



From Revd Janet

Dear Friends,

Men beware – this letter is very much a woman's view

Over the summer Alistair and I had an invitation to a 30th wedding anniversary dinner at Sandown Racecourse in Surrey. My stepsister and her husband, who normally live in Monaco were over to celebrate their anniversary in style, and were hosting a dinner for family and friends. The dress code was "cocktail dress". Oh dear – not really my style, whatever "cocktail" means anyway. I decided I had a suitable number to wear, and so would make do. One of the things that a female priest gives up at ordination is any tendency to be dressed in the height of fashion, and my wardrobe these days is governed by the clerical shirt.

I often go into Stamford market on a Friday with Alistair, and I love to wander around the charity shops there. I saw a fantastic white handbag in one of them: an expensive designer make, and just the thing to enhance my supposed "cocktail" outfit. It's very "Jackie Kennedy": a retro round shape with integral handle in white leather with dark red piping and lining.

Anyway, as we sat down to eat on the night, the young waitress said to me, "Wow – I love your handbag" Alistair raised his eyebrows and I beamed with pride. It made my evening!

I recently read an article in the "Big Issue", talking about the waste of discarded clothing in good condition within the context of the fast changing pace of fashion. Some people need to keep up with the latest things. The writer was reflecting upon the fact that we are emotionally attached to the clothes we choose because they are an expression of who we are. As followers of fashion in the western world we discard perfectly good items just because they are no longer the latest thing. The writer went on to talk about hand knitted, crocheted, or sewn items, remarking how making our own clothing means that we become more emotionally attached to the garments, and therefore keep them for a lot longer. I think he was right.

As a very keen crafter myself, I whole-heartedly endorse this view, and I am pleased that "home making" is not now a lost skill. Designers such as Amy Butler and Cath Kidston promote the learning of sewing. Pop stars knit for their young children, and this has caught on amongst young women. There are many new magazines in the newsagents promoting these skills, which advertise many new businesses, some online, others in premises all around the country run by new young enthusiasts keen to share their passion about the subject. Our local antiques and craft emporium often has classes on the go as well as the shoppers browsing.

On the other hand, Christ tells us not to worry about it. Matthew 6 verses 25 onwards make the point that we worry too much about what we shall eat, drink or wear, for God will provide these things for us. Christ then pointed to the "Lilies of the field", which were probably what we would call anemones. In their bright red, pink and purple, they grow wild in parts of the Middle East. Jesus went on to say that "Not even the great king Solomon was arrayed like one of these". God promises to provide for us. We only have to trust him and ask for what we need. Occasionally the answer is well above what we might expect.

With all good wishes,

Revd Janet

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In this Month's Priory News ...



Dear All,

I think we can say with some certainty that this year's summer is over – certainly the days are shortening and it's feeling quite nippy at

times. May we remind you that British Summer Time ends early on Sunday morning, October 28th., so, if you turn up an hour early for church, don't blame us for not warning you!

This month sees the second of our Family Services and also the first of our afternoon Baptisms which will take place on October 21st. Hopefully this issue of Priory News will reach you in time to remind you to bring your contributions for our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 7th. which will be auctioned off during coffee after the 10 o'clock service.

Finally, don't forget to buy your ticket for the talk to be given by Helen Lunnon (née. Sellars) on Friday, 26th.

With all good wishes

John

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Margaret's recipe for apple and pear rounds will be perfect for the Mission Committee's afternoon tea on January 26th 2013.

We would like to thank John Marsh for the cover photograph showing the Priory Church.

