

# WILDERSPIN NATIONAL SCHOOL

## Wilderspin National School – Spring Reopening

Repairs at the Wilderspin National School are complete and the museum reopens on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

The repairs were needed because of problems with the ceiling in the historic Wilderspin schoolroom and the consequential safety concerns. A lot of work has been undertaken during the closure and the souvenir shop and coffee shop have been revamped and a new events programme for 2010 has been published. This includes monthly coffee mornings including a special school reunion on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April between 10.00am and 12.30pm. Photographs from the archive and recent acquisitions to the collection will be on display. These should stimulate memories of the school and reminiscences of past schooldays.

During the Easter school holiday young visitors will be able to help us plant out the Wilderspin garden and follow the Easter chick hunt.

In September the School begins its Home Front programme to commemorate the seventieth anniversary of the Blitz which includes an exhibition, activities for school groups and the annual Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days which this year adopts the theme of “Lincolnshire at War”. You may have something of interest that you would be willing to loan.

Sadly, Dr. Jim Robertson, Vice Chair of the Queen Street School Preservation Trust, died in February after a period of illness. Dr. Robertson initiated the moves to save the former Church School in the early 1990s helping to establish the Preservation Trust, initiating the successful restoration project and being part of the working group that brought it about. His widow, Dr. Mary Robertson, continues to share an interest in the school. Dr Jim will be missed but, after so many years of trying, it was wonderful that he was able to see the fruits of his labours with the opening of the Wilderspin National School in 2009.

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## Copy Deadlines for the May edition

Would all contributors please submit material by Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup>

Please note the following arrangements for Parish News (& weekly notice sheet.)

From April 1st, all Parish News articles should be sent either electronically to [parishnewssue@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:parishnewssue@hotmail.co.uk) or left in the clergy vestry clearly marked. Any items sent to Father David after this date will not get picked up.

*Items for the weekly notice sheet should be sent after April 4th to Liz Brown, either manually or at [brown5le@btinternet.com](mailto:brown5le@btinternet.com) by the Wednesday of each week.*

*Kurate Kathy and Antique Alan.*

## WORD GAMES

'...Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied ....'

Talking with a fellow priest the other week, she happened to mention being at a piece of 'Fresh Expression' worship. 'It was all very well', she said, 'apart from the warm-up songs. My group didn't know them, and when it came to singing *that* line....'

I've reproduced the offending words above (they're quite notorious, and googling for them will reveal many critical comments). Although those who think Christian doctrine began with Calvin will wonder what all the fuss is about, a lot of us find it borders on the heretical. As someone in the blogosphere commented, "when I imagine the wrath of God being satisfied I picture a toddler throwing a temper tantrum who needs to be appeased into settling down."

Now I know that the usual response is to say Star-Trek-style, 'Well, it's wrath, Jim, but not as we know it' – but that's perhaps the point. To write a modern worship song which then needs an extended explanation to make it acceptable to traditional Christianity seems to have got something a bit topsy-turvy. (A naughty game, by the way, is to flick through a book of modern worship songs and note how often they go on about modern accoutrements of life like — swords, spears and chariots?)

We're at that time of year when some of the central mysteries of the Christian faith, and of human existence, for that matter, come to the fore. So how can the death of a Palestinian Jew two thousand years ago make any difference to me now? Countless volumes have been produced with one theory after another, trying to explain the theological chemistry which happens between the mornings of Good Friday and Easter Day, theories ranging from the interesting to the crass. All fun, and sometimes illuminating – but so easily just another word-game.

It's interesting that the only statements binding on Christians, the Creeds, don't try and define what happened on Good Friday. Thus I find myself, the word-game-player *par excellence*, drawn to an insight of the mediaeval church, one found in Bernard of Clairvaux (again) and in John of the Cross – that at the end of it all, understanding breaks down. In the end, all we can look to is, not word-play, but the divine love.

