

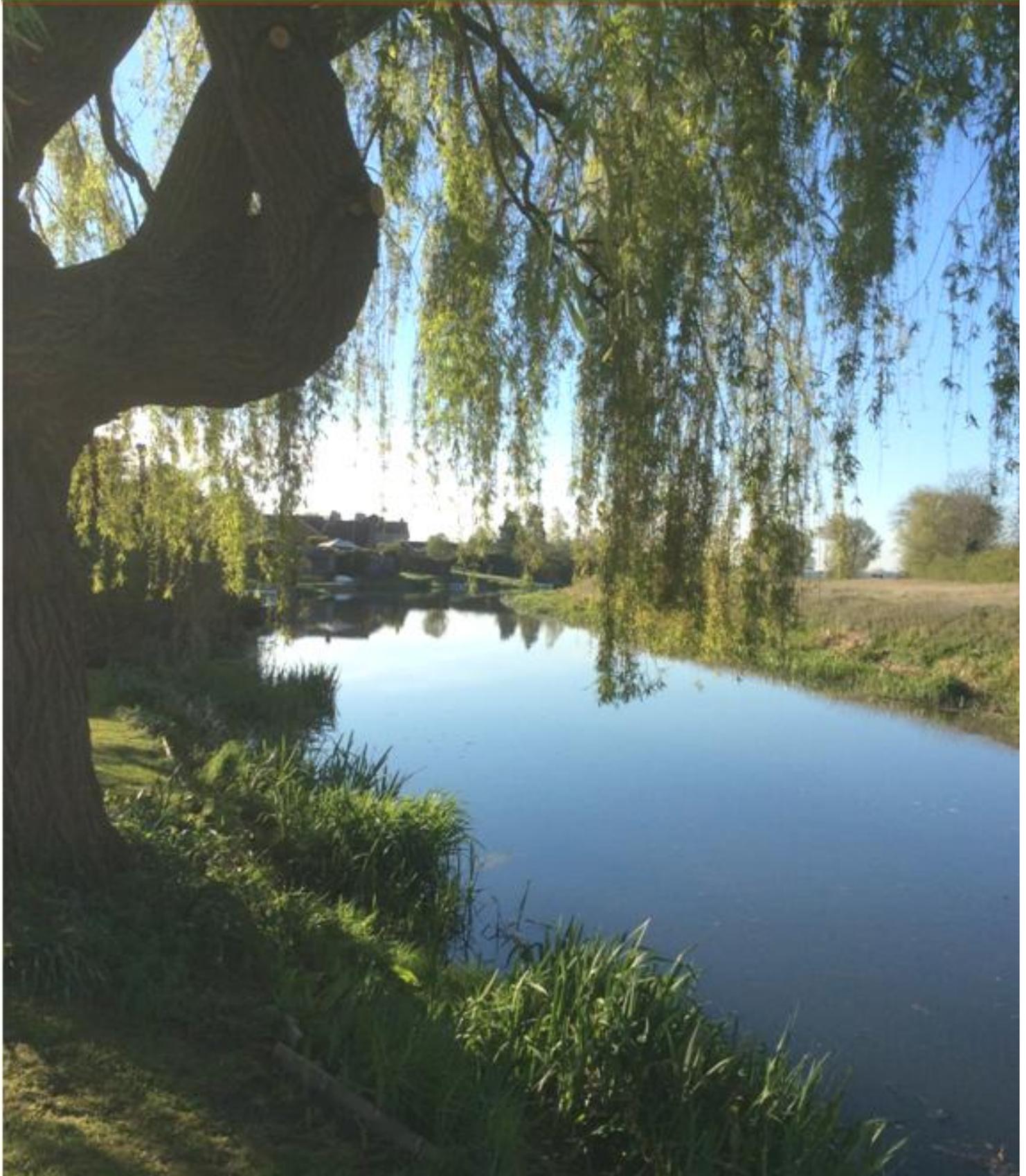
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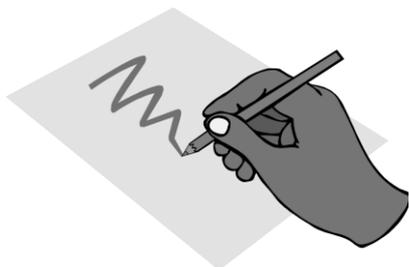
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From the Vicar

Chaos! It's absolute chaos! They're out of control... immorality... selfishness and greed... splintering into factions... no respect for tradition... things ain't what they used to be...

