

Open Churches

My wife and I have just spent a few days on holiday in France and Germany. We only visited towns, but I noticed that in both countries most churches, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, were open for at least part of the day to members of the public for both sightseeing and private prayer. This is a not of course the case in all countries, in Holland for instance most Protestant churches are kept firmly locked except on Sundays.

We all know of churches which have suffered from vandalism and acts of desecration by irresponsible members of the public, but I feel that keeping churches locked, although prudent from the point of view of worldly possessions, is not in fact the right thing to do.

Churches are designed to be open to all members of the human race (and in Barton we have even experimented with opening the church to domestic pets on certain occasions). It seems to me that the denial of access for members of the public does not help the Church's mission, which is to offer an avenue to God for all the human race, including miscreants and sinners.

I realise that there are all sorts of practical difficulties about keeping churches open, whether in the country or in the town and it does require a good deal of effort on the part of members of the congregation to ensure that the premises are kept safe, clean and properly respected if they are open during the day. In the last few years at St Mary's we have adopted a policy of keeping the church open during daylight hours, and so far have not experienced any unpleasant occurrences. Indeed, many visitors have expressed appreciation at finding the church open and there must be many people who while perhaps not keen to leave evidence of their presence, have nevertheless benefitted from the free access to God which a sacred place offers.

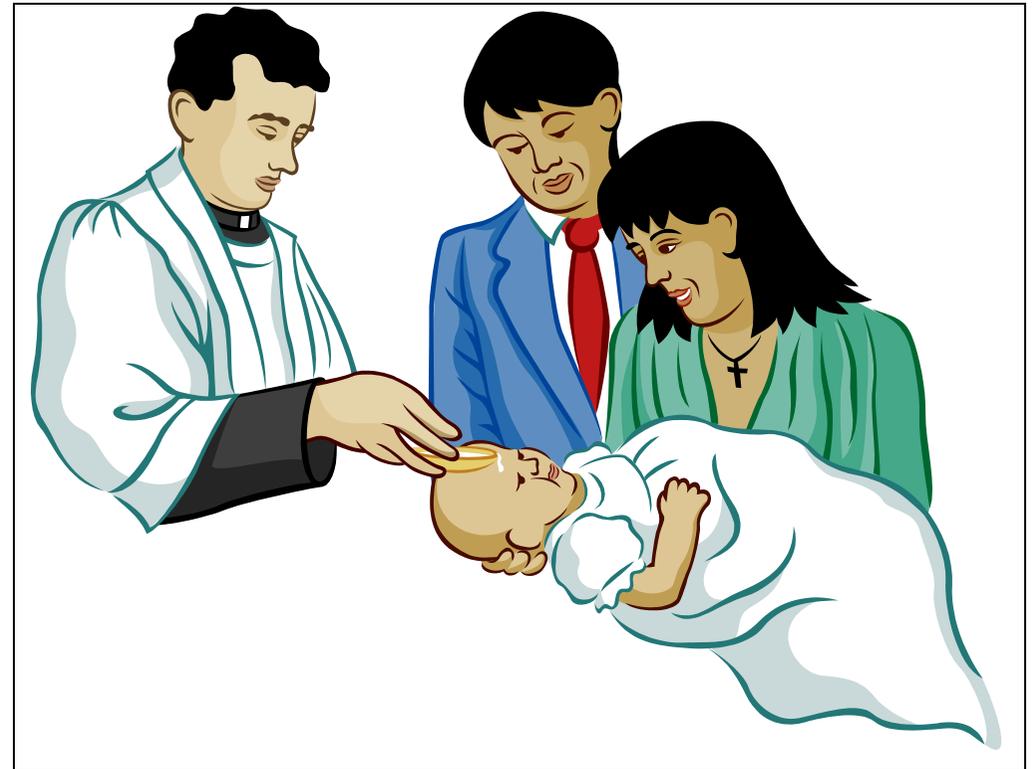
So let us set our churches FREE: Free daily open access, Freedom to approach God, Freedom from admission fees (but that is another and even more controversial topic!).