If we do (as it is often claimed) draw a lot of our faith from hymn-words, perhaps we need to look somewhere other than the song I quote above.

Personally I find some interpretations of that phrase, which is after all an almost mystical description, the kind we perceive in "Abide in me as I abide in you (John ch. 15), rather sticky and sentimental. I can have a very personal and intimate relationship with my wife, because in my marriage, body, mind, and spirit, mingle in all sorts of ways. However can I say the same about a "relationship" with Jesus? What do you think?

*David Redrobe*

## BISHOP JOHN'S LETTER - BY GEORGE, IT'S EASTER!

This year Easter falls early in April and, of course, as usual St. George's Day falls towards the end of the month. Celebrating St George is especially significant in England, and 23<sup>rd</sup> April is also the birthday of William Shakespeare. So our Patron Saint and most iconic poet and dramatist combined to fuel our sense of national pride, and may even contribute to that air of effortless superiority which seems to come over English people at this time of the year.

But this should be tempered by the fact that this red-letter day in our national calendar falls within the season of Easter. This is the season when we celebrate Jesus breaking free from the bonds which bind us, so that borders and boundaries become not barriers but meeting places.

National pride is an important part of our identity as citizens who belong to a particular place, with all that its history and culture means to us and those around us. It can be cause for celebration and bring us together in positive ways. But it can also mutate into the worst kinds of nationalism which set people over against one another and release the dogs of war. "My country right or wrong" can never be an acceptable rallying cry for those who know themselves to be citizens of the world, and members of the human family transcending national boundaries.

This will be especially true for those who live by faith in the resurrection of Jesus. During the Easter season we are reminded of how He commissioned the disciples to take the good news of His risen life to the uttermost parts of the earth, and it was clearly not going to be subject to border controls or lines on a map.

At the heart of Easter is a message for all people at all times and in all places. It is the ultimate antidote to the worst excesses of nationalism and patriotic fervour. This may be something the people of this nation will need to bear in mind as we prepare for a General Election, so that global as well as local considerations inform our decisions and our destiny.

*+John Lincoln*

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE FATHER? “WHAT DO YOU THINK?” – No 2

In 1980 Thomas Smail, an Anglican, “evangelical” theologian, wrote an important book titled “The Forgotten Father”. At the time he was Director of the Fountain Trust, which was a movement, to quote him, “fully immersed in the promotion of charismatic renewal.” He believed that the “renewal of the Church” would come about only through the power of the Holy Spirit. However, he was prompted to write the book because he saw in some aspects of the charismatic movement, a total devotion to the Holy Spirit, to the exclusion of the Father, and therefore to the Trinity. Years ago now I went to a Catholic Mass, presided over by an Augustinian Priest. The “Creed” began with “We believe in the Holy Spirit”, the “Intercessions”, which were really Petitions, lasted nearly half an hour full of “speaking in tongues”, which nobody could understand, -that was very unbiblical!! – and the main focus was on Jesus, rather than the Trinitarian balance of “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”.

More recently I read a book, which was an expanded lecture given to the annual Methodist Conference meeting of the Methodist Sacramental Fellowship – a Fellowship pastorally catering for those in the Methodist Church of a “Catholic” commitment to the Eucharist. This lecture was given by Susan White a more “liberal”, Methodist theologian. It was titled, “Whatever happened to the Father? The Jesus Heresy in Modern Worship”.

In the “Postscript” to Thomas Smail’s book, he writes this. “The right theology for “Renewal” is the classical Trinitarian theology that has its roots in the New Testament and that centres in the Incarnation, death and Resurrection of the only Son of the Father, as the focal point of all creation and recreation. I suggest that unless we see our renewal in that context it will remain far too small.”

I sometimes get the feeling that some branches of the Church are obsessed with Jesus, perhaps because they can’t give God the Father and God the Holy Spirit an equivalent “shape” that can be visualized. Or maybe it is because they have what is described as “a personal relationship with Jesus”- whatever that means! – which tends to exclude the Father and the Spirit.

