandmothers Union, and we didn't want that fate to befall our Group! It was decided that the CHURCH LADIES' FELLOWSHIP would cover all ages and Mrs Knight composed the little prayer with which we open every meeting.

On one memorable evening a man came to demonstrate the use of an automatic washing machine, which he plugged in at the socket near the kitchen door. Even so, he brought a rubbing board, soap and a small brush, saying it was necessary to scrub he shirt collars to make sure they came perfectly clean. The washing did itself and seemed like a small miracle. We all wanted a washing machine as soon as possible.

Mrs Knight also organised the first Christmas Fayre with the help of the Fellowship members, who decorated the Hall, set up and manned the stalls. It was another very successful venture. We had more interesting expeditions to outside venues like shops, which welcomed the advertising opportunities it gave. We had the annual Fellowship dinner and a Mystery tour in the summer. That was in the days when it was still possible to hire a coach at an affordable price.



Each year the Fellowship adopts a charity and works to send it a donation. In the early 60s we met Sister Muriel, an elderly retired nun, who came to talk to us about the Oxford Mission, for which she had worked in Bangladesh. She was a unique character, an indomitable, aristocratic lady who triumphed over adversity by trusting in the Lord. On her annual visits she stayed the night with Mr and Mrs Abel, who were amazed to discover that the Gladstone bag she carried contained a potty so that she did not have to venture out of her bedroom in the night.

In 1965 the Vicar was made Rural Dean and elevated to be Canon Knight. As he had so much work in the Deanery, he was given a Curate to help with parish work. The Curate was Rev Tom Dealy, who was the same age as the Vicar and they became firm friends. Mrs Florence Dealy was an ideal curate's wife, being popular

and a superb cook. She was very much at home with the members of the Fellowship and worked hard to help with all its efforts.

On New Year's Eve, Canon and Mrs Knight visited some friends to see the New Year in. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 1969, Mrs Knight was ill and was taken to hospital. She died two weeks later. It was a dreadful shock for everyone. Tom Dealy was a great help and support to the Vicar and Mrs Dealy took over the Presidency of the Ladies' Fellowship.

Rev Tom Dealy was appointed Vicar of Brothertoft, near Boston, so he and Mrs Dealy left Deeping and the Ladies' Fellowship had to make do with the Churchwarden's wife as Chairperson.

Canon Knight, however, had found a very suitable lady to become his second wife. She was Miss Vera Stowell, a charming member of the congregation, who was the senior demonstrator and cookery expert at Hotpoint, the Peterborough firm which manufactured electric cookers and washing machines.



Zena Skinner, TV cook, accepting money towards the new boiler

Mrs Vera Knight became the perfect parson's wife and enjoyed parish work of all kinds and guided the Fellowship, introducing many new ideas. Our annual Dinner was a memorable occasion, being held at the famous Talbot Hotel in Oundle. Vera's friend, Zena Skinner, who was at that time a famous TV cook, often came to help in fund raising campaigns, like raising money for the new church boiler.

Speakers at the regular meetings were more interesting and, as holidaymakers went to ever more distant locations, the slide shows were more ambitious. Wigs were fashionable at that time and a lady came to demonstrate their versatility and to give us a chance to try on some of her merchandise.

The Church Ladies Fellowship sessions always began and ended with a service in Church followed by a buffet supper. No-one made a list of requirements, but the members always brought a most enjoyable selection of savoury and sweet items for a really good supper.

Canon and Mrs Knight retired in 1977 and went to live at Gedney and later moved to Oakham.

*To be continued ...*

*Nancy Titman.*



## Priory Church Coffee Group

The Coffee Morning will be held in the Church Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10:00am. Everyone welcome.

*Carole Mills, Secretary.*



## Easter Flowers

On behalf of Christine and myself I would like to thank everyone who helped with decorating and donations for Easter flowers. Once again foliage was a premium but the church looked lovely. Thank you again.

*Pauline Brooksbank and Christine Masters.*

*[Many thanks, Pauline and Christine, for organising it all. Ed.]*

## Cooking with Margaret

### Macaroni Cheese



#### Ingredients

- 250g macaroni
- 1 leek, washed, trimmed and cut into chunks
- 110g broccoli, cut into equal-sized florets
- 4 rashers of streaky bacon
- 350ml semi-skimmed milk
- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tbsp English mustard
- 110g extra-mature Cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 tomatoes, cut into wedges
- 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- salt & pepper

#### Method

1. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to the boil and add the pasta. Bring the water back to the boil, cook for 5 minutes and then add the leek and broccoli and cook for another 5 minutes.
2. Meanwhile preheat the grill to hot and cook the bacon. Pour the milk into a saucepan and, over a medium heat, whisk in the flour. Bring to boil and keep whisking to make a smooth sauce. Simmer for 4 minutes and then add the mustard and half the Cheddar and season well.
3. Put a flameproof dish under the grill to heat up. Drain the pasta and the vegetables well. Tip them back into the saucepan and gently stir in the cheese sauce. Spoon the mixture into the hot dish, arrange the tomato wedges on top and snip the bacon with scissors into small pieces, sprinkle with the rest of the Cheddar and the Parmesan if required, and put dish under the grill to brown the top. Serve hot.