I wonder where we've heard that before. Perhaps we could identify the newspaper that we might read that in. Or perhaps we know the person who would say that. It is possible that we might hear ourselves saying something similar.

And I wonder who 'they' are. The youth of today... schools... politicians... illegal immigrants... venture capitalists... protesters... that country... such and such a religion... the Anglican Church...

Actually, the group I was thinking about when I wrote those paragraphs are the Christians that Paul is writing to in his letters to the Corinthians. Try reading them sometime. The Corinthians really are a rum lot!

We sometimes look back at the early church with rose-tinted glasses – imagining that it was a time of innocence and purity. But we would be wrong! Part of the reason for this is that they're only human. They share the same weaknesses and foibles as the rest of us.

There were two distinct factions (at least) in the church at Corinth. There were wealthier middle/upper-class, who valued tradition, academic achievement, and order, especially in worship. They were the traditionalists. Then there were the others. Something new was happening in the church. The Holy Spirit was sweeping through the church... challenging traditions and assumptions... infusing and enthusing... they were quite literally being carried away with excitement and experiences. Miracles were happening, the supernatural gifts of the Spirit were being exhibited... they were speaking in tongues... It was exciting, and it was scary. Nothing would ever be the same again.

This month sees our festival of Pentecost, when we remember the coming of the Spirit upon the early believers. We celebrate that event in the past, but look to its continuing in the present when we say 'Come Holy Spirit' – come into our church... come into our lives. This year, it becomes especially significant as we emerge from the lockdown, and the ravages of COVID, wondering quite what sort of life we are moving into.

I wonder what that prayer 'Come Holy Spirit' will result in. Will we, not quite like 007's Martini, be shaken AND stirred!



Mark

- *Church Opening (update)*

We are delighted that we are now able to run public services with some confidence. From now on, most services will be 'hybrid' – both in person in church, and online, for those unable to make it in person. We will be livestreaming a service at 10.00am on Sundays, and at 6.00pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Please note that we shall be observing government advice regarding the use of face-masks, hand sanitisation and social distancing at each of these services.

- *Bible Study*

The Bible study group continues on Thursdays. We are presently looking at Mark's Gospel. New members are welcome. It is not a particularly academic study, though occasional insights are shared. More important is the discussion of how the text impacts and applies to our everyday Christian life. The link is:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8109399155?pwd=STVVTU44RzJxTFFHbTY1MnI0bjJ2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 810 939 9155 Passcode: 1w2C9a

- *Annual Church Meeting*

Our Annual Meeting takes place this year on Sunday 16th May, at roughly 11.15am, directly after the Communion Service. I hope you can take the time to attend. It is a very important meeting in the life of the church, and particularly important this year.

During the meeting (and including the sermon I will preach earlier that morning), we will hear how the church has done over the past year, and vote in those who will guide our direction over the next (the church wardens and the PCC).

This coming year will see many challenges for the Priory Church, the Diocese of Lincoln, and the Church of England as a whole. This includes issues such as the financial state of our church, and of the diocese, and how we might manage it; the CofE's attitude towards sexuality, and its implications for Marriage; institutional racism in the national church; and the new principles and practices of safeguarding in the church.

All of these have implications at national, diocesan and local level. By standing for election to the PCC, you can play a role in the governance of the church, and help discern its future. It is a significant responsibility – please do prayerfully consider whether you feel able to share in this role.

- *Mark*

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In this Month's Priory News ...

Dear Readers,

Well, here goes - our first printed magazine for some time. Let's hope it was worth the wait! The format is much the same as before the Covid pandemic although as yet there are still fewer forthcoming events to advertise. The lifting of more restrictions from May 17th should see the beginning of a return to a more 'normal life', although the definition of normality itself appears to be somewhat in doubt. It will certainly be good to begin to return to a full calendar of church activities and you will see elsewhere in these pages that we hope to hold a 'real' (although slightly modified) Rose and Sweet Pea Show this year and we are also looking forward to another hog roast! Keep your eyes and ears open for further information.

