



# *From the Curate*

**The Reverend Sonia Marshall**

Dear Friends,

As the nights draw in we naturally find ourselves drawn to indoor pursuits. There seems to be no end to the stream of computer generated games, some of which are pure fun and in turn promote quick thinking and manual dexterity – like mazes, how to get from *a* to *b* without running into traps or dead ends. Others raise genuine concerns about their suitability through the violent or fantasy-based nature of the ‘worlds’ they depict. Let the buyer beware! Even simple purchases can involve making moral decisions.

Christians long ago were familiar with mazes ... but these were not so much of a game, more an aid to help them get through life. The twists and turns of the maze represented the sudden and unexpected directions life was apt to take during its course. The aim was simple: through the spiritual help of prayer to reach the peace of God’s presence. Often undertaken as a penance, Christian mazes differed from their secular equivalents, there were no ‘dead ends’, so all with perseverance could reach their goal. There is a famous maze at Chartres, but if you want to see something closer to home try the turf maze at Wing, near Rutland Water.

The decisions we have to make in today’s world can be far from straightforward. Situations have only too real consequences (for Christians, eternal consequences even) and much stress is placed on the ability to choose. Christians may be able to find their way through by getting to recognize some of the ways in which the world’s thinking has been shaped and comparing these with the ways that followers of Jesus live by: what Scripture, Tradition, the Holy Spirit and the Church have to say. At other times we may not even have a choice at all. In the final instance the Christian finds their way by the lifeline of grace God still gives us, believing that in Christ we will have the strength and resources to overcome or cope with any difficulties ... our personal response to a loving and caring God.

With every blessing,

*Sonia Marshall.*

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## In This Month's Priory News ...

Dear All,

As we go to press, we now know that a new Priest in Charge has been appointed, The Reverend Janet Donaldson. The long wait is over and we look forward to

welcoming Janet in the new year.

With Christmas in mind, please don't forget to prepare your boxes for [Operation Christmas Child](#). These presents really make a difference to needy children.

Thanks to Chris for his autumnal cover picture.

Thanks also to Chris, Linda and John for the apples from the Church Hall Garden.

Don't forget it's Harvest Festival on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. This year the proceeds from the auction will be divided between [Christian Aid](#) and [The Leprosy Mission](#).

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, 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 **November** edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. Thank you for your help.

# Church Calendar October 2010

1 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	10:00am - 1:00pm Deepings in Bloom Plant Sale
<b>THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 22) (HARVEST FESTIVAL)</b>		
3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00am Sung Eucharist <i>(followed by Harvest Lunch &amp; Auction of produce)</i> 6:00pm Festal Evensong for Harvest
4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<a href="#"><u>Francis of Assisi, Friar, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226</u></a>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>William Tyndale, Translator, Reformation Martyr, 1536</u></a>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:30am Holy Communion followed by Home Communion 7:45pm Church Ladies' Fellowship
8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
<b>THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23)</b>		
10 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism 6:00pm Evening Prayer
12 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<a href="#"><u>Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709</u></a>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066</u></a>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:30am Holy Communion
<a href="#"><u>Teresa of Avila, Teacher, 1582</u></a>		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
<b>THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24)</b>		
17 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evening Prayer
18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<a href="#"><u>Luke the Evangelist</u></a> 7:30pm PCC Meeting preceded by Holy Communion at 7:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<a href="#"><u>Henry Martyn, Translator, Missionary in India &amp; Persia, 1812</u></a>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	9:30am Holy Communion 7:45pm Church Ladies' Fellowship
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
(BIBLE SUNDAY)**

<b>24<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	8:00am Holy Communion 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Evening Prayer
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26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<a href="#"><u>Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899</u></a>
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28 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	9:30am Holy Communion <a href="#"><u>Simon and Jude, Apostles</u></a>
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29 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<a href="#"><u>James Hannington, Bishop, Martyr in Uganda, 1885</u></a> <i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
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**THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT  
(ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY)  
(British Summer Time ends)**

<b>31<sup>ST</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00am Sung Eucharist 3:00pm Remembering our Loved Ones 6:00pm Evening Prayer
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2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Tuesday	<a href="#"><u>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)</u></a>
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3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Wednesday	<a href="#"><u>Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher, 1600</u></a>
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4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Thursday	9:30am Holy Communion followed by Home Communion 7:45pm Church Ladies' Fellowship
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5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Friday	<i>Practice Night:</i> 6:45pm Choir 7:30pm Ringers
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<b>7<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</b> 10:00am Sung Eucharist 6:00pm Choral Evensong
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**HOUSE GROUP**  
7:30pm Wednesdays  
at 45 Crowson Way, DSJ.  
**All welcome!**