Peter Large

BAPTISM THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On **Sunday July 18th** at **9.30 am** there will a short, informal service for families who have had a child baptised in 2007, 2008 or 2009. Everyone is invited; those with children can bring the Baptism candle to be re-lit. Godparent, grandparents and families are all welcome! Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits will be available afterwards.

Toddler Time continues during the school holidays at 10.15 am on Mondays (except Aug 30th) and is FREE!



BIKE NIGHT OPEN DOOR

The Church will be open from late afternoon on Wednesday July 7th which is Barton Bike Night. The Open Door team will be available to talk to bikers and anyone else who pops in. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments and chat. Just turn up!



YOU ARE INVITED

.....to join Rev'd Liz Brown after the Parish Eucharist on July 11th for cake to mark her ordination as a deacon.

.....to join the Deanery Clergy at their Chapter Eucharist at the Trinity Altar on July 12th at 9.30 am – see what it's like to worship with a group of clergy-persons!

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

Rebecca (Becky) Searle
George E. Bell
E. Muriel Bell

PLEASE

.....respect Clergy days off as follows:

David – Thursday
Kathy – Friday
Liz – Tuesday
Alan – Thursday (usually)

Obviously in a *real* emergency, then we may be available!



OVER TO YOU

July already, where has the year gone to!!
Holidays- a time for rest and recuperation. Just doing something different helps us all. We all need a change from time to time. Two interesting thoughts I read the other day:-

'You are never too old to have a new dream'

Life isn't about waiting for storms to pass, it's about dancing in the sun!

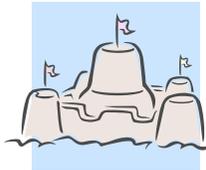
And a story Archbishop Sentamu told about 'change' on the radio 4 Morning service recently-

Two caterpillars were observing a butterfly pass by. One said to the other, 'You'll never get me flying in one of those new fangled things.'
Enjoy your breaks whatever you choose to do.

Sue

LADIES' GROUP LATEST - SCARBOROUGH

Scenic drive through magnificent
Countryside, views with May blossom and Rape seed.
Arriving to wall to wall sunshine.
Rides on open-top buses to save weary limbs, looking at
Beach scenes worthy of any brochure.
Or walks from the North to South Bay
Resting to look out to sea over the breakwaters at
Ocean liners, fishing vessels or fun cruisers.
Usual lure of the shops (we can't resist).
Gourmet fish and chips or a healthy crab salad!!
Homeward bound, tired but relaxed and refreshed.
.....A grand day out!!!!
S.W.



The Dean's Verger- John Campbell - spoke on 'Close encounters of an ecclesiastical kind'- on of the most enjoyable talks we have had!!

- ❖ Q.B.E. (qualified by experience) he told us about his 20 years in Lincoln coming there from Jarrow.
- ❖ His longest endured sermon was given by Bishop David Jenkins.
- ❖ The cathedral is a magnet for mad, bad, glad and sad people and responds to their needs. A privilege to work there.
- ❖ Services are like a show - costumes, lights, music, theatre!
- ❖ Wears powder blue but prefers black!
- ❖ Likens clergy to 'slurry'-spread thinly they do a good job, put them together and they st....!
- ❖ Mixes with the great and the good- including the Queen on Maundy Thursday who knew everyone's background, badges and spoke an equal length of time to them all.
- ❖ And he loves the sun shining in on the organ pipes!!!!!!

CHURCH AWAY-DAY

In response to a recent survey carried out by the Outreach & Nurture Group (formerly the Mission Committee), an Away-Day has been arranged for July 17th between 10 am and 4pm. It will take place at "Time Away", a retreat house at Stixwould near Woodhall Spa.

The day will be led by Revd. Mike Burson-Thomas, an experienced retreat leader from our own Diocese, and will include some teaching and discussion, as well as opportunities for quiet reflection, prayer and fellowship. "Time Away" is a very comfortable house set in lovely countryside, and we will have the use not only of the house but also the gardens, and access to riverside walks.

