

'A la lanterne'

July 14th is the anniversary of the storming of the Bastille ('as any fule no', observes Molesworth). And what high hopes there were that the oppression and fear under which people lived in late eighteenth century France would be ended, and people would be able to live in a land of *liberté, fraternité* and *égalité*.

But the purge of the corrupt and powerful ruling élite didn't quite do the trick. It soon became obvious that the tentacles of oppression went a little deeper, and a few more folk needed to be exposed for what they were and dealt with. And after that there were dark suspicions about the next layer down, and the next, until '*à la lanterne*', the cry of the lynch-mob dragging suspects off to a makeshift gallows, became the order of the day.

Meanwhile, of course, if the stories are to be believed, the architects of the Revolution were behaving exactly as the people they'd replaced. Rumour has it that Robespierre indulged himself greatly at the tailors, until he in turn fell foul of the creature he'd set loose (coincidentally also in July).

Unlike many of my fellow-citizens, I'm quite fond of the French, so it's not an exercise in Francophobia. Rather an observation that the revolutionary instinct so easily slides from creating the perfect society of justice, peace and reason into 'well, it'll be worth it in the end' to 'they deserved it anyway'. The story can be seen enacted time and again across history, in early C20 Russia, or in revolutionary China. The worry is, of course, that what is going on is rather more sinister – the wish to purify may well be a deliberate turning away of the gaze from my own weaknesses and faults and the placing of blame on others. What was missing in Revolutionary France was a sense of any sort of compassion or love for the Other. One's own rigorousness was the idol to be worshipped, and thus mercy and reconciliation and respect for the other, even a wish to heal them, went out of the window.

At a time when – to be blunt – churchgoing is hardly a popular activity, two alternative ways of being the Christian Church present themselves. We can go down the wishy-washy Anglican way of accepting whoever turns up and not asking too many questions. As Andy Hamilton said on Radio 4's 'News Quiz' a couple of years ago, 'If you want to insult a religion, choose the Church of England. The worst they'll do to you is serve you a warm sherry.'

Alternatively we can have a Church which is full of the pure, the zealous, the fervent. And that is fine, so long as we're aware that in the French Revolution

zeal could be a cloak for envy, purity a desire for uncontested power and fervour a camouflage for something more unpleasant.

Love for God and a passion for the Gospel – 'holiness' we call it - is a calling for all Christian people. But humility and a love for neighbour must also be in there in the holiness mix, or we become self-righteous and priggish, with a pet God who is one of our best mates. And in that lies something quite as unpleasant as Robespierre's Terror, even if we don't dangle our weaker brothers and sisters from the street lamps to show just how faithful we are. Inclusion and compassion and an ability to handle difference has been something of a hallmark of the Anglican tradition. Perhaps it's time to give it a bit of 'oomph' - and offer it to the world,

Fr David.

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

Linda opened our meeting with a warm welcome to everyone especially our speaker Sue Brumpton. We opened with a short service, singing "In Heavenly Love Abiding", a reading by Elinor from Luke 14 v 25 to 33 (about Jesus explaining how to become one of His Disciples), then prayers led by Linda. Linda gave out notices before passing over to Sue who spoke about her "Pilgrimage to Iona". Sue undertook this journey with her cousin Jan in March last year. The usual "opening times" for visitors to the island are Easter to October, so Sue and Jan planned their own route using "The Iona's Pilgrims Manual", using this they plotted their pilgrimage route across the island. At each station they had a reflection and prayer. They stayed in accommodation on "the hill of the dove". This was a converted bungalow with a chapel at one end and dining room/lounge at the other. The bedrooms had marvellous views from the windows. The island is 3 and half miles long by 1 mile wide with two freshwater lochs. Sue had felt drawn to that place and was pleased to be able to follow this pilgrimage which was on her "things to do" list.

Peace, tranquillity and spirituality were felt everywhere giving a sense of God's Presence!! St Columba is associated with Iona, his Celtic name Columcille translates as "Dove of the Church". He and 12 monks left Ireland and travelled over first to Islay then landed in Iona in 563 A.D. where they led a monastic life.