## STOP PRESS: New Priest for the Priory Church

On 9<sup>th</sup> September we carried out the selection procedure for our new Priest. Most of the PCC were involved, together with the Bishop of Grantham and the District Dean. At the end of the day we were all agreed that we should make an appointment and so it was wonderful to be able to make the following announcement at the main service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September:

“The Bishop of Lincoln is pleased to announce that the Reverend Janet Donaldson, who is currently Rector of the Knights and Hospitallers Parishes in the Chelmsford Diocese, has been appointed part time Priest in Charge of the Parish of Deeping St James in the Elloe West Deanery, subject to CRB disclosure. Janet and her husband, Alistair, hope to move to the Parish early in the New Year and Janet will be licensed by the Bishop of Lincoln in Deeping St James on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011.”

Janet and her husband will be moving into the new Vicarage (50 Spalding Road), which is a splendid house in an excellent position. We look forward to welcoming Janet and Alistair to the Priory Church in January. Do put Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January in your diaries!

*Martin Fisher – PCC Chairman.*



### Wardens' World

“Yesterday upon the stair  
I met a man who wasn't there.  
He wasn't there again today.  
I wish that man would go away.”

I think that's the way the rhyme goes, if my memory serves me right. Well, recently I went to Thorney Abbey to meet a woman who wasn't there and I daresay she isn't there still. The lady in question was supposed to rendezvous with me, Christine and her friend Maggie in order to give Christine and Maggie a lift to a flower demonstration in Attleborough. As it turned out, the lady who wasn't there and probably still isn't (are you still with me?) had forgotten all about them, as we realised after waiting a while during which time we had a look round the abbey. However, time was pressing and the ladies were fretting, so I drove them home and they then departed in Maggie's car post haste for Attleborough, arriving in a cloud of dust just in time for the demonstration.

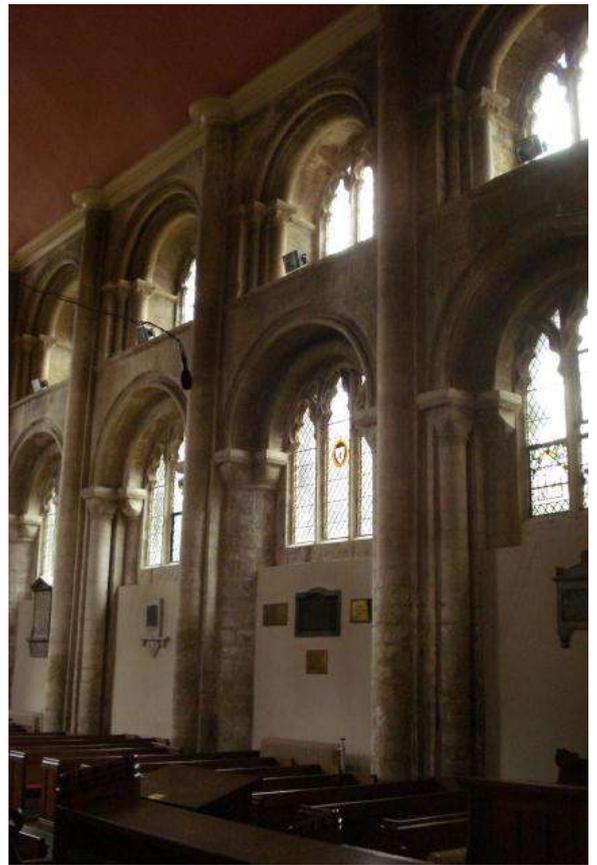
My curiosity had been aroused and I wanted another and longer look round the abbey so I went back some days later. What a fascinating building, greatly altered

down the years of course, but with an ordered and serene layout, beautifully satisfying the main function of the church in uniting the people with the altar.

I sat in a pew and reflected on the surroundings; something about the monumental stone columns was stirring my memory and I remembered a statement I once read in a book, that any stone building, no matter how grand it is, is still basically a quarry transported and tastefully reorganised above ground level; which begs the question of the age of the building. The first stones were laid down in 1089 so we might say at least part of the church is about 920 years old, but of course that is very small beer compared to the age of the stone itself, material deposited layer by layer in a warm and shallow sea millions of years ago.