The cost of the day, fully-catered to include morning coffee, a home-cooked lunch and afternoon tea & cake will be £18, which can be reduced to £12 if we decide to take our own packed lunches. However, we do not wish anyone to be prevented from attending this day because of the cost, and some financial help is available – please have a discreet word with one of the clergy. It is envisaged that transport will be arranged among ourselves, depending on who would like to go. There are twelve places booked, but it is expected that the day will still go ahead even if there is just one car-load.

This is a great opportunity for those who would like some time away in peaceful surroundings to develop their spirituality. If you would like to know more, or to book your place, please contact Kathy (up to the end of June) or Kevin Henson (anytime).

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS:-

June 13th Cillian Thomas Howroyd son of Siobhan Katherine Chapman and Daniel Peter Howroyd

Violet Elizabeth Havercroft daughter of Fern Newton and Stephen Havercroft

Fern Newton (adult)

June 20th Madison Georgia Mason daughter of Colette and Carl Graham Mason

MARRIAGES:-

June 12th Stephen Huteson to Zoe Victoria Whitley
June 19th Kirk James Charles Ross to Kara Lee Griffiths
Vaughn William Stanley Colebrook to Hannah Kate
Blackman
June 26th Gavin Coxon to Emma Catherine Jones

FUNERALS:-

May 11th Louise Mcleod
May 18th Muriel Akester
May 28th Nora Annie Borrill
June 9th Walter (Bunny) Horne
June 14th Audrey Blanchard
June 16th Wendy Burke

PERFORMANCE IN THE PARK

Professional theatre makes a welcome return to Baysgarth Park this summer with the traditional season of Performance in the Park.

This year the free Sunday afternoon events, put on by the town's Tourism Partnership begin with the adventures of Peter Pan with the Storytellers Theatre Company on July 25 followed by Hoodwink Theatre's Leap of Faith on August 8 and the return of the Illyria Theatre Company with Roald Dahl's story of James and the Giant Peach which will take place on August 22.

The first event sees youth steel band Steel the Rhythm give two performances at Waters' Edge on July 11 at noon and 2pm and the final event is the third year it has been held at Thornton Abbey, by kind permission of English Heritage, with Illyria performing Pride and Prejudice on September 5.

All the Baysgarth Park performances start at 2pm outside the Museum where volunteers will be serving refreshments. Tickets for Theatre at Thornton Abbey cost £12 for adults and £8 for children and booking, on 01652 660380 or in person at The Ropewalk, is essential to avoid disappointment.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Alan's letter to the Magazine last month brought back lots of happy memories; yes the Icelandic volcano. For Sheila and I were about to fly home from Bangkok around that time and were delayed by 12 days. You know how it is after a holiday - you don't want to go home! We had just had a great adventure travelling around Thailand, Lao, Vietnam and Cambodia, seeing all sorts of new things. The first part of the trip was very Buddha orientated, we saw giant ones and minuscule ones, ones in buildings for them and the ones in caves where people prayed for safe journeys or caves where they hid from bombings during the several conflicts.

We saw the atrocities that war brings. We saw village life and some regional customs. In one hotel there was a wedding with Vietnamese traditional costumes (except the bride and groom were dressed in European wedding attire, including the wedding march (dan dan dan dan...) which amused us all). We experienced many different types of transport including: boats, bicycles, motorbikes, planes, etc. We even had to climb a lot of stairs to put our cameras in a cave to take a photo of Buddha's foot !!! (which I only saw back home on the computer and counted his 5 toes).

Penny

THANK YOU!

Lynne Atkin would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning in aid of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People on Saturday 5th June. We raised the magnificent sum of £430. This will be put to good use to help train these wonderful animals and is certainly very much appreciated.

David Dukes write: "I would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, cards and best wishes, following the operation to repair my shoulder, and subsequent heart operation. Val and I have found your support during this difficult period a great comfort. I am now well on the way to recovery, but my driving is banned until November, so further support may be necessary!"