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| Clergy Duty Days: | Revd Janet | Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday |
| | Revd Sonia | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday |
| Either can be available on a Friday | | |

Thanks to those who have sent articles for Priory News. Please keep them coming – all are very welcome. **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 September edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Monday 22nd October**. Thank you for your help.*

Church Calendar for October

| | | | |
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| 1 st | Monday | Remigius, Bishop of Rheimes, Apostle of the Franks, 533 | |
| 3 rd | Wednesday | George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Peacemaker, 1958 | |
| 4 th | Thursday | 9:30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10:30am | Home Communion |
| | | 7:45pm | Church Ladies' Fellowship |
| 5 th | Friday | Practice Night: | |
| | | 6:45pm | Choir |
| | | 7:30pm | Ringers |
| 6 th | Saturday | William Tyndale, Translator, Reformation Martyr, 1536 | |
| 7 th | SUNDAY | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 22) | |
| | | Harvest Festival | |
| | | 9:00am | Holy Communion said (Common Worship) |
| | | 10:00am | Family Service |
| | | 6:00pm | Choral Evensong |
| 9 th | Tuesday | Robert Grossteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253 | |
| | | 9:00am | Clergy Chapter: Long Sutton |
| 10 th | Wednesday | Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644 | |
| 11 th | Thursday | Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675 | |
| | | James the Deacon, Companion of Paulinus, 7 th c | |
| | | 9:30am | Holy Communion |
| 12 th | Friday | Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709 | |
| | | Practice Night: | |
| | | 6:45pm | Choir |
| | | 7:30pm | Ringers |
| 13 th | Saturday | Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066 | |
| | | 1:00pm | Wedding of Michael Baldwin and Stephanie Miller |
| 14 th | SUNDAY | NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23) | |
| | | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10:00am | Sung Eucharist |
| 16 th | Monday | Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London; Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester; Reformation Martyrs, 1555 | |
| 17 th | Wednesday | Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, 107 | |
| 18 th | Thursday | Luke the Evangelist | |
| | | 9:30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7:45pm | Church Ladies' Fellowship |
| 19 th | Friday | Henry Martyn, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812 | |
| | | Practice Night: | |
| | | 6:45pm | Choir |
| | | 7:30pm | Ringers |
| 21 st | SUNDAY | TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24) | |
| | | 10:00am | Sung Eucharist |
| | | 3:00pm | Baptism of Sylvie Rose Emery |
| | | 6:00pm | Churches Together at the Methodist Church |

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| 24 th | Wednesday | 7:30pm | PCC Meeting |
| 25 th | Thursday | Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, 287 | |
| | | 9:30am | Holy Communion |
| 26 th | Friday | Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899; Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664 | |
| | | Practice Night: | |
| | | 6:45pm | Choir |
| | | 7:30pm | Ringers |
| | | 8:00pm | Building for Eternity:Talk by Helen Lunnon in the Church Hall |
| 28 th | SUNDAY | LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 25) | |
| | | Bible Sunday (<i>British Summer Time ends</i>) | |
| | | 8:00am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10:00am | Sung Eucharist |
| 29 th | Monday | James Hannington, Bishop, Martyr in Uganda, 1885 | |
| 31 st | Wednesday | Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546 | |
| NOVEMBER | | | |
| 1 st | Thursday | All Saints' Day (transferred to Sunday 4 th November 2012) | |
| | | 9:30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 10:30am | Home Communion |
| | | 7:45pm | Church Ladies' Fellowship |
| 2 nd | Friday | Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) | |
| | | Practice Night: | |
| | | 6:45pm | Choir |
| | | 7:30pm | Ringers |
| 3 rd | Saturday | Richard Hooker, Anglican Apologist, 1600 | |
| 4 th | SUNDAY | ALL SAINTS' DAY (transferred from Thursday 1st November) (Fourth Sunday before Advent) | |
| | | 9:00am | Holy Communion, said (Common Worship) |
| | | 10:00am | Family Service and Baptism of Charlie Christopher Pennells |
| | | 3:00pm | Remembering Our Loved Ones |
| | | 6:00pm | Choral Evensong |



Just a reminder that the time has come round to start thinking about Operation Christmas Child. There will be leaflets about this at the back of Church, hopefully we will all respond to this appeal as generously as in the past.

Contact number: 01778 348110

Please bring completed show boxes to Church by 1st week in November.



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

BAPTISMS: we welcome into the Lord's family:

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| 12th | Harry David Michael Jibb |
| | Nathan Thomas South |
| | Natoya Marie Malone |
| | Ocean Malone |

A Date for your Diary

The next Churches Together meeting will be held on October 21st at the Methodist Church starting at 6pm. We will welcome Rev Mark Thompson, our new curate, as the preacher. It would be good to try and increase the support from the Priory Church at these services and hope you will be able to attend.