And a quiet meditation on Isaac Watts' masterpiece, 'When I survey', which attempts to explain nothing at all, but invites us only to witness the love of God on the Cross, might well prepare us better for Easter Day than playing word-games with wrath.

*Fr David*

## CARNIVAL CELEBRATION IN BARTON



Venetians, eat your heart out – some of us feasted very well on a very wide range of Italian-style food on the evening of 13th March. We had already been given official notice by the Parish Priest that on the Eve of Refreshment Sunday/Mothering Sunday/Lent 4 we were entitled to a relaxation of Lent rigours and we duly took advantage of that. In fact, thanks to Jenny, the two Amandas, Jo and all the E-1-W gang, we ate so well that pleas to teach the younger revellers a traditional dance or two remained unfulfilled, though we did manage to complete the quiz, set by “Harlequin” in all his finery.

Many of the costumes were magnificent and several people were genuinely unrecognisable under Baroque wigs and behind amazing masks, some homemade and some the “real thing” from Venice.

It was, perhaps a pity that there were not more people present, but there were a number of understandable reasons for this and certainly those who did attend, were, as always, deeply appreciative of the efforts made by the leaders and members of our youth group.

*Rosemary Lamert*

## MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

We acknowledged Marriage Week – Feb 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> with a display on the altar frontal cupboard behind Trinity Altar using wedding memorabilia, flowers and the marriage service book, also prayers on our notice board, both designed to celebrate marriage not just weddings. Our display was much enhanced by the beautiful Altar Frontal masterminded and compiled by Viv with contributions from several of our members and others. We are privileged to have such a work of art in our church, representing the talents of today and thank Viv for the many, many hours of work that she has put into it as well as those who contributed.

Our meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> was well attended by our members and friends. Sheila welcomed everyone, with a special welcome to our speaker The Venerable Jane Sinclair, Archdeacon of Stow and Lindsey. We sang hymn 383 “Be still for the presence of the Lord” followed by a Bible reading from Isaiah 58 vv 1-12 read by Val Dukes. Sheila then said prayers before passing over to Jane who spoke to us about Psalms. Jane explained how the book of Psalms could be used for a good Lent study starting on Ash Wednesday through to Easter Sunday when Psalm 150 would be appropriate it being an outburst of praise. Psalms 1 to 150 go from obedience to praise. The psalms are poems and songs which reflect on human life and experiences. The whole book showing God’s Law in simple trustworthy faith. Jane used examples of certain psalms to show obedience, worship and prayers asking God to be fair and just and lead us through our life. Jane read from The Message - Psalms written by Canadian Eugene Peterson which is very modern contemporary language. As Jane spoke she gave a powerpoint display to reflect the psalms message in beautiful pictures.

Jane was thanked by Val Dukes for a very interesting afternoon which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

*Brenda Skinner*

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Corporate Communion. <i>Reader: Val Dukes.</i>
April 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.30 pm	Trinity Rally
April 28 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Prayer Group <i>led by Brenda Skinner</i>

Flower Rota:	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sylvia Chambers
	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Val Dukes

*Will all members please check the MU notice board at the back of church for information.*

***The annual Humber Bridge cross is on May 8<sup>th</sup> 2.00-5.00. Sponsor forms are available from: Mrs Gill Dalby, 4 Hollytree Avenue, Hull HU5 5YB (01482 504203) or King's Christian Bookshope, 74-78 Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe.***

## STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL 2010

It's ten years since last we held a Parish Funding Programme. Over that time, we've managed to balance our budget and support the role of St Mary's. But as we all know, money doesn't go as far now as it did ten years ago, and so this spring we're planning a renewal of the parish's Planned Giving programme, and through this hope to build a sound base for our continuing work.

