

The Louth Herald



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Sunday
9th November
2014



Service of Remembrance at 11 15am

A Service to remember those who have died in past conflicts, those who continue to serve their country in the armed forces, and those who work in conflict zones and care for those who are injured today.

This service will follow the wreath-laying and act of remembrance that takes place at 11am at the War Memorial.

A meditative service with communion at 6pm

A communion service with space for reflection and music in the traditions of Taize and Iona.

The Parish Church of St. James, Westgate, Louth
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What's Your Favourite Hymn?

BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Sunday Breakfast presenter Rosie Duffield writes: for me it has to be All Things Bright and Beautiful or I Vow To Thee My Country - but I also like Gospel music. I try to play a mix of traditional and contemporary Christian music each Sunday morning. You can also send in your requests. 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter' has been a popular one recently!

It's usually a busy show with news from Lincolnshire's churches and other faith communities. It's always good to discuss the week's big stories from a faith perspective and a local church leader joins me in the studio each week to digest the morning's papers.

As the seasons change you can also send in your gardening questions for our experts to answer. I'm on air from 6 every Sunday morning on 94.9FM and online at www.bbc.co.uk/radiolincolnshire

We're also busy planning the BBC Radio Lincolnshire Carol Service which will be recorded in Sleaford in December. I'll let you know how you can get tickets nearer the time.

Rosie



LOUTH CHAMBER CHOIR
LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMBER PLAYERS
 (Leader: Chris Rogers)

Jessica Banks (soprano) Emma Wardell (alto)
 Xavier Hetherington (tenor) Martin Priestley (bass)
 Conductor: Frederic Goodwin

**A FEAST OF MUSIC FOR
 ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Music from Messiah (Handel)
 Cantata No. 62: Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland (J S Bach)
 Three Carol-Anthems (Howells):-
 A spotless Rose, Sing lullaby, Here is the little door
 A Hymn to the Virgin (Britten)
 There is no rose of such virtue (Goodwin)
 The Shepherds' Farewell (Berlioz)

**ST JAMES'S CHURCH,
 LOUTH**
SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2014
7.30 pm

**CAROLS ROUND THE TREE WITH A CHOIR AND
 CRAFTS ETC.**

Saturday 7th December at 6.30 pm. A social event with a few carols round the tree and this year we have a choir from North Somercotes coming kindly arranged by Elisa Palk at Muddy Paws. We have the official switch on with time afterwards with refreshments and to natter and browse the crafts and stalls. We have a number of stalls arranged and room for more. It is planned to have a mini marquee but gazebos welcome and if possible your own table. Please bring your own torch or lantern and chair if you feel you may need one.

Persons attending are requested to bring a plate mince pies, sausage rolls or similar. Drinks will be available. If you wish to participate in secret Santa please bring a wrapped generic gift for all that attend. All gifts will be put in a sack and one handed out to each person participating.

All welcome and bring your family dog too.

Persons to help at this event or to bring along your crafts or festive goodies contact Elisa on 01507 607577 or Nicky on 01507 609774



The Arabic letter, "N", has been daubed on the homes of Christians (often called 'Nasrani' in Arabic) in Mosul to identify them as targets for persecution or execution. This symbol has been picked up around the world as a way in which we can identify with those from all religious and ethnic communities who are being targeted by ISIS. As a church, we are committed to championing freedom of religion and belief worldwide as a fundamental and internationally recognised human right. Even in the UK, we stand firmly against any labelling or targeting of people on the basis of their religion, and we work for a society that continues to be welcoming and respectful of all faiths.

Pray... ...for those who suffer for their faith.

Hold those who suffer for their faith in your prayers, and keep them in your hearts; praying that they may find strength in God at times of need. We can pray at all times, but a particular time of prayer for those who suffer for their faith will be kept in St James' at 12.30pm every Saturday.

Act... ...to promote humanitarian response near and far.

Look for ways to make your support for those suffering at this time clear to others and take opportunities to spread a better understanding of how people of faith can live together – this is something we can do in our own communities.

Give... ...to help those who are helping those in need.

There are many who are seeking to bring practical relief to those who have been displaced by persecution. Among them is the Anglican Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf (which is working with others on the ground). There is also a special fund established by Christian Aid.

For more information, visit:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-views/international-affairs/north-africa-and-the-middle-east/iraq.aspx>



Rev'd Nick and Asst Curate Kate at the Family Harvest Service

NEWS

at St James'



Diary of special services/events for November 2014

2 nd Nov.	6pm	All Souls Service – a chance remember loved ones in prayer
3 rd Nov.	7 30pm	Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Lincoln
9 th Nov.	11 15am	Civic Service for Remembrance Sunday
	6pm	6pm Eucharist: 'inspired' Something slightly different! A time to reflect and pray in different way, followed by sharing an informal celebration of communion under the spire. All welcome.
18 th Nov.	7 45pm	<i>Prayer and Pint</i> : Compline, followed by discussion in the Wheatsheaf
30 th Nov.	6pm	Advent Carol Service

Confirmation Service on 3rd November We are hosting the Deanery Confirmation Service at St James, and among those being confirmed are a number of young people from our community. Please hold them in your prayers.

DCC News The groups looking at the three areas of our life (Prayer/Worship, Visitors and Education, and Fellowship) are starting to take forward their work and prepare for 2015, when we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Completion of the Spire. A fourth group is also looking at how we resource the work of the church. The first tangible aspect of this is now coming to fruition with improvements to Church House. As we move into next year we will need to turn our thoughts and prayers to the long term financial sustainability of our work and ministry.

Advent and Christmas are fast approaching and full details of services and events should be available early in November. As with last year, please do all you can to raise awareness of our celebration and encourage people to join us at this important time of year.

Cards for good causes is in St James' again this year, and is open from Monday to Saturday until 13th December.

Looking ahead...

Advent Carol Service on Sunday 30th November at 6pm

As we prepare to remember the birth of Christ at the great festival of Christmas we gather together to celebrate the light that shines in darkness. Come and reflect on the deeper meaning of the season ahead with a combination of music and readings in the stunning surroundings of St. James'.

Carols for All: A Town Carol Service on Thursday 18th December at 7 30pm

The start of 'Christmas proper' with music sung by choristers from St James and King Edward VI Grammar School, readings read by members of the town's churches and carols for all to sing.

REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around St James' (please see above for changes/additions)

Sundays	10am	SUNG EUCHARIST - activities in the Children's Corner in church most weeks - Crèche on the 1 st and 3 rd Sundays (meet in the church just before 10am) - Meet together for Coffee under the tower after the service
	3pm	Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
	6pm	CHORAL EVENSONG
Tuesdays	11am	Holy Communion, according to the Book of Common Prayer
	7 45pm	Compline (on the 3 rd Tuesday of the month)
Wednesdays	2 15pm	Ladies Guild in Church House (on the 2 nd Wednesday of the month)
	6 15pm	Choristers, followed at 7pm by Choir Practice
Thursdays	10 30am	Parent and Toddler Group in Church House

Morning Prayer is said in St James at 8 30am on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and **Midday Prayer** at 12 30pm on Saturdays.

A couple of 'Pilgrim' groups meet regularly for reflection and fellowship – please ask the clergy for details.

News from St Michael's



Sunday Services

9