Liz Spratley

Mission Matters

We hope that there will be a good turn-out for the talk on October 26th 'Building for Eternity'. Helen Lunnon may already be known to some of you, as she is the daughter of John and Linda Sellars. For the past few years she has been working towards a doctorate in medieval church architecture and so I am sure the talk will be erudite, but also accessible to all. Please support what promises to be a fascinating talk, and one which will, we hope, raise money for Church Mission. (See next page for the poster).

Victoria

Deepings in Bloom

I am delighted to let you all know that today the Deeping Lakes won the award for the Best Wildlife & Conservation Area in the East Midlands region, Benedict's Court got the maximum 5 points to render them outstanding in their first year of entry into the Its Your Neighbourhood part of the competition, DSJ Community Primary School won a Silver Award in the Best School Garden competition, Eileen Day won a Bronze Award in the Best Front Garden competition and DSJ won a silver award with the same amount of points as last year in the overall competition which given the problems that we encountered was very good indeed! I would like to take this opportunity to say a personal thank you very much to all those of you who helped raise the profile of Deeping St James and made this a better place in which to live! Thank you!! Judy

Judy Stevens

Building for Eternity:

The Making of Parish Churches in Late Medieval East Anglia



8.00pm Friday 26th October 2012
Deeping St James Church Hall

A Public Talk

in aid of the Priory Church Mission Funds
Given by Helen Lunnon MA

Tickets: £4 (incl. refreshments)
tel: 343860 or available on the door.

God and Grass

Thought you gardeners would enjoy this conversation between God and St. Francis. It is funny because it is so true.

GOD:

Frank you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

St. FRANCIS:

It's the tribes that settled there Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not Lord. As soon as it grows a little they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS:

Not exactly Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS:

No Sir just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD:

Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS:

Yes Sir.

GOD:

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD:

What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS:

You better sit down Lord.. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD:

No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS:

After throwing away the leaves they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD:

And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS:

They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD:

Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore.

St. Catherine you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE:

'Dumb and Dumber' Lord. It's a story about....

GOD:

Never mind I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Fish 'n' chip babies' jumpers

Newborn babies in Uganda, many suffering from Aids are being sent home from hospital wrapped in newspaper (hence fish 'n' chip) for warmth and they need your help!



Following the overwhelming support for the teddies for orphans campaign it is hoped that knitters in DSJ will support this initiative to knit a jumper which will then be sent to Africa to keep tiny babies warm. A quick and easy pattern is available, using only double knitting and

no baby colours as the jumpers may never be washed - an average knitter should be able to complete one in an evening. Please call me on 348859 and I will make sure that a pattern is sent to you and I will arrange collection.

Confirmation 2013 and Preparation

Revd Philip Brent and I have booked a Confirmation Service for Ascension Day next year: Thursday 9th May. It will be at St Guthlac's Church because it is their turn to host the service.

There will be plenty of time to prepare both young people and adults for this.

I am beginning a series of preparation classes for young people of 10 year old and upwards, meeting on Wednesdays from 5.30pm till 6-30pm starting as soon as I have contacted everyone who would like to come. If you are interested please contact me on 343750.

Revd Janet

Cooking with Margaret

Apple and Pear Round



| Ingredients: | Method: |
|------------------------------|--|
| 225g Self raising flour | 1. Mix together the flour and salt. Rub in the butter. |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 2. Peel, core and coarsely grate the apple and pear. |
| 50g butter | 3. Add the sugar, grated fruit and sufficient milk to give a soft but not sticky dough |
| 1 medium cooking apple | 4. Turn the mixture on to a floured surface and knead lightly. |
| 1 dessert pear | 5. Roll out to a 20 cm circle and place on a greased and floured baking sheet. |
| 50g caster sugar | 6. Score the round into 8 pieces. |
| 4 tablespoons milk | 7. Brush the top with milk and sprinkle with sugar. |
| For the glaze: a little milk | 8. Place in a moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F/gas 6) and bake for 20 – 25 mins or until golden brown. |
| 1 tablespoon Demerara sugar | Serve warm with butter. |