Speaking of small beer, after all this contemplation my brain was in need of lubrication, so I stirred myself and ambled across the road to the Rose and Crown; a good place to read a book and nurse a decent pint of real ale on a quiet afternoon. Before leaving I looked back at the entrance to the abbey. Sure enough, the lady who wasn't there wasn't there again.

*Tony Masters.*



Thorney Abbey interior.  
[Photo courtesy of Tony Masters.]



## Children's Church

We have started using some new resources this year which means that we are working from the same readings that everyone in Church hears. We have already found that this makes what we have been doing feel more connected to the main service and hope that the congregation enjoys the 'junior take' on the readings of the day.

Particularly during September we explored what it means to be a disciple and what qualities will help us in following Jesus in our lives.

*Richard Gamman.*



## News from the Tower

Our summer barbeque was held on 28<sup>th</sup> August, when the bell ringers and their families and friends gathered for a lovely lunchtime meeting. Our hosts were Richard and Sue with their two children and a big thanks to them for the use of the garden etc, (and later for Sue at work with the dishwasher). Mike with the aid of Hilary did the major cooking with some by

Sue in the oven. All had an enjoyable time despite the odd conflict with a wasp or two. Don't get too scared at the photograph of the majority of us, but to have such a gathering was very pleasant. The maintenance on the bell frame is still ongoing and we hope to complete it all as soon as possible.

As far as the ringing goes, the youngsters are progressing very well with the aid of some of the experienced oldies.

Mike Gentle.



A real ring-a-ding do! [Photo courtesy of Mike Gentle.]



## More on the Magazine Archive

The October and future archived copies of Priory News, available online free of charge, will now include hyperlinks from the *Readings and Readers* section to the *Oremus Bible Browser*. So, if you're a reader, just click on the link for your reading and the text will (hopefully!) appear before you as if by magic.

Don't forget to try the hyperlinks from the *Church Calendar*, usually to *Wikipedia*; useful if you want to know a little more about any of the saints and others listed on high days and holidays.

And, of course, the archived copies have been in colour since July this year. Photographs look so much better in colour.

To view the archive, just go to [www.dsj.org.uk/magazine](http://www.dsj.org.uk/magazine) and follow the instructions. Please feel free to email me ([priorynews@dsj.org.uk](mailto:priorynews@dsj.org.uk)) if you find any problems.

Dave Washbrooke.

# Just People Programme of Events

Date	Activity	Location	Leaders	
Sept	12 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back and games evening	Church Hall / Park	Richard, Ted
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Just People Activity: local environment (photos, random acts of kindness, reflect on litter pick)	Church Hall	Richard, Ted
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Inheritance tracks: bring along a favourite track and explain why it means something to you	Church Hall	Richard, Ted
Oct	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Just People Activity: Poverty (film from just people cd, shanty building)	Church Hall	Richard, Ted
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Social action: possible St Teresa's and bowling	Church Hall	Richard, Ted, Kim
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Just People Activity: From JP session 2 (what is the Christian message on justice, does the Church act what it preaches?)	Church Hall	Richard, Ted
	24 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	No meetings		
Nov	7 <sup>th</sup>	Prepare our contribution to St Guthlac's all age service	Church Hall	Richard, Kim, Ted
	14 <sup>th</sup>	St Guthlac's all age service	St Guthlac's Market Deeping	Richard, Kim, Ted
	21 <sup>st</sup>	Just People Activity: What is justice all about (forgiveness / reparation / punishment, Govt of DSJ)	Church Hall	Richard, Ted
	28 <sup>th</sup>	Cooking evening	Church Hall	Richard, Kim, Ted
Dec	5 <sup>th</sup>	Just People Activity: Who is my neighbour? (ideas from JP session 3)	Church Hall	Richard
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party	Church Hall	Richard, Kim

More news next month.

*Richard Gamman.*

## Deepings in Bloom 2010

Great news! We've just heard that Deeping St James achieved a silver award and came 4<sup>th</sup> in the *Small Towns* category. We gained 139 points, the highest score for a newcomer. To cap it all, we received a special judges' award for over 91 unusual containers. Thank you all for everything you have done to make this excellent result possible!

*Judy Stevens.*



## Quilting Display



A gorgeous display of quilts. [Photo courtesy of Bill Flegg.]