.....for all the Tesco's, Sainsbury's and other vouchers you have given to me. Yellow Pages are NOT continuing their scheme again this year, so I don't need front covers.

Alan

.....to **Geoff Lamert** for many year's diligent service as a Foundation Governor at St. Peter's School. He is replaced by **Nadine Roberts** whom we welcome into the role.



BISHOP'S LETTER : AUGUST 2010

Such Devoted Sisters

There was a time when Lincolnshire boasted more Monasteries per square mile than any other part of England. Bardney was one of the largest and most influential of them, and some were pioneering in their habits and lifestyle like the co-ed community founded by Gilbert at Sempringham.

However, after the Dissolution of the Monasteries by Henry VIII in the 16th Century these religious communities all but disappeared from the landscape of England in general, and Lincolnshire in particular. It took until the 19th Century before a movement to re-found religious communities took hold with Anglicans discovering for themselves the value of such power houses of prayer which had for so long been treated with suspicion as hotbeds of Roman Catholic subversion.

Some of these new foundations had houses in Lincolnshire, but during the course of the 20th Century they attracted fewer and fewer men and women prepared to commit to such lives of poverty, chastity and obedience. So here we are without even one such Community in our Diocese until now. I am delighted to report that we have reached an agreement with the Community of St Francis. They are moving from their house at Compton Durville in Somerset and as part of their reshaping of the life of the province three sisters will re-locate to Metheringham, and establish the Vicarage there as one of their houses, to be known as San Damiano. Whilst they will be relatively few in number, they will be made very welcome as they re-claim part of our religious heritage which we thought had been lost for ever.

Of course, monastic houses were about more than prayer several times a day and a regular cycle of worship throughout the Christian year. They provided hospitality to pilgrims and wayfarers when travel on the roads could be hard and dangerous. They were committed to education and learning not only in biblical and theological studies, but many other disciplines as well. They provided spiritual direction and opportunities for retreat and reflection for those needing to come aside a while from the busyness of daily life. By no means least, they often pioneered new farming techniques as part of the agricultural revolution.

But what attracted the Franciscan Sisters to come to us was our insistence that we simply wanted them to pray for us and with us day by day. Yes, they will offer a ministry of service and care whenever and wherever they are called upon to do so, but Metheringham is right at the geographical centre of our Diocese, and we rejoice in the knowledge that a Community committed to lives of praise, prayer,

petition and intercession will be the beating heart at the heart of all we seek to be and to do as the people of God in historic Lincolnshire.

+ John Lincoln

WILDERSPIN NATIONAL SCHOOL

It was lovely to welcome St. Mary's Ladies in June for an evening tour and a scone supper. During Barton Arts Week St. Peter's School displayed work the children did as part of a linked project between the Wilderspin National School and the Ropewalk. Having studied the Victorian buildings along Queen Street, and the entrances in particular, the pupils went on to the Ropewalk to do creative work on the "doorways" theme. The resulting displays were on show at the Wilderspin National School and at St. Mary's Church.

If you brave the crowds on Bike Night you will find a warm welcome at the School to take refreshments and find some peace and quiet, at least for a time.

The summer holidays are fast approaching but this "school" will not be having a break. Some of the summer holiday activities we have planned include:

Walk – Don't Run! guided tours will be available from August every Saturday and Sunday at 2pm ((£2.50). **"When I Was Six"** is an exhibition by volunteers at the East Riding Museum Service about schools in the East Riding and it runs from 10th July to the 29th August.

Or Kidz are running **Chalk & Talk** for the under 8s on the 28th July and **Dough on the Go** for the under 5s on the 9th August. On Thursday 19th August the under fives will be in Mr. Wilderspin's care for visitors to watch in **Class Capers**. For full details about times and prices and to make a booking please contact Sharon Symon direct at Or Kidz on 07825 392339.