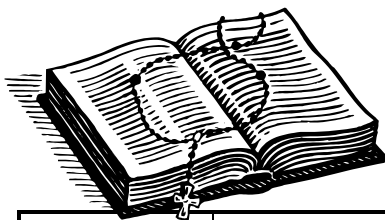
*Margaret Flegg.*

# ROTAS FOR MAY

		Servers	Sidespersons	Intercessions
SUN 2 <sup>ND</sup>	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	Chris Halley Paul Boswall	<b>Team F:</b> Doris Bellairs, Christine Masters, Val Wilde	Tony Masters
SUN 9 <sup>TH</sup>	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	Simon Marshall John Sellars	<b>Team A:</b> Doris Bellairs, Mary & Vivien Hamilton	Martin Fisher
	6:00pm	John Sellars		
THU 13 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>			
	7:30pm	Simon Marshall Chris Halley		Bet Washbrooke
SUN 16 <sup>TH</sup>	8:00am	Paul Boswall	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	John Sellars Simon Marshall	<b>Team B:</b> Joy Cunningham, Ann Meekings	John Marsh
SUN 23 <sup>RD</sup>	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	Paul Boswall Chris Halley	<b>Team C:</b> Cled Bennett, Adrian Hallam, Tim Hitchborn	Richard Gamman
SUN 30 <sup>TH</sup>	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	John Sellars Simon Marshall	<b>Team D:</b> Kim Hallam, Graham Hardy, Trevor Harwood	John Marsh
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	8:00am	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles & Ken Rimmer	
	10:00am	Chris Halley Simon Marshall	<b>Team E:</b> Liz Bridgeman, Bill & Margaret Flegg	Sonia Marshall
	6:00pm	John Sellars		

		OT	Readers	NT	Bread & Wine
SUN 2 <sup>ND</sup>	10:00am	Nicky Fisher		Adrian Hallam	Dick & Anthea Wray
SUN 9 <sup>TH</sup>	10:00am			Richard Gamman	Joy Cunningham Carole Mills
THU 13 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>				
	7:30pm	John Worthington		Ann Bennett	Diane Templeton Caroline Herron
SUN 16 <sup>TH</sup>	10:00am	Tony Masters		Graham Hardy	Doris Bellairs Christine Masters
SUN 23 <sup>RD</sup>	10:00am	Cled Bennett		John Marsh	Christine Payne Ann Meekings
SUN 30 <sup>TH</sup>	10:00am	Simon Marshall		Peter Wilde	Cled & Ann Bennett
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	10:00am	Joy Cunningham		Trevor Harwood	Pat Feek Doris Warner

	Sunday Coffee	Church Flowers	Church Cleaning	Brasses
SUN 2 <sup>ND</sup>	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Mr Bond	Josie Waghorn Joy Cunningham	
SUN 9 <sup>TH</sup>	Liz Spratley Linda Sellars	Carole Mills For CLF		Jean Shepherd Doris Bellairs
SUN 16 <sup>TH</sup>	Bill & Margaret Flegg	Janet Lill	Pat Feek Doris Warner	
SUN 23 <sup>RD</sup>	Val Wilde Doris Bellairs	PENTECOST (Carole Mills)		
SUN 30 <sup>TH</sup>	John & Sue Marsh	Sue Marsh	Bill & Margaret Flegg	Marion Stevens Janet Lill
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Joan Dyke		



## READINGS FOR MAY

SUN 2 <sup>ND</sup>	<b>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
	Morning	Acts 11: 1-18	Revelation 21: 1-6	John 13: 31-35
SUN 9 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
	Morning	Acts 16: 9-15	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14: 23-29
THU 13 <sup>TH</sup>	Evening	Psalms 126, 127	Zephaniah 3: 14-end	Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-end
	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>			
SUN 16 <sup>TH</sup>	7:30pm	Acts 1: 1-11	Ephesians 1: 15-23	Luke 24: 44-53
	<b>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>			
SUN 23 <sup>RD</sup>	Morning	Acts 16: 16-34	Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17: 20-26
	<b>PENTECOST</b>			
SUN 30 <sup>TH</sup>	Morning	Acts 2: 1-21	Romans 8: 14-17	John 14: 8-17, 25-27
	<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>			
SUN 6 <sup>TH</sup> JUN	Morning	Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31	Romans 5 :1-5	John 16: 12-15
	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 5)</b>			
	Morning	1 Kings 17: 17-24	Galations 1: 11-24	Luke 7: 11-17
	Evening	Psalms 44	Genesis 8:15-9:17	Mark 4: 1-20



# *Bishop's Letter*

Dear Friends

**"I have seen the Church and it works"**

So it was that the Archbishop of Canterbury summed up his visit to the Diocese to mark with us the Centenary of the death of Bishop Edward King.

We worked him pretty hard! From a hugely well-attended Conference on Fresh Expressions of Church at the Lincolnshire Show Ground on Friday, right through to lunch at Christ Church, Stamford on Monday he took in as many aspects of Lincolnshire life that we could put his way. For many the Archbishop's Lecture followed by a wonderfully moving Eucharist in the Cathedral will live long in the memory, but he himself was especially touched by witnessing at first hand examples of how Churches in all parts of the Diocese are engaging with the local community - and especially with some of the most hard to reach people in our communities. As he put it in a letter to me following the visit: "I have seen the Church and it works".

For me the tone was set by his description of the Church as "the echo chamber of the eternal word". That wonderfully evocative definition captures exactly what we are about as Christians. The eternal word of God has become flesh and dwelt among us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Church echoes that good news as we seek to share in word and deed the love and care of Christ in our communities and congregations. It is the calling we share as fellow-workers for Christ - and amongst our fellow-workers Archbishop Rowan will continue to encourage and inspire us.

My sincere thanks go to all those who made the weekend so memorable and worthwhile.

With every Blessing and joyful Easter greetings,

+ John Lincoln