There are 20 stations in all, the Abbey Church, St Martin's Cross, St John's cross, a well, graveyard, nunnery remains, small chapel, hill of the dove, hill of the angel, St Columba's bay where there is a stone labyrinth, white strand of the monk, St Mary's chapel and Martha's bay to name but a few. Inside the Abbey one could sense the "spirituality and prayer". Sue showed pictures of all the places mentioned which gave us a sense of wonder and awe in God's Creation. When Sue and Jan left the island on the ferry they were surrounded by a fog and sea mist. Sue shared with us the end of pilgrimage prayer:-

My thanks to you, Father for the pilgrim journey I have undertaken,

My thanks for the strength and heart to walk in your presence.

My thanks for your supporting love along the way,

My thanks for rest and peace now at the end of it all.

Here in your house may I taste the peace of heaven,

May I taste the joy of being cleansed and forgiven,

May I taste the fullness of your love.

From this day forth let all my journeys echo with the meaning of this journey.

Wherever I go let me bring with me an awareness of your presence and the joy of your kingdom, where you live with your Son and Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Elinor (who had visited Iona in 1978) thanked Sue for sharing with us this wonderful experience.

July 3rd 9.30am Corporate Communion Reader Linda Bromfield

July 17th 2pm Speaker Ralph Marshall

July 24th 2pm Prayer time Leader Brenda Skinner

Flower rota: - July 7th and 21st Brenda Skinner

The Yarborough Deanery Mothers' Union held a service of evening prayer at St Mary's on May 22nd at 7pm. This service, prepared by St Mary's Mothers' Union, was based on the Mothers' Union Theme for 2013 "Sow the Seed and Grow". This was to be the last Yarborough Deanery Mothers' Union Festival as we prepare to join with the Deanery of Manlake in forming the Glanford Cluster Group.

Members of both Barton and Brigg Mothers' Union took part in the service saying the readings and prayers. Father David presided over the service and gave the address. After the prayers members were invited to come forward and plant a seed in the pot on the table at the front to represent our new beginning in the Glanford Group. After the service everyone joined together for refreshments in the hall where the fellowship of the service continued. Once again we thank Janet Petch for serving the refreshments which included her "tasty scones".

We pray that the new Cluster Group will go forward and grow in strength and fellowship.

Brenda Skinner

Brief History of: St Augustine's RC Parish Barton-upon-Humber

We are celebrating 25 years of worship in our present Church since it was opened on the feast day of St Augustine, who brought Christianity to England, and the Year of Faith in the Roman Catholic Church which runs from 11 October 2012 to 24 November 2013.

In January 1842, over 170 years ago, this Catholic parish for Barton and district was re-founded. Masses and other services were said in a chapel on the site of the present day garage of 9 Priestgate and our priests lived in 7 & 9 Priestgate.

After many years of fund raising in the 1920s and 1930s with annual open air rallies monies were gathered to build phase 1 of the Church. The Roman Catholics of the area came from Hull via ferry and train, Grimsby by train, Scunthorpe via bus. No doubt also people in cars, on bikes, by horse and on foot arrived and walked in their best clothes, in procession from the railway station to this site for an open air mass. We have many photographs which record these fundraising rallies, where there were big numbers. I have been told these were happy events in early July and always dry!

By this means with a lot of outside help with fund raising, phase 1 of a new Church dedicated to St Augustine and Our Lady, was opened on 10 July 1938 just before the outbreak of WW2. We thank especially the Benedictine monks of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire who served and ran our parish for 100 years; between 1848 & 1949. They would have travelled via trains and ferry, to reach this outpost to take up their duties. We also thank the Rosminian order for our ample site and grounds in central Barton. They ran a Convent and Catholic School, from 1927 to 1950 in Bardney Hall next door. We also thank the Holy Ghost Fathers who provided us with priests for over 10 years and Father Dominic O' Connor, who looks after this parish, alongside other duties.

In 1987, the end wall, at the end of phase 1, developed a large crack! The then Bishop of Nottingham, decided that the 1938 Church should be demolished and a modern functional Church built on the existing foundations. The 1938 Church was demolished; we were welcomed into St Mary's Barton and permitted to continue our worship in their beautiful Church. On 27 May 1988 this building was opened with a concelebrated Mass.

The parishioners were landed with a large debt for this rebuilding and

repairs to our priest's house. I remember, as a new parishioner in the early 1990s, being told not to worry it would never be repaid like the Humber Bridge Debt! With lots of fund raising events and despite fires in December 1990 and June 1991, working hard together and monies given by parishioners this debt has been fully repaid.