For the time being the usual centre-page calendar is missing but as time goes on we hope to resume this useful feature. Instead, this month, we are including the calendar for the month of May as printed in Common Worship.

So, once again we should like to encourage you to send in your contributions for further magazines. If you are wondering what you could send in, for starters why not send us details of some of the interesting things you have found to do during the past fourteen months?

John

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We have another lovely recipe from Margaret this month. It has appeared before in our pages, but then, all the best ones are worth repeating, aren't they?

We are very grateful to Jill Gibb for the lovely photograph of the River Welland which she took recently. Ah, Springtime!

Thanks to those who have sent in articles for Priory News. Please keep them coming. **Please note: 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 June issue of Priory News **BEFORE the deadline of Friday 22nd May.** Thank you.

● *New Marriage Regulations*

From 4th May 2021, new marriage regulations come into force, which make fundamental changes to some aspects of the registration of marriages. They were driven by two factors. One was the desire to include mothers in the official documents. The other was an administrative change to introduce a digital registration system, known as Register Online (RON). It is important to note that these changes affect all marriages in England and Wales, not just church weddings.

Firstly, it must be noted that the usual church preliminaries (either Banns, Common or Special Licence) remain exactly the same, as do the qualifications needed for them.

The practical implications of the changes are as follows:

1. The couple can each have up to four parents included on the register (biological parent, step-parent and/or adopted parent – fathers and mothers). As before, the choice of who to include (or to have no names on the register) is up to each individual.
2. The marriage is registered via the 'Marriage Document', produced by the church. (On the rare occasions where the Registry Office is involved, usually if one or both of the couple is a foreign national, they will supply the couple with a 'Marriage Schedule', which replaces the old Superintendent Registrar's Certificate).
3. The marriage is not registered in the church. The church's Marriage Registers are closed on 3rd May, and are no longer signed. Instead, the couple and their witnesses sign the Marriage Document (or Marriage Schedule).
4. Because the marriage has not yet been registered, no certificate will be given at the service.
5. The Marriage Document (or Schedule) is sent to the local Register Office (by the vicar). Once it has been received by the office, the marriage can be registered. Once registered, a marriage certificate can be obtained from either the local register office, or from the General Register Office.
6. Churches can no longer produce copies of marriage certificates. All requests for copies of marriage certificates must be made to either the local register office, or from the General Register Office.

There has been some concern expressed over the lack of certificate given at the time, when the couple wish to go immediately on honeymoon, especially abroad. Whilst this process is new to England & Wales, Scotland has been doing something similar for many years, and we are told that there has been little problem experienced by them. Two points need to be noted:

1. It is possible still to get a passport in a new name in advance of the wedding. This needs to be sorted well in advance. Ask Mark about how to arrange this.

2. If travelling abroad, it can complicate matters if documents for one person are in 2 different names (maiden name and married name). Without the certificate, the couple will lack the proof of change of name. In these circumstances, it is advisable not to formally change name until after the honeymoon.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mark for clarification on any of these points.

- *Novena of Prayer*

For the last few years, the Church of England has initiated a 'Novena' (9 days) of prayer from Ascension Day (13th May) to Pentecost (23rd May), under the title Thy Kingdom Come. This year, support materials include a Prayer Journal, encouraging everyone to pray, and note down their thoughts as they do. I would wholeheartedly support this. We have enough copies for all, and some that can be given away, with a bookmark. For children, there is a Digital Adventure Prayer Map (They are reusing 2020 maps, which could not be used due to COVID—there is a sticker to make them 2021 maps!). Again, we have plenty of copies to take, as well as some left over to be given away. They can be found at the back of the church when it is open for private prayer. Alternatively, I am happy to deliver to anyone who would like copies.

Revd Mark

- *Eco Church*

Raising awareness and starting conversations

I wonder whether you, like me, have been watching Greta Thunburg, the inspiring young activist, presenting a series of programmes on T.V. about the climate emergency. She is so whole hearted and single minded in her efforts to bring this issue to as wide an audience as possible and this, along with other news items, and articles on climate change has prompted me to look more closely at the lifestyle choices I am making which contributes to this emergency.