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> the Church was a scene of colour, with over 100 quilts on display. There were so many that it was difficult to see any pews.

The choir stalls and walls were adorned with festive pieces; in fact, wherever you looked there was a quilt draped, showing the beautiful work of the members of "Pippins Patchwork" under the direction of Diane Cox of

Thurlby.

It is with thanks to the members who supplied prizes for both the Tombola and Raffle that the Social Committee who organized the event raised £577.80 for Church funds.

We would like to thank all who supported the event by their help in the kitchen and those who baked cakes for the teas.

*Bill and Margaret Flegg.*

## Heritage Open Days Walk

The first Heritage Walk in Deeping St James as part of English Heritage's Open Days took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September, when over 45 people gathered together at the Cross in the old part of the Village.

Councillor Phil Dilks, in welcoming visitors, explained that the Cross had been converted to the village lock up in the

nineteenth century by local stonemason, Tailby Johnson; prior to that it had served as the butter cross and is thought to date back to the fifteenth century.

Organised by the Parish Council and with John Bloomfield of Deepings Heritage on hand to point out hostelryes of the past, the walk started at the Priory Church, where



Looking around the Church Hall Garden.  
[Photo courtesy of Judy Stevens.]

Sonia gave a very informative tour. Walkers were also treated to a view of the Church Hall Garden, looking lovely after much care and attention from Linda, John and Chris.

The walk processed down Church Walk to the site of the old Waterton Hall, crossed over the river at High Locks and wended its way back down Church Street, ending at the Institute.

Refreshments were served by members of the *Deeping St James in Bloom* committee in aid of the 2011 campaign.

Summed up by Mr and Mrs Skipper: "We have lived in Deeping since 1979 but found out so much more about the village today. We have had a lovely afternoon!"

*Judy Stevens.*



## Cooking with Margaret

### Fruity Beef Casserole



#### Ingredients

- 40ml Olive oil
- 1kg lean stewing beef diced
- 2 onions thinly sliced
- 2 carrots peeled and sliced
- 2 garlic cloves crushed
- 1 heaped tbsp tomato paste
- 1 heaped tbsp plain flour
- ½ tsp chilli powder
- 1 lemon zested plus 1 tbsp juice
- 375 ml beef stock
- 160g plum jam
- chopped flat leaf parsley to garnish
- creamy mashed potato

*Margaret Flegg.*

#### Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 170°C/325°F/gas mark 3. Heat the olive oil in a large ovenproof casserole dish over a medium heat. Add the beef in batches and cook until browned all over. Transfer to a plate and set aside to rest.
2. Add the onion to the pan and cook, stirring for 1-2 minutes until softened. Add the carrot, garlic, tomato paste, flour and chilli powder. Stir to combine and cook for a further minute.
3. Add the lemon rind and lemon juice, beef, stock and plum jam (the liquid needs to just cover the meat, so add a little water if necessary). Season well with salt and pepper and bring to the boil, then place in the preheated oven and cook for 2 hours until the beef is tender.
4. Garnish with the parsley and serve with creamy mashed potato.



## Operation Christmas Child

Once again the time has come for us to start thinking about gathering together shoe boxes for the above appeal. Leaflets will be available in church. The closing date for collection is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The boxes can be brought to church when completed or collected if necessary.

Thank you for the generous response we have always received from you in the past for this worthwhile venture.

For more information, please see: [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/)

*Pat Feek.*



### What Do You Think?

**Please share your views and concerns. Communication is the key! Emails, letters and faxes only, please. See page 3 for contact details.**

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Dear Parishioners,

#### **Last month's "Bishop's Letter"**

In his letter in the September issue of Priory News, the Bishop of Lincoln, appears to conflate at least two issues. There is a big difference between Parish Share and Charitable Giving in general:

- Parish Share is for the remuneration of Clergy and the administration of the Diocese.
- Charitable Giving is for the relief of suffering of all types at home and abroad.

Thus Parish Share is more akin to a tax to pay for services rendered and not "giving to God" as the Bishop puts it.

It seems to me that conflation of this sort is being used to justify the inequitable distribution of resources obtained by the inequitable demands on parishes for high sums of money (75% of our income in the case of the Priory Church).

We did ask the Bishop, in an earlier letter concerning the situation at the Priory Church, what he would say if he were taxed at 75% by the Government but received no NHS, police, etc. He declined to answer.