We also have a **Children's Bead Workshop** on the 7th August, a **Family Beetle Drive** on Saturday 14th August at 10.00am followed by **Afternoon Tea & A Line Dancing Taster** from 2pm. Lindsey Scribes

will be running a **Children's Calligraphy Taster** on Saturday morning, 21st August. Finally, there is a chance for children to **Cook the Victorian Way** on Thursday 26th August.

For full details about times and prices and to make a booking for these activities please telephone the Wilderspin National School (01652) 635172.

Ian Wolseley

INAUGURATION SERVICE FOR NEW HEADTEACHER



The new head-teacher at St. Peter's School, Mrs. Janet Steward, receives a bible from Canon Peter Staves, the Diocesan Director of Education, at a special inauguration service at St. Mary's on June 15th.

Thurs July 1 st	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 2 nd	5.00 pm		E1W meets in the Hall
Sat 3 rd	pm		Garden Party
Sunday 4th		Trinity 5	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	8.45 am		Coach leaves for Gainsborough
	10.30 am		Liz's ordination at G'borough
	2.30 pm		Service at the Willows
	6.00 pm		Arts' Week Choral Evensong
Mon 5 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
Tues 6 th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 7 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist (MU Corporate)
	2.00 pm		Service at Eagle House
	pm and evening		Bike Night Open Door
	8.00 pm		Ladies' Group AGM
Thurs 8 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 9 th	5.00 pm		E1W meets in the Hall
Sat 10 th	12 noon		Wedding vows' renewal
Sunday July 11th		Trinity 6	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist + cake!
	4.00 pm		Baptisms
	6.00 pm		Evening Prayer
Mon 12 th	9.30 am		Eucharist and Deanery Chapter
	10.15 am		Toddler Time
Tues 13 th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 14 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	7.15 pm		Ministry Team meeting
Thurs 15 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	am		Home Communion
Fri 16 th	5.00 pm		E1W meets in the Hall
Sat 17 th	all day		"Away Day" at Stixwoud.
Sunday July 18th		Trinity 7	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	8.30 am		Prayer Breakfast at
	9.30 am		Baptism Thanksgiving service
	6.00 pm		Parish Eucharist

Mon 19 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	am		Home Communion: St. Peter's Court and Victoria House
Tues 20 th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
Wed 21 st	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	11.00 am		St. Peter's School in Church
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union meeting
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
			Ladies' Group outing
Thurs 22nd	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
	12 noon		Said Eucharist (Mary Magdelene)
Fri 23 rd	12.30 pm		Wedding
	5.00 pm		E1W meets in the Hall
Sat 24 th	3.00 pm		Wedding blessing
Sunday 25th July		James the Apostle	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Parish Eucharist
	6.00 pm		Evensong
Mon 26 th	10.15 am		Toddler Time
	7.00 pm		Eucharist and PCC meeting
Tues 27 th	7.00 pm		Said Eucharist
	7.45 pm		Communication C'tee (Birchdale)
Wed 28 th	9.30 am		Said Eucharist
	2.00 pm		Service at Beech House
	2.00 pm		Mothers' Union Prayer Time
Thurs 29 th	9.30 am	- 11.30am	Open Door
Fri 30 th	5.00 pm		E1W meets in the Hall
Sat 31 st	3.30 pm		Wedding
Sunday 1st August		Trinity 9	
	8.00 am		Said Eucharist
	9.30 am		Said Parish Eucharist with hymns
	6.00 pm		Evening prayer

MOTHERS' UNION

Our meeting on June 16th was opened by Sheila with words of welcome to everyone and especially to our speaker Vern Liles of Barrow on Humber. Sheila also gave apologies for those members unable to attend. We then sang the hymn "For the beauty of the earth", followed by Psalm 148 read by Iris Ward. Sheila said prayers and gave out notices. We then watched a visual presentation accompanied by music, given by Vern, of gardens in North Norfolk during Spring and Summer. These were from Felbrigg hall, Mannington park and hall, Sandringham (HRH was not at home!), Hoveton gardens, Blickling (a national trust house and garden) and Stody lodge. The scenes showed all colours of the spectrum in the flowers, trees, bushes, butterflies, insects, meadow grasses, lakes and streams, ducks, ducklings, ladybirds, chickens and doves. Val Dukes thanked Vern for showing us all these colourful pictures which he had captured on camera, also saying how we thank the Lord for all this beauty.