Knit and Natter

We are finally coming to the end of knitting squares for blankets for Romania. Thanks to all who have knitted squares and have helped stitch them together. So far we have completed one double blanket, we have received a donation of a second double blanket, one single blanket is nearing completion, three cot blankets have been completed and a further two are being stitched together. All the blankets will be sent on the next delivery to Romania in January. The next project, as winter approaches, is to knit scarves and beanie hats for the homeless in Peterborough. Patterns are available at the back of church if you wish to start knitting. The next Knit and Natter will be held on Thursday October 25th at Cranmore Farmhouse at 7.30pm. For a lift, please see Penny (Tel.347942).



Everyone Welcome

Victoria



News from the Tower

Congratulations to Christine Masters who recently rang her first quarter peal on an inside bell in the method of Plain Bob Doubles. Well done Christine!

Mike Gentle

Priory Coffee Group

On Thursday 20th September a Coffee Morning was held in the Church Hall, those attending were treated to home made biscuits and scones. There was a bring and buy stall manned by Mrs Jean Clark and her daughter Lynn, also a raffle with John Marsh in charge.



The morning raised £ 168.70 which will go towards the monies distributed next year to local good causes. Treasurer Margaret Flegg thanked Doris Bellairs for manning the door, the hostesses for serving the coffee and those attending the event. The next Coffee morning will be on the 29th November, when all are welcome

Margaret Flegg.

The Hall.

The Hall Trustees are pleased to announce that Jo-Anne Thomson has offered to take over the post of Hall Manager. Tony is due to give up at the end of September, so we have been looking for someone else to take on the job. In due course new details will be available regarding the telephone number to ring for bookings. We are going to purchase a pay-as-you-go mobile number to use.

The Deanery of Elloe West.

For some time now, about 3 years or so, the Parishes of Deeping St James and Market Deeping have related to the area to the west of Spalding for area management and location.. Formerly we were in the Deanery of Aveland and Ness with Stamford.

In July the PCC received a formal letter from the Diocese which, when signed made the present arrangements legally established. There was an opportunity offered if the PCC wanted, to meet the Archdeacon to discuss the issues involved, raising any matters of concern.

Our Archdeacon, Tim Barker, and the diocesan Pastoral Secretary, Rachel Beck, attended the PCC meeting on 13th September and listened to the concerns raised.

The outcome of this was that the PCC voted to stay in the Deanery of Elloe West, signing the necessary legal documents.

For those who are interested, the PCC minutes can be made available soon.

Rotas for October

| | | Servers | Sidespersons | Intercessors |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 7th | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 22) | | | |
| | 9:00 am | Chris Halley and Simon Marshall | | Martin Fisher |
| | 10:00 am | Paul Boswall | Team B: Joy Cunningham and Ann Meekings | |
| | 6:00 pm | John Sellars | | |
| 14th | NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23) | | | |
| | 8:00 am | Geoff Armstrong | | |
| | 10:00 am | Chris Halley and Paul Boswall | Team C: Tim Hitchborn and Cled Bennett | Sonia Marshall |
| 21st | TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24) | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Simon Marshall and John Sellars | Team D: Trevor Harwood and Graham Hardy | Niccy Fisher |
| 28th | LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 25) | | | |
| | 8:00 am | Geoff Armstrong | | |
| | 10:00 am | Chris Halley and Simon Marshall | Team E: Bill and Margaret Flegg and Liz Bridgeman | John Marsh |
| NOVEMBER | | | | |
| 4th | ALL SOULS' DAY (transferred from Thursday 1st October) Fourth Sunday before Advent | | | |
| | 9:00 am | Simon Marshall and John Sellars | | Bet Washbrooke |
| | 10:00 am | Paul Boswall | Team F: Val Wilde, Doris Bellairs and Christine Masters | |
| | 3:00 am | Chris Halley | | |
| | 6:00 pm | John Sellars | | |

| | | Bread & Wine | Coffee | Flowers | Cleaning | Brasses |
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| 7TH | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 22) | | | | | |
| | 9:00 am | TBA | | Harvest | | |