There will be a Stewardship supper on May 4<sup>th</sup> as part of the renewal, and members of the electoral roll and those who support the Planned Giving programme will be getting more information about this in the next few days. However, we are aware that there are folk who support St Mary's who belong to neither of these groups, but might like to take part in the renewal programme, even if only to learn a little more about how St Mary's manages its budget and the way things are likely to go in the future. If you would like an invitation, and aren't involved in Planned Giving or on the Electoral Roll already, please let us know and we'll add your name to the list.

The simplest way of doing this is to write your name and address on a card (you'll find some at the back of Church, but you don't need to use a 'proper' one) and drop it in the collecting box which will shortly appear at the back of Church. Alternatively, send it to the Vicarage, marked 'Stewardship'. And please keep this work in your prayers. Lots of people don't like 'talking about money' — but our faithful use of money is every bit as much a part of the Christian faith as pastoral care, or worship, or study.

With thanks for all your support,

*The Stewardship Steering Group*

## PRAYER & REFLECTION GROUP

Because of Easter holidays, Bank Holidays and other meetings, the next available date for the Prayer & Reflection Group is Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 8.00pm at 82 West Acridge (tel: 632318). The theme will be “Going Up in Our Estimation” – a preparation for Ascension Day. All are welcome.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE: CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2010



Everyone's pushed for time *and* money, and Christian Aid collecting may seem a thankless task sometimes. But take a few moments to read the following - at the very least it might inspire you to think what *can* be done.

Christian Aid works through partner organisations in around 50 countries for profound change that eradicates the causes of poverty, striving to achieve equality, dignity and freedom for all, regardless of faith or nationality. Christian Aid Week is Britain's longest-running fundraising week and has been a firm fixture in the calendar since 1957.

A Christian Aid supporter reports on work in Kenya: 'We've travelled around Nairobi: more than 2 million people - sixty per cent of the population - live in informal settlements. The first things we saw when we arrived in Matopeni were the results of the flying toilets. There's not a single working toilet here, so people go, put it in a bag, and throw it over the wall. And there is no clean running water. People have managed to access the water pipes below the ground – but the water is really filthy and carries typhoid. Mosquitoes breed in the sewers, increasing malaria, and the children often suffer from pneumonia because of the damp.

The dignity of the people here and the sense of community are very striking. It's about *we*, not *me*: a group called Arise and Shine has organised rubbish collections and educated people about health and other issues.

By contrast, the people in Kiambui are almost living a normal life. Through Christian Aid's partner organisation, they have built five toilet and shower blocks and they've employed people from the local community to clean and maintain them. They charge people a nominal fee to use them and invest the money back into the community, for example to fund the building of more toilet blocks or emergency healthcare for families. They've also got clean drinking water now.

I'd seen people living in poverty through television screens but I hadn't really grasped for myself what it's really like – the desperation, and having no means of providing the very basics for yourself and for your family. But I've also seen that if we're willing to do something, to make an effort, to put other people first, we can make others' lives a lot better. We don't even need a huge amount of money. Relatively small amounts bring massive, massive changes to many, many people.

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### PARISH REGISTERS

#### BAPTISMS:

March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Kyle Michael Gunn & Louie Oliver Gunn**, sons of  
**Michaela Louise & Ian Paul Gunn**

**Kieran Stephen Weller & Owen Harvey Weller**, sons of  
**Tracy Lisa & Andrew Ronald Weller**

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Jacob Michael Haywood**, son of **Emma Marie & Andrew  
James Haywood**

**Thomas Leaning**, son of **Dawn & Benjamin Leaning**

#### MARRIAGES:

March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Edward Stuart Wallace & Sophie Sadowj**

#### FUNERALS:

March 8<sup>th</sup>

**Zena Brown**

March 10<sup>th</sup>

**Mabel Kathleen ('Peg') Atkinson**

March 19<sup>th</sup>

**Dorothy Bott**

### CHURCH FLOWERS

Donations for Church flowers have been received in loving memory of:

Denzil Blanchard

Bob Griffiths

Jeremy Griffiths

Stanley Robinson.