Ursula Vickerton - Chairman of PPC and Week End Co-ordinator

May 2013

The Bishop of Lincoln writes.....

Our word "holidays" comes, of course, from "Holy Days". Before the industrial revolution and the Factory Acts of the 19th century, the only time off from work was on a Holy Day (Sunday, Christmas Day and Good Friday). I think the linking of "Holy Days" and "holidays" is more than mere coincidence. I think we can learn from what those early holy days meant to show us how to enjoy our holidays.

First of all a Holy Day meant rest: rest from the daily round of chores and looking after animals and crops. Each village had its own special holy days of celebration (usually to do with the patron saint of the parish church) so that travelling entertainment could plan an itinerary and arrive to liven up proceedings in the form of a fair or a troupe of players. And we all need rest

Secondly, on a Holy Day God connects with us through a church service: God touches and refreshes us through Word and Sacrament. Similarly, on our holidays we are refreshed again. No longer tired and worn out we are refreshed and ready to return to our usual daily way of being.

Thirdly, and finally, on a Holy Day we remember how God in Jesus brought into being a new creation. So on our holidays we enjoy re-

creation – doing something different, something enjoyable and fun, so that we are renewed. This moves beyond refreshment to seeing things differently and from a new perspective. And we are often enabled to see new ways of tackling the opportunities and challenges of daily life.

Sunday is our primary “Holy” day, of course, so I hope that even if you are not able to go away on holiday this summer, you will find a time each week for rest, refreshment and recreation, so that you can engage with the warp and weft of normal daily life afresh.

With every good wish,

+Christopher Lincoln:

'When thou from hence away art passed....'

Thus begins the Lyke Wake Dirge, an ancient north-country ballad on the journey of the soul after death. Well, David and Geoff and Liz are hoping to avoid going to *quite* those extremes, but nevertheless are going to attempt the Lyke Wake Walk later this month in order to raise money for the charity Eating Disorders Support.

As the charity's website (www.eatingdisorderssupport.co.uk) explains:

Eating disorders are not about food, but are a way of coping with painful feelings that are difficult to talk openly about. The presenting symptom is about food and its control. This seems initially to provide a solution to some of life's problems, but the solution soon becomes part of the problem.

People with eating disorders may have the quality of their life severely constrained for years and in some cases they may die. However, people do recover from eating disorders and early recognition and intervention provide the best prognosis.

The walk is moderately energetic, involving 40+miles of hill, bog and heather from Osmotherley on the western edge of the North York Moors to Ravenscar on the coast, and to become a member of the Lyke Wake Club (and thus to be entitled to wear the coveted coffin-shaped badge) this has to be completed within 24 hours. If you'd like to sponsor one (or all!) of us, we'll be delighted to take your money off you.

SONGS AND SCONES

On the 4th June, St Mary's Church Hall was the venue for a tea party with a difference. Thanks to the generosity of Barton Lions and Smith and Walker Opticians who sponsored the event, Chloe Saywell (Soprano) and Stephenie Leung (Piano) treated us to a marvellous afternoon's entertainment.

Live Music Now who staged this event was set up by the renowned violinist Yehudi Menuhin in 1977. The charity offers the benefits of live music to those with least access to it and supports young, talented musicians at the start of their careers.

Stephenie and Chloe played and sang a variety of songs from Musicals to Opera. Favourites such as When I Marry Mr Snow, We'll Meet Again, and Faniculi Fanicula amused and entertained. Arias from Opera and Les Miserables as well as a rousing rendition of Jerusalem to celebrate the anniversary of the Coronation made it a very moving experience for many. Members of the audience joined in with singing, clapping and percussion. There's a lot of talent in Barton!

Thank you to all those who helped, and to St Mary's for allowing us to use the Hall. It would be lovely to do it again! [Photo centre page]

Charlotte Tyrwhitt

In Depth

As we announced in the June Parish news, the In-Depth group has decided that in our monthly meetings we will discuss poems or short prose passages on religious topics. The intention is that each member will choose a suitable item beforehand, read it at meeting, speak for a few moments about it, and then there will be a general discussion. In our first meeting in June, we discussed three items of poetry and one of prose. We discussed a poem by RS Thomas, chosen by Ian, a poem by Francis Thompson, chosen by Val and a poem by Rudyard Kipling, chosen by Annabel. Gordon talked about a short prose passage by Thomas Traherne. The turn of the rest of us did not come up, and we'll be continuing in following session. We have all found this a very interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile exercise, and would very much like anyone else with an interest in religious poetry or religious prose to come along and join us. We meet usually at Val's at 7:45 on a Tuesday evening once per month. Further information from Val, Ian Holt or me.