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| | 10:00 am | | Ann Bennett and Penny Hebblewhite | | | |
| 14 TH | NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23) | | | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Dick and Anthea Wray | Johanna Jones and Jill Ironside | Jane Thompson | Bill and Margaret Flegg | Linda Mann and Joan Dyke |
| 21 ST | TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24) | | | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Martin and Niccy Fisher | John and Sue Marsh | Carole Mills | | |
| 28 TH | LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 25) | | | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Pat Feek and Doris Warner | Liz Spratley and Linda Sellars | Eileen Day | Liz Spratley and Sandra Jones | Chris Payne and Pat Feek |
| 4 TH | NOVEMBER | | | | | |
| | ALL SOULS' DAY (transferred from Thursday 1st October) Fourth Sunday before Advent | | | | | |
| | 9:00 am | TBA | Joan Dyke and Lin Witherington | Alice Wall | | |
| | 10:00 am | | | | | |

Readings and Readers for October

| | | OT Reading | OT Reader | NT Reading | NT Reader | Gospel |
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| 7 th | EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 22) | | | | | |
| | 9:00 am | Joel 2: 21-27 | TBA | 1 Timothy 6: 6-10 | TBA | Matthew 6: 25-33 |
| | 10:00 am | Oct 7th: Matthew 6, verses 25-34 (Harvest) | TBA | | | |
| | 6:00 pm | Ps 125 & Ps 126 | Joshua 3: 7-end | Matthew 10: 1-22 | | |
| 14 th | NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 23) | | | | | |
| | 8:00 am | Amos 5: 6,7,10-15 | | Hebrews 4: 12-16 | | Mark 10: 17-31 |
| 10:00 am | Caroline Herron | | Roger Bridgman | | | |
| 21 st | TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 24) | | | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Isaiah 53: 4-12 | Bill Flegg | Hebrews 5: 1-10 | Victoria Worthington | Mark 10: 35-45 |

| LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 25) | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 28 th | 8:00 am | Isaiah 55: 1-11 | | 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5 | | John 5: 36-47 |
| | 10:00 am | | Cled Bennett | | Ann Bennett | |
| NOVEMBER | | | | | | |
| ALL SOULS' DAY (transferred from Thursday 1st October) Fourth Sunday before Advent | | | | | | |
| 4 th | 9:00 am | Wisdom 3: 1-9 | TBA | Revelation 21: 1-6 | TBA | John 11: 32-44 |
| | 10:00 am | John 11: 32-44 | TBA | | | |
| | 3:00 pm | | | | | |
| | 6:00 pm | Ps 149 & Ps 150 | Isaiah 65: 17-end | Hebrews 11: 32-12:2 | | |

The Bishop of Grimsby announces his retirement

The Bishop of Grimsby has announced that he will retire at the end of 2012, after 12 years in post.

The Rt Revd David Rosdale, who celebrates his 60th birthday next year, has held responsibility for appointments, pastoral care and development of clergy in the northern half of the Diocese, and has also been central to the strategic direction of the Diocese as a member of the Bishop of Lincoln's consultative staff and as a member of Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Council.

Bishop David has also been chair of the Diocesan Board of Education, shaping the direction of Church Schools across the Diocese of Lincoln.

Speaking on his announcement, Bishop David said: "It has been a wonderful 12 years during which I have learned much and I have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside the priests and people in the north of the Diocese.

"There have been many challenges and opportunities along the way and it has been a rewarding and often exciting journey.

"I feel that it is now time to move on and discover how my particular experience and energy might be used to serve God and God's mission in the world in new ways."