*Shirley Creasey*

## **THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & SUBSEQUENT PCC MEETING - 16TH MARCH 2010**

### **At the Annual Vestry Meeting:**

Mrs Valerie Dukes and Mr Geoffrey Brown were elected as CHURCH WARDENS

### **At the Annual General Meeting the following were elected to serve on the PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL:**

Mr Stephen Bennett, Mr Kevin Henson, Miss Amanda Hepworth, Mrs (Y) Jennifer (F) Hepworth, Mr Ian Holt, Mrs Rosemary Lamert, Mr Alan Mabbott, Mrs Mavis Nutbrown, Mrs Auriol Trubshaw, Mrs Iris Ward.  
Revd David Rowett – Priest-in-Charge and Vicar Designate is ex-officio PCC CHAIRMAN

Dr Peter Large is an ex-officio member of the PCC, both as Diocesan Lay Reader and as a member of the Deanery Synod

Mrs (A E) Liz Brown and Mr Robert Smith are ex-officio members of the PCC as members of the Deanery Synod.

Revd Katherine Colwell and Revd Alan Wright attend the meetings of the PCC as non-voting members.

### **At the PCC meeting immediately following the Annual General meeting, the following were elected as PCC Officers:**

VICE-CHAIRMAN – Mr Ian Holt

CHURCH TREASURER – Mr Alan Mabbott

SECRETARY – Mrs Rosemary Lamert

ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER – Mrs (K) Susan Wright

### **and the following are members of the PCC STANDING COMMITTEE for 2010-11:**

PCC Chairman, PCC Vice-Chairman, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Mrs Y Jennifer Hepworth, Mrs R Lamert, Dr P Large, Mrs M Nutbrown

### **PCC dates for 2010-2011 are:**

Mondays: 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010; 24<sup>th</sup> January, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011

## **EVA'S SONG**

She wore a green dress to the cross.  
The colour of dirt and down-trodden.  
She had seen his face, she had heard his voice.  
She decided to go there by choice.  
She had not known the nails would be so long,  
She was pushed, jostled and threatened by the throng.  
She couldn't read or write so there was no way  
She could tell of the happenings of that day.  
But she did see him held on high, She did hear the wind sigh, sigh.  
She felt the mesh of fear  
That stirred the peoples as they went away.  
She had known a man of dignity,  
She had seen the many signs.  
She had known a man of quiet calm.  
But now she has seen a Risen King.  
Heard His voice and seen His blush.  
A love rewarded by silent grace.  
A gift of love forever given,  
To the woman in a green dress,  
Who, out of her heart, unknown to her,  
It was God whom she had blest.

*S. M. Chambers*

## **MORNING COFFEE WITH BISHOP JOHN**

There will be a Coffee Morning on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April in the Hall from 10.00am till 11.30am when Bishop John will present the latest batch of BYAA certificates, including one highest award. It is also hoped to receive the "Best Practice" certificate. Please come along and support our young people and chat informally to our Bishop before he goes off to Glanford Park to watch his team, Bristol City, beaten by Scunthorpe United.

## **..... LIZ'S ORDINATION**

Alan has booked a coach for Liz's ordination on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July** at 10.30am at Gainsborough Parish Church. The arrangements are similar to Kathy's last September. The coach will leave St. Mary's at **8.45am**, and be back in Barton around 2.00pm. Tickets are ?5 and will be sold from April 1<sup>st</sup> (no joke!) on a cash only/first-come-first-served basis.

*Kurate Kathy and Antique Alan*

## WHAT'S ON AT THE ROPEWALK - Easter Activities at ST-ART

Barton children's charity, ST-ART, has put together a series of events for the Easter holidays.