Do you know what your carbon footprint is? There are several ways of finding out but the WWF has a simple calculator that takes only a few minutes to complete. It asks questions on your diet, transport and energy use and how much stuff we buy.

I'm sure we are all trying our best to be good stewards of God's creation but by sharing more with each other and becoming more informed about our lifestyle, offsetting our carbon footprint and climate justice we can play our part , however small in making a difference.

Kate

Cooking with Margaret

Gooseberry Fool



Ingredients

450g ripe gooseberries, topped and tailed

170g caster sugar

225ml double cream, whipped

Grated zest of 1 small orange

2 Elderflower heads (optional)

Method

Put the gooseberries and sugar in a pan, cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes until tender.

(One or two heads of elderflower, tied in a muslin cloth, can be boiled with the gooseberries to counteract the acidity.)

Allow to cool.

Put through a blender or rub through a sieve, then fold in the cream and grated orange zest.

Spoon into individual dishes, chill and serve with wafer thin biscuits.

Serves 6

• *Rose and Sweet Pea Show*

Subject to Covid restrictions being lifted, for this year only, a scaled back Rose and Sweet Pea Show will be held on Saturday 10th July from 1pm to 4.30pm in the Church and Priory Hall garden. There will be some Horticultural competition classes displayed in the church with others online. In the garden there will be entertainment from children's groups, the crowning of the Rose Queen, afternoon teas, Vicars Arms Bar, raffle and possibly a few stalls.

Further details will appear in next months Priory News but offers of help are needed both before and on the day. Please see Nick or Kate Drewett (contact details in the Parish Directory or online).

Kate

• *Mission Matters*

At last we have news and a date for your diary. We are hoping to hold a Hog Roast this year on July 25th. This is our Patronal Festival and it is the first time for a few years that we have been able to celebrate on the actual day. We shall do our best to make it as safe as possible, and hope that you will come along and enjoy time together as a church family again.

Victoria

• *A New Way to Give*

I'm sure that by now you will all be familiar with those strange-looking patterns which frequently appear in magazines and elsewhere looking similar to the one on the right. These are QR codes. Wikipedia tells us, "A QR code (abbreviated from Quick Response code) is a type of matrix barcode (or two-dimensional barcode) first designed in 1994 for the automotive industry in Japan." So now you know! Try pointing your smartphone camera at the code on the right and then follow the instructions on your 'phone. Surprised? It's really easy.



Why this is so relevant to us is that we have now set up a new very easy way of donating to church funds electronically. You will notice that a similar QR code appears on your service sheet. It looks exactly like the one on the left.



If you point your smartphone at *this* one you will be taken straight to a page on the website, "Give a Little", which has been set up to make it easy to give either a set amount or a sum of your own choosing. You can also Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer. The money goes straight into the church account. If you don't have a smartphone you can still access the "Give a Little" website page by clicking the relevant link on the Home page of our website.

Our church, like all other churches, has suffered considerable financial loss during the past twelve months of the Covid pandemic largely owing to there having been no weekly offertory plate or fund-raising activities whilst the church has been closed. In view of this, if you feel that you would like to make a donation towards church funds we should be pleased if you could use this very easy method. Please make sure to scan the second code above (the one on the left) as the one on the right will take you to the wrong place! Thank you.



John

Registers for April

Funerals: We commend to God's keeping:

1st April Philip Scarrott
8th April Michèle White



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To the people of the Diocese of Lincoln:

I am writing during the season of Easter, as we look forward to the celebration of Ascension Day and to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Whitsunday, the first Christian Pentecost, to announce my retirement as Bishop of Lincoln on the 31st December 2021 – more than ten years after I took up the post on the 19th September 2011 and as I approach my 69th birthday.

This will be preceded by a period of study leave during October to December in which I will reflect on the last ten years of ministry. I will do this by attending a retreat and undertaking guided study.

Of course, there will be time later for me to give thanks and for others to reflect on all that has happened in the Diocese during these ten years – to mark what has gone well and what has not gone so well; more of that later.