Peter J. Large

An appeal from the Royal National Institute for Blind People

RNIB are UK's leading charity offering information, support and advice to over two million people with sight problems. Our pioneering work helps anyone with a sight problem not just with Braille, talking books and computer training, but with imaginative and practical solutions to everyday challenges.

We fight for equal rights for people with sight problems. Our projects such as Talk and Support and Parents Place make a difference to people's lives. We need your support to fund our vital work. As a charity we rely on your generosity.

Money raised by collecting stamps helps support services like RNIB

Sunshine House School, Northwood. This is a non-maintained special school for children who are blind or partially sighted with multiple disabilities. RNIB Sunshine House School are firmly committed to our belief that all children have the right to learn. They provide a service of high quality specialist education and care through daily and residential provision, enabling our children to achieve their potential.

We are desperate need of more people to send us their used and new postage stamps from the U.K. and abroad. If you know anybody who could help us anywhere in the world, please pass on my details.

For every £1 we raise, RNIB spends 87p directly helping blind and partially sighted people, 11p on raising more vital funds and 2p on administration.

Stamps can be delivered or posted to my volunteer in your area, which is Mrs Joyce Morgan, 6 Mulberry Drive, Crowle Scunthorpe, DN17 4JF. Her email is morgan982@btinternet.com The stamps will then be sent to the RNIB stamp buyer. Please help us raise at least £20,000 over the next year! Everyday 100 people start to lose their sight. Your support helps rebuild lives devastated by sight loss.

Terri Bush (Mrs)

Volunteer Stamp Appeal Co-Ordinator

[I am happy to act as a collection point for St. Mary's. Alan]

FROM THE REGISTERS:

BAPTISMS:-

June 9 Isla-Rose TUPLIN daughter of Laura Marie EVISON & Karl mGeorge TUPLIN

June 23 Tia Michelle CAMPBELL daughter of Hannah Louise JOHNSON & Tony Lee CAMPBELL

Holly May HURST daughter of Neil James & Anna Victoria HURST

June 30 Michael Ashley HICKEY & Archie James BENSON sons of Sian Danielle HALDER & Christopher James BENSON

Emma Louise Lauren BERRIDGE daughter of Kerry Louise FOX & Jonathan Paul BERRIDGE

MARRIAGES:

June 1 Dominic Mark WELCH & Meiko MIYAZAKI

FUNERALS:-

June 24 Cyril Stepen PEAL

June 25 Stanley Weatherall

June 27 Iris Eileen Milner DOYLES

A donation for Church flowers has been received in loving memory of:-

George E. Bell
E. Muriel Bell
Rebecca 'Becky' Searle

Flowers have also been donated in memory of:-

Hugh Varah

St. Mary's Bellringers

Victorian Day at Wilderspin National School on Bank Holiday Monday 27th May saw ringers Jenny & Andy Bennett, Geoff Bryant, Linda Howden, Ivan Howitt, Rose Lennon and Joan Barton don their Victorian costumes and set up a stall with photos, books, handbells and other ringing items. They attracted a good stream of interested people throughout the day. Ivan, Andy, Geoff and Linda gave

handbell performances to show the basics of ringing and encourage volunteers to join in; many people expressed an interest. The day certainly lifted the profile of the ringers amongst not only those from Barton but also the wider area.

The second Surprise Quarter Peal, which this time was Yorkshire Major, was rung on Sunday 2nd June.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild

Barton upon Humber, North Lincolnshire

St Mary

Sunday 2 June 2013 (16cwt)

1344 Yorkshire Surprise Major

1 Jenny Bennett	5 Andy Bennett
2 Geoff Bryant	6 Rod French
3 Andrew Lord	7 Richard Hopper
4 Ivan Howitt	8 Matthew Jeffery (C)

Rung to mark the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Birthday wishes also to Mr Harry Minns of Caistor, who celebrated his 90th Birthday this week. Harry has been a ringer at Caistor for many years.