Starting on Saturday, April 3, the programme gets under way with a free Easter drop-in at The Ropewalk's Artspace between 1pm and 3pm with Easter chicks and Spring lambs being made under the direction of Wendy Chan. There's no need to book, just turn up.

On Tuesday, April 6 the Theatre of Widdershins will transport Ropery Hall into the magical land of Arabian Nights and, using puppets, props and storytelling, will tell tales from the desert, the bed of the ocean and a tale straight from the donkey's mouth. Suitable for children aged four years and over and their families, the performance begins at 2pm and costs £3 for adults and £2 for children under 16.

The following day, April 7, Ropery Hall stages two performances, at 2.30pm and 6.30pm, of the acclaimed film *Fantastic Mr Fox* (PG). Entry for either screening is £3 for adults and £1 for under 16s.

Thursday, April 8, sees artist Kirsty Champ leading a workshop on Origami Easter baskets at the Viking Resource Centre on Fairfield Drive between 2pm and 4pm while the following day ST-ART co-ordinator Janine Knight will be making woven Easter Baskets at The Ropewalk between 10am and 12noon.

Finally on Wednesday, April 14, Tell Tale Hearts will be presenting *Space Hoppers* at Ropery Hall in two interactive productions, starting at 11am and 2pm, combining performance, live music and poetry to transport children to a distant galaxy and create a magical experience for children aged between three and seven years and their families. Entry costs £3 for adults and £2 for under 16s.

Full details of all exhibitions and workshops are online at [www.ropewalk.co.uk](http://www.ropewalk.co.uk) and Ropery Hall events at [www.roperyhall.co.uk](http://www.roperyhall.co.uk)

At the PCC meeting on Monday 22nd March, the following PCC sub-committee members were appointed:

### SOCIAL

Mrs A Trubshaw (Chair)  
Miss A Hepworth  
Mrs Y J F Hepworth  
Mrs I Ward  
Mrs A Chapman\*  
Mrs L Grindley\*  
Miss J Hepworth\*  
Mrs M Robinson\*

### CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE/ VULNERABLE ADULTS

Mrs Y J F Hepworth (Chair)  
Revd D Rowett  
Revd A Wright  
Mr G Brown  
Mrs R Lamert  
Mrs M Nutbrown  
Mr M Searle\*  
Mrs M Wright\*  
(*coopted* \*)

### OUTREACH AND NURTURE

(Chairman to be appointed)  
Revd D Rowett  
Revd K Colwell  
Mrs A E Brown  
Mrs V Dukes  
Mr K Henson  
Miss A Hepworth  
Mrs Y J F Hepworth  
Dr P Large  
Mr J McCartney\*  
(Trinity Methodist Representative)  
HALL  
Revd A Wright (Chair)  
Mr G Brown  
Mr A Mabbott  
Mrs M Nutbrown  
Mrs A Trubshaw  
Mr G Hobson\*  
Mr B Petch\*  
Mr M Searle\*



## PCC MINUTES - REMINDER

Remember that minutes approved as accurate by the PCC are available to read, by right, by any member of the Parish Electoral Roll, and to anyone else with the permission of the PCC. The minutes of the January meeting are available now. Ask Rosemary Lamert, PCC Secretary, for a copy.

## APRIL DIARY

### April 1<sup>st</sup> - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 pm Sung Eucharist followed by  
Watch of the Passion until midnight

### April 2<sup>nd</sup> - GOOD FRIDAY

2.00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy

### April 4<sup>th</sup> - EASTER DAY

6.00 am The Easter Vigil  
& first Eucharist of the Resurrection  
8.00 am Said Eucharist of Easter Day  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist of Easter Day  
2.30pm Service at The Willows  
6.00 pm Festal Evensong

### Mon 5<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday – no Toddler Time

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Said Eucharist  
Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Said Eucharist (*MU Corporate*)  
2.00 pm Service at Eagle House  
7.30 pm Ladies' Group  
Thu 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30 -11.30 Open Door

### Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> - SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

8.00 am Said Eucharist  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist  
4.00 pm Baptisms  
6.00 pm Evening Prayer

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> 10.15 am Toddler Time  
Tue 13<sup>th</sup> 7.00 pm Said Eucharist  
Wed 14<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Said Eucharist  
2.00 pm Service at Beech House  
7.15 pm Ministry Team  
Thu 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 -11.30 Open Door

### Sat 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00 – 11.45 - Coffee Morning with Bishop John



Human behaviour can cause changes in the climate and health problems. What answers might be given? Evil and suffering can be attributed to the devil. Over 2.5000 years ago it was thought good and evil were in tension with each other like in the story of the Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter This doesn't sit well with Christian thinking. Can evil be God's fault? In the Old Testament evil was controlled by God. Jesus was tested by Satan in the wilderness.

Christian faith teaches that God is greater than anything else. People have thought that evil is sent as a punishment by God e. g. one preacher stated that the fire in York Minster was a judgement fir the bad things in the Church of England!!! God does not dish out punishments like an angry parent!

The best way to explain this is that God has given us all 'free will'. Without which we would not become mature. He allows people to be free like a loving parent enabling us to reach our full potentials.

For Christians creation is an ongoing thing-evolution of plants and animals etc. Volcanoes have to be able to erupt, bacteria to multiply- some kill and some save lives. God is in the middle of it and constantly working to make things better like us tending our gardens. He allows things to be free and to be what they are like two parents who love their child allowing it, with guidance, to be free to grow and mature. He is our friend who is always there along side us in the good things and in our most despairing moments.

Pauline thanked Kathy for this most thought provoking talk. The raffle was won by Maureen Collier, Penny Phillips and Kathleen Smith.

Sue Wright



A ball system (similar to the 'air tubes seen in some stores now) transported money to the cashier. The female assistants looked very austere.

In 1896 he had 600 feet of counter space and had different department including a coffee shop which one entered via a spiral staircase (no health and safety then!!!)

**Sample menu:** Pot of tea with cream-2d  
Coffee 2d  
Milk 1d (warmed 1½ d)  
Toast 2d  
Hot muffins 2d  
Cold chicken and ham 12d (1 and 6 pence)

As he continued to thrive he increased his retail empire buying shops in York, Hessle Road in Hull, Grimsby, his first precinct store was in Billingham. In the 70's the business moved into market towns such as Louth, North Allerton, Guisborough, Redcar, Driffield, Beverley etc. and now have thirty six stores.

Boyes' have always been renowned for their Christmas displays and were on one the first stores to have Father Christmas where you only had to pay if you wanted to receive a present.

A fascinating pictorial insight into social history, through changes in retailing and fashions of the day. Stephen was thanked by Pauline and the raffle was won by, amongst others, Eileen Oliver and Sue Mitchell.

The Revd.Kathy Colwell spoke at the second March meeting about 'If there is a God and God is good why do bad things happen?' Why do young people commit suicide, die of cancer, have disabilities? Why do we have earthquakes, floods, wars etc.? Why does God not intervene? Religious thinkers have a term for this- 'Theodicy'- God and justice.

There is **moral evil** caused by humans themselves e.g. crime and war where wrong choices are made. **Natural evil** caused by nature e.g. viruses, earthquakes, and floods.

### Sunday April 18<sup>th</sup> - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am	All-Age Worship & Baptisms
	6.00 pm	Parish Eucharist
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	Toddler Time Home Communion: St Peter's Court /Victoria House
Tue 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Said Eucharist for Healing & Wholeness
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm	Service at Beech House
	2.30 pm	MU (Trinity Rally)
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group
Thu 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 -11.30	Open Door Home Communion

### April 25<sup>th</sup> - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE

	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
	3.00 pm	Scouts' St George's Day service
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 am	Toddler Time
Tue 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Said Eucharist
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Said Eucharist
	2.30 pm	MU Prayer Time
Thu 29	9.30 -11.30	Open Door

### May 2<sup>nd</sup> - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

	8.00 am	Said Eucharist
	9.30 am	Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Choral Evensong

*Morning Prayer is usually said at 9.00am Monday-Friday in the S<sup>t</sup>. James' Chapel.*

### IT'S TESCO VOUCHER TIME AGAIN!

Please pass any unwanted vouchers to Alan who will make good use of them. Yellow Pages are coming up again soon as well!