*Elizabeth and Chris Halley.*

**PS:** If the content of the Bishop's letter was in response to my earlier communications with him regarding the Priory Church (I can draw no other conclusion), then I feel obliged to point out that I have never mentioned not giving to the Church.

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# *From the Vicar*

## **Why Does God Let It Happen?**

When something terrible happens, whether it is to one individual or to thousands as in the recent atrocities in the United States, one of the first questions raised is how God can let human beings do such dreadful things to each other. It was not long after the towers of the World Trade Centre collapsed before someone was on my doorstep asking that very question, and I am sure that for every person who asks it there are many more who think it, or even think, "... so there can't be a God, then!"

There are answers to these difficult questions, but they are not quick answers, and when ordinary people ask simple questions they do not expect a university essay for an answer, but not much less can satisfy our craving for the truth. Distilled as far as I can make it, the argument goes that in order to reach the goal of his creative enterprise, God has to make creatures who are capable of giving the same kind of love as God gives himself - the love he demonstrates in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Such love must be freely given (which is why even Jesus had to be open to temptation), and so such creatures have to be free to love or not to love. In reality, of course, all of humanity falls somewhere upon a continuum of love for God, with Jesus as the perfection for which we aim and the rest of us falling somewhere short of that perfection.

Now God could intervene to stop the worst of mankind's hatred, but he cannot make us love, and it is love he is after. In the whole sweep of creative activity throughout the universe from the Big Bang, God is seeking our love, and he is doing it by establishing physical conditions such that we may grow and by revealing enough of himself and his love for us to love him if we will. If he does anything at all to force our behaviour, then he loses the real love for which all of this work has been done. Thus, if we are to be free to love, then we shall also be free to hate, and some few will use that freedom and will hurt their fellow creatures and the God who loves us all.

Evil can never win, however, for the worse the suffering the greater is the opportunity for the expression of love: the heroism of the firemen and policemen in New York, the thousands of individual touches and words which have brought some comfort to the injured and the bereaved, and the amazing sense of unity between nations which have been the result of America's tragedy. These can never cancel the pain, but they are a symbol that the Light goes on shining in the darkness and the darkness can never master it.

*Mark Warrick.*

## Rotas for October

		<b>Servers</b>	<b>Sidespersons</b>	<b>Intercessors</b>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Paul Boswall Chris Halley	<b>Team D:</b> Kim Hallam, Graham Hardy, Trevor Harwood	Niccy Fisher
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	John Sellars		
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 Am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Simon Marshall John Sellars	<b>Team E:</b> Liz Bridgeman, Bill Flegg, Margaret Flegg	Sonia Marshall
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Chris Halley Simon Marshall	<b>Team F:</b> Doris Bellairs, Christine Masters, Val Wilde	Tony Masters
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	Geoff Armstrong	George Knowles Ken Rimmer	
	<b>10:00 am</b>	Paul Boswall John Sellars	<b>Team A:</b> Doris Bellairs, Mary Hamilton, Vivien Hamilton	Martin Fisher
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Chris Halley Simon Marshall	<b>Team B:</b> Joy Cunningham, Ann Meekings	Bet Washbrooke
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	John Sellars		
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	John Sellars Paul Boswall	<b>Team C:</b> Cled Bennett, Adrian Hallam, Tim Hitchborn	Sonia Marshall
	<b>6:00 pm</b>	Geoff Armstrong		

		<b>Bread &amp; Wine</b>	<b>Sunday Coffee</b>	<b>Church Flowers</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	<b>Brasses</b>
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Cled & Ann Bennett	Liz Spratley Linda Sellars	HARVEST	John & Linda Sellars	
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Caroline Herron Linda Sellars	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Mr Bond		
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Joy Cunningham Carole Mills	Bill & Margaret Flegg	Jane Thompson	Janet Lill	Joan Dyke
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Doris Bellairs Christine Masters	Val Wilde Doris Bellairs	Carole Mills	Marion Stevens	
<b>Sun 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Christine Payne Ann Meekings	Ann Bennett Penny Hebblewhite	Eileen Day	Dick & Anthea Wray	Chris Payne Pat Feek
<b>Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	<b>19:00 am</b>	Dick & Anthea Wray	Pat Feek Doris Warner	Mrs A Wall		