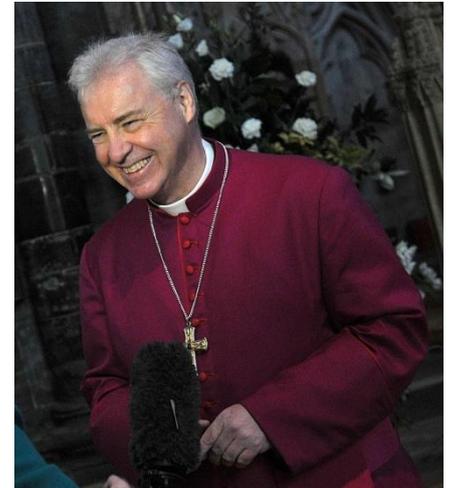
Bishop David, and his wife, Karen, will live near Spilsby in retirement, and he will become an Assistant Bishop in the Diocese, and will remain a Canon of Lincoln Cathedral and a Trustee of the St Lawrence Academy which is sponsored by the Diocese.



Paying tribute to the work of Bishop David, the Bishop of Lincoln, the Rt Revd Christopher Lowson, said: "David's energy, his pastoral care of the benefices in his care, and his excellent strategic leadership of the work of the Diocese's Education Department have served the Diocese well over 12 years, and I'm delighted that he will continue to offer a ministry to the region in retirement."

Personal Assistant to the Bishop of Lincoln

I would like to put on record my thanks to **Joy Schneider** who has worked with me as my Personal Assistant since September 2011. In fact, Joy began just before I officially started my public ministry as Bishop at my enthronement in November 2011 and has continued until now.



On the advice of future colleagues, I approached Joy, who had retired in 2009 as PA to the then Chief Executive of the Diocese (Max Manin), to invite her to be my temporary Personal Assistant for six months or so. As you will remember the previous Bishop, Dr John Saxbee, employed his wife, Jackie, in this role so when I arrived there was no PA in post. The Revd Canon Michael Silley had manfully held the fort during the Vacancy in See with support from other Diocesan colleagues.

With the background of having been the Chief Executive's PA, Joy was able to provide knowledgeable and wise assistance to me in this first period to a new Bishop. She has worked very hard indeed and I am very grateful for all she has done for me. Joy has been with me for a year, but decided not to continue in this role permanently. She has not only helped me settle in, but has also prepared the way for a permanent successor. I am sure the people of the Diocese would want to join me in saying thank you to her.

You may have already had contact with my new Personal Assistant, **Deborah Mathews**. Deborah comes to us from Lincoln Castle Academy in the city of Lincoln and has significant experience in the worlds of education and health. Deborah is married to Ian, an Intelligence Warrant Officer in the Royal Air Force, and they have Grace who has just joined the Cathedral Choir.

I look forward to working with Deborah in the years to come.

+ Christopher Lincoln :



Letter from the Bishop of Lincoln

Dear friends,

The great sporting summer of 2012 continues to amaze. The stupendous success of the Olympic Games being followed by a different, but just as successful, experience – the Paralympic Games. These two beautifully organised sporting festivals have not only showcased London and Britain, but also reminded us of several important ideas. The first is that there is nothing wrong in taking in a pride in our British-ness. In recent decades – in part because of the experience of Fascism in the 1930 and 1940s – we have been cautious about celebrating our national qualities too overtly. We wanted our nation to do well – particularly as the proud hosts – and were thrilled when medals were won and Olympics records broken.

Natural human loyalties and communities are given to us as schools for love, as places where we can learn to broaden and deepen our love for the wider world and for God, by learning to love others, some of whom may be very different from ourselves.

So it is no bad thing to be proud of the achievements of our nation as long as it leads to broadly human sympathies and is not diminished by unhealthy jingoism. And this brings me to my second idea: that we should not be dominated by an idea of perfection against which we measure everything else. We live in a diverse universe with many complementary expressions of life.

This is demonstrated so powerfully by the athletes of the Paralympic Games, and challenges those who are conventionally able to see those with injuries and disabilities not in negative terms, but as fellow human beings with a different set of abilities. We may then be able to view the human race as family of people of differing (and ideally complementary) backgrounds, ethnicities and abilities all of which can be focussed towards the Common Good.

I am proud to be British not only because of the achievements of our athletes – but also because we are becoming a nation which values all its peoples whoever they are and expects everyone to contribute to the benefit of all.

+Christopher Lincoln