## FROM THE BELL TOWER

- 1) News of a quarter peal on Sunday the 7th March 2010 at St Mary's to celebrate the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury to North Lincolnshire for the start of Lent and in memory of the life of Dr J Robertson of Barton upon Humber. 1344 changes of Plain Bob Major rung for Choral Evensong by Andy Bennett, Jenny Bennett, George Thompson, Linda Howden, Joan Barton, Don Kitching, Roger Lord, Andrew Lord, marking the 300th Quarter rung by the branch at Barton.
- 2) St Mary's bellringers held their annual Tower AGM at the Vicarage on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010. Officers elected were:- Tower Captain Roger Lord, Vice Captain Linda Howden, Child Protection/Safeguarding Officer Joy Lord, Steeple Keeper Andrew Lord, Secretary Joy Lord, Treasurer Linda Howden, Ringing Master Geoff Bryant, Instructors Roger Lord, Geoff Bryant & Jenny Murch (new officer) Social committee Ringers, wives, friends, co-ordinated by Tower Secretary, Publicity Officer Don Kitching, First Aid Officers Linda Howden & Rose Lennon.
- 3) We also welcomed several new members to St. Mary's during the past year, Kathie Taylor, Jenny Murch, Joan Barton, Jenny and Andrew Bennett, all joined our bell ringing band.
- 4) A special ring to celebrate St. George's Day with take place on Friday the 23rd April 2010 at 5-30 to 6-30 pm, this is a request by Central Council of Church Bell ringers that all towers in England ring on this day, all parishioners are invited to come and watch.
- 5) The Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild are holding an Easter Social at St Mary's Church in Barton upon Humber on the 17th April 2010, ringing at 3:00 to 4:30pm followed by fun & games and faith supper in the church hall. We would love any members of St. Mary's Church to come and join us, there is no charge, but please bring your own plate of food, tea/coffee & soft drinks will be provided, and there will be a raffle for the Barton Bell Ringers Fund.

*Donald Kitching, Publicity Officer*

## LADIES GROUP 2010

Firstly a big **THANK YOU** to all members and friends who came to, gave and supported the Shelter Box Appeal. It was **TREMENDOUS!!** In the 40 years I have been a member of St. Mary's Church I can't remember an occasion with as many people at an event! The hall was full to capacity and the atmosphere was vibrant!



Thank you to all who helped, attended, gave cakes, chocolate for the Tombola or gave a donation. I would especially like to thank the local businesses who donated prizes for the Raffle. A sum of **£740** was raised for the victims of the earthquake disasters and together with the other money raised in St. Mary's, **three shelter Boxes** can be sent off to them.

Stephen Boyes gave a power point presentation of the history of 'Boyes' store which I am sure you have all shopped in at one time or another, either in Hull or Grimsby in this locality. This year they are celebrating 125 years in retailing.

William Boyes Senior was a baker, grocer, coffee hut owner and coffee hut owner starting out in Bedford St. in Scarborough. He began as an apprentice at George and Collins, 'Golden tassel Shop' in London and we were shown a copy of his indenture papers.

He earned 15 pennies a week, went into lodgings and was not allowed to gamble, play dice or cards or go to the playhouses.

He returned to Scarborough after 22 years having saved "10 to 'buy' 14 feet of counter space selling fabric remnants. He moved into his own 'Fabric Wear house' in 1882.