# Readings and Readers for October

	Old Testament		New Testament		Gospel Reading	
	Reading	Reader	Reading	Reader		
SUN 3 <sup>RD</sup>	<b>THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 22) (HARVEST FESTIVAL)</b>					
	10:00 am	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 26:1-11</a>	<b>Adrian Hallam</b>	<a href="#">Philippians 4:4-9</a>	<b>John Worthington</b>	<a href="#">John 6:25-35</a>
	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Psalm 65</a>		<a href="#">Deuteronomy 8:7-18</a>		<a href="#">2 Corinthians 9:6-15</a>
SUN 10 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23)</b>					
	8:00 am	<a href="#">2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15</a>		<a href="#">2 Timothy 2:8-15</a>		<a href="#">Luke 17:11-19</a>
	10:00 am	[Baptism]		<b>Richard Gamman</b>		
SUN 17 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24)</b>					
	10:00 am	<a href="#">Genesis 32:22-31</a>	<b>Joy Cunningham</b>	<a href="#">2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</a>	<b>Trevor Harwood</b>	<a href="#">Luke 18:1-8</a>
SUN 24 <sup>TH</sup>	<b>THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (BIBLE SUNDAY)</b>					
	8:00 am	<a href="#">Isaiah 45:22-end</a>		<a href="#">Romans 15:1-6</a>		<a href="#">Luke 4:16-24</a>
	10:00 am		<b>Simon Marshall</b>	<b>Ann Bennett</b>		
SUN 31 <sup>ST</sup>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY)</b>					
	10:00 am	<a href="#">Daniel 7:1-3,15-18</a>	<b>Graham Hardy</b>	<a href="#">Ephesians 1:11-end</a>	<b>Tony Masters</b>	<a href="#">Luke 6:20-31</a>
SUN 7 <sup>TH</sup> NOV	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT</b>					
	10:00 am	<a href="#">Job 19:23-27</a>	<b>John Marsh</b>	<a href="#">2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17</a>	<b>Niccy Fisher</b>	<a href="#">Luke 20:27-38</a>
	6:00 pm	<a href="#">Psalm 40</a>		<a href="#">1 Kings 3:1-15</a>		<a href="#">Romans 8:31-end</a>

## Registers for August

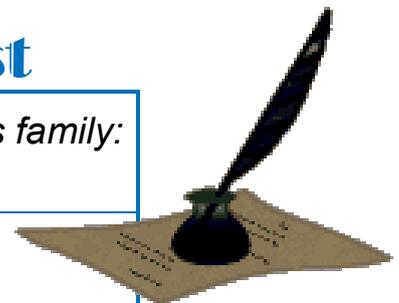
**BAPTISMS:** *We welcome into the Lord's family:*

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Trevor Raymont

29<sup>th</sup> Luke Andrew Markley  
Harry George Temple  
Theo James Forster

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

25<sup>th</sup> Bartholomew Wilkinson





# Bishop's Letter

Dear Friends

## Happy New Year!

The Diocese of Lincoln is a major contributor to educational excellence both locally and nationally. Our Diocesan Board of Education is recognised as a leader in the field, whilst I currently Chair the Church of England's Education Division and Bishop David is Vice-Chair of the National Society Council.

The National Society was set up 200 years ago as the vehicle whereby the Church could help to provide the best possible education to all children, but especially those from the most deprived backgrounds. What is meant by "best" and "deprived" has changed a great deal over the past two centuries, but the principles undergirding our commitment to primary and secondary education have remained constant.

For some commentators, educational excellence is seen entirely in terms of test results and access to further and higher education. These things do matter, because we want all children to have the chance to achieve well at school, so as to thrive in their chosen profession and place of work. Our Church Schools are about that, but they are about much more besides.

Church of England Schools seek to provide opportunities for staff and pupils to teach and learn in an environment informed by Christian values, celebrating Christian virtues and promoting attitudes and aptitudes consistent with a good life lived for the common good. The word "ethos" is often used to capture what is special about our Church Schools, and although this added value is not unique to schools with C of E in their title, it is something which comes as standard in such schools.

The Coalition Government is committed to creating a new wave of Academies and "free schools". Whilst offering a robust critique of such proposals when they seem to fall short of the ideals we espouse - especially in relation to schools in deprived areas - we nonetheless stand ready to go on being a force for good in enhancing school experiences and life chances for our children and our children's children.

At the start of a new school year, we pray God's blessing on all pupils, teachers, support staff, Governors and Bishop's Visitors and re-dedicate ourselves to support and encourage them as best we can.

+ John Lincoln