I hope my farewell service will be in Lincoln Cathedral on Sunday 21 November at Evensong at 3.45pm – COVID19 permitting

I have not made this decision lightly, but after careful thought and prayer and after consultation with people of wisdom inside and outside the Diocese.

I have enjoyed my time as Bishop of Lincoln and will always retain an affection for this part of the world: its people, its history and its geography. I have been honoured to accompany many on their journey of faith through baptism, confirmation and ordination – that has been a great privilege. Susan and I have benefitted greatly from meeting countless lovely people. Greater Lincolnshire will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Why am I making this announcement now?

I wrote to you early in March and shared some of the circumstances surrounding my suspension and return to ministry. I don't need to repeat that now and I am very grateful for the expressions of welcome back and support Susan and I have received since then.

In my previous letter, I outlined that in the time I remained as Bishop I hoped to contribute in three ways:

First, my return would provide a space for my colleagues to be refreshed. Second, it would also provide the opportunity for me to look at all the work that has been done in relation to

the *Resourcing Sustainable Church* and third, it would provide an opportunity for me to play my part in preparing the way for the next Bishop of Lincoln.

These aspirations are on track: I have resumed my public ministry: liturgical, teaching and pastoral. I hope I have contributed with 'fresh eyes' to the recent stages of refining the proposals for *Resourcing Sustainable Church*.

But now we are moving into a new and important stage in the history of the life of the Diocese.

As you may know, there is to be a significant meeting of the Diocesan Synod on 8th May in which, after careful consultation, the Synod will decide whether to move forward with *Resourcing Sustainable Church*.

The Diocese should be aware of my intentions before I participate in that debate.

It seemed to me that it would be unhelpful if I were to put my support unequivocally behind this initiative – which I intend to do – only to announce a month or two later that I am leaving you get on with it without me! I think that would be to offer leadership on a false prospectus.

So finally, what does this mean for us spiritually?

We are approaching Ascension Day on the 13th May. This feast is the time we recall that the risen Christ left his disciples, having been with them mysteriously and intermittently for forty days. He did this, so that he could ascend to heaven and that the first disciples could take greater responsibility and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

There is a useful and relevant motif here: that, in order to become the person God has made us to be, we have to step out in faith. This is not easy in an increasingly alien and inhospitable world. But for us to have the confidence to do this, we need to remember and rely on God's love and open ourselves even more to God's grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

And so, my prayer today is that the Lord Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Saviour, will send us all the gift of God's Holy Spirit to continue to lead us into all truth.

+ Christopher Lincoln



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• *Calendar for May*

1 Philip and James, Apostles

2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417

12 *Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952*

14 Matthias the Apostle

16 *Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877*

19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988

20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

21 *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330*

24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

25 *Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709*

26 Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605

26 *John Calvin, Reformer, 1564*

26 *Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595*

28 *Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*

30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906

30 *Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431*

30 *Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933*

31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Alternative dates

Matthias may be celebrated on 24 February instead of 14 May.

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth may be celebrated on 2 July instead of 31 May.

(Key: Principal Feasts and other Holy Days are printed in **bold**; Festivals are printed in **roman** typeface; other Sundays and Lesser Festivals are printed in ordinary roman typeface. Commemorations are printed in *italics*.)

Flower Rota - May

2nd	Ann Bennett
9th	Carole Mills
16	Christine Masters
23rd	Joan Dyke (Pentecost)
30th	Carole Mills
June 6th	Chris Pearce

Intercessions Rota - May

2nd	Nick Drewett
9th	Jo Astle
16th	Tony Masters
23rd	Bet Wasbrooke
30th	Ted Fisk
June 6th	Nickey Fisher

Readers Rota - May

2nd	Kate Drewett
9th	Ann Bennett
16th	Jo Astle
23rd	James Forrester
30th	Barry Fisher

Sidespersons Rota - May

2nd	Margaret Merchant, Helen Williams, Val Wilde
9th	Nick & Kate Drewett, Jan Fisk
16th	Trevor Harwood, Jan Fisk, Val Wilde
23rd	Nick Drewett, Margaret Merchant, James Forrester
30th	Margaret Merchant, Helen Williams, Val Wilde