Tuesday 11th June was another practice evening using the simulator, always popular and fun, it concentrated on how to listen to and strike the bells correctly.

Ringling for weddings continues as required and towers members are busy practicing for a forthcoming Guild Striking Competition which will take place for the Northern Branch heats in July. Barton is fortunate in having sufficient ringers to enter two six bell teams.

The ringing chamber will be used during a multimedia installation to be presented in St Mary's church entitled Vestiges of Spirituality which will form part of the celebrations for the 2013 Barton Arts celebrations. The display will be officially opened with refreshments at 8pm on Friday 5th July and run all day on Saturday 6th July. Everyone is welcome, entry is free.

Joan Barton

St. Mary's Ladies' Group

The A.G.M. attended by 56 members was the first June meeting, chaired by Revd Alan Wright. Shan Hewson gave a report of the last year's activities and outings and stressed the importance of the group remembering its church origins and connections and continuing to support various events throughout the year as well as more people helping with the Church cleaning rota and spring cleaning.

Alan thanked the group for the many different aspects of support given to the church including donations towards the Fabric Fund.

The committee will remain the same for 2013/14 as all concerned were willing to stand again.

The treasurer reported that there is a healthy balance in the bank and that donations would be given to various named charities before the start of the new programme.

A cheese and wine supper followed.

Mrs. Marilyn Roberts came once again to give an illustrated talk, in breath taking detail, this time on Queen Victoria about whom she has researched extensively. Also the lives of Prince Albert, their nine children and their descendents down to the present royal family.

What was revealed was a volatile marriage of two people who were devoted to each other but with conflicting views on most things.

Although Victoria loved her children, Mrs Roberts did not feel she was always a good mother and not always mindful of their happiness. She once said, 'A baby is an ugly thing!'

Victoria's belief that it was good for cousins to marry meant that eventually the Royal families of Russia, Germany, Denmark, Greece, Spain, Sweden and later Norway all became related, creating a very narrow gene pool. This resulted in tragic young deaths from haemophilia, poor health and in the case of Russia and Germany, murder. Members of the family found themselves on opposing sides during the First World War and the Russian Revolution.

Victoria reigned until her death in 1901. In the second part of her life following Albert's death and her long years of mourning, she relied heavily on John Brown, a hard drinking Scot. It is thought that in her coffin are casts of the children's hands along with Prince Albert's and John Brown's handkerchiefs. Her body was laid on Albert's nightshirt and in her hands she clasped a lock of John Brown's hair. S.M.

July 3rd. Outing to Doddington Hall

July 6th. Garden Party-donations of cakes etc. gratefully received.

July 17th. Hawkmoon Crafts (felting etc.)

Over to you....

This term, St. Peter's School have the theme of 'Thankfulness' for their worships. Perhaps we could have it for ours this month! I was very surprised that there is only one reference to anyone saying thank you to Jesus, after he had performed a miracle and that was when he healed the ten men with 'a skin disease'. Only one of them went back to say 'thank you'. During my assembly at St. Peter's recently we listed lots of people who help us every day - Mums and Dads, Grandparents, teachers and teachers' aids, dinner ladies, lollipop ladies, police men and women, Doctors and Nurses and so the list

went on... How often do we say thank you to these people? We often pray for things we want to happen - how often do we say thank you to God for what He has done for us? It doesn't take long – 'have a thankful' month...

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End of an era

When I came to Barton 44 years ago, there was a tenor in the choir called Don Broughton, sadly now departed and much missed. Don had also been a boy chorister in his younger days, as was his brother Norman. Norman rejoined the choir several years later and has provided an unbroken family link to the past. However, Norman recently decided that it was time to retire gracefully, which he did at the beginning of June, and with him goes a choir connection to the Broughton family which goes back well over half a century. We thank Norman very much for all he has given, and wish him well sitting next to Shirley, bolstering the singing of the congregation.

Alan.

NOT TO BE MISSED!

Saturday 6th July from 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm in the Hall and Church

Garden Party – the usual mix of stalls and afternoon tea.

Celebrate!

On Wednesday 3rd July at 9.30 am, Gordon will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of his Ordination. Please do join him to mark this milestone in his ministry. There may even be cake.....



Pictures from the recent "Songs and Scones" afternoon