"How lucky we are to have all this beauty of God's creation in our country "

Brenda Skinner

July 7th 9.30 am Corporate Communion Reader Iris Ward
July 21st 2 pm Rev David Rowett Reader and Vote of thanks Brenda Skinner
July 28th 2 pm Prayer time Leader Ann Chapman

Flower rota

July 11th Joyce Gibson
July 25th Janet Petch

THERE ARE NO MEETINGS IN AUGUST.

St Mary's Bell Ringers Spring Trip on Saturday 8th May 2010.

On a glorious morning we all met at All Saints' Parish church at Helmsley in North Yorkshire early to start our trip with a ring on their splendid set of eight tower bells. The current set of eight bells was re-dedicated in April 1988, and was most delightful to ring.

There were in all twenty one ringers out to enjoy the opportunity to extend our experience by ringing at different churches to gain abilities with vastly differing bell chambers, their sets of bells and handling.

We all rang for approximately one hour to enliven the morning for the weekend shoppers and visitors to this historic town. Then we travelled to either All Saints' Kirbymoorside the-church-by-the-moorside, or to St Andrew's church in Middleton depending on grouping, to ring at these Yorkshire towns in their six bell towers.

Both churches being within the centre of small towns enclosing the established churches, we rang for an hour on their well maintained bells, in my case at Kirbymoorside; the bells were set within a very well maintained ringing chamber within the tower.

We travelled further to St Peter and Paul parish church in Pickering, home of the famous medieval frescoes, and endowed with a fine set of eight bells re-hung in 1986, for our well earned lunch in the very busy market town.

Following an excellent lunch we all met at the church and rang for an hour, entertaining the residents to ringing in the early afternoon, accompanied by a choir practicing in the large church.

The day ended splendidly with a visit to the very large church of St Peter at Norton, set high in the town overlooking the River Derwent, facing the historic town of Malton; the relatively modern church was endowed with a splendid set of eight bells, which unfortunately are rarely rung.

We concluded our day with a meal at Walkington, at the restaurant frequently visited when we are in this part of the country; thanks to

Geoff Bryant for his organising of again a very interesting and informative trip at which we all gained a great deal of experience.

Donald Kitching, Publicity Officer, St Mary's Bell Ringers.



Bell Ringers on Tour!

DOGGED DETERMINATION?

The second annual pets' service was held at the end of May, with Kathy, who had organised it, being joined by several non-humans and their owners. All seemed very appreciative, and Kathy was greeted after the service with various satisfied grunts, woofs and miaows, and that was only from the humans!



Kathy leading the Pets' Service

LADIES' GROUP WILDERSPIN SCHOOL VISIT



It was good to see fifty ladies enjoying the Wilderspin experience - as pupils in the Wilderspin Infant classroom doing their times tables and answering questions about Queen Victoria's reign under the tutelage of Mrs. Wilderspin alias Sue Wright and Mrs. Uppleby, the Vicar's wife (alias Janet Wright). Sheila Atkin and Wendy Stow were the star pupils - Wendy even offered to bring the teachers an apple. A tour of the playground and toys used then was made, not forgetting an inspection of the privies!!

They also experienced the more recent 'eyes to the front' Victorian classroom with Ian, the style of which is unchanged from the classroom used by many of our members.

Ian Wolseley welcomed the group and showed a video of how the school had been renovated to its present state, some of the artefacts that had been unearthed including sewing needles, button hooks, chalk etc., former pupils recalling their memories of time spent as pupils; it was nice to see Ruby Tong reminiscing about her school days (one of our founder members who sadly died a short while ago.)

Refreshments were served by volunteers including Maureen Collier who is a member of the Ladies' Group. Sue Mitchell thanked Ian for a super evening which brought back memories for her as her sons had attended the school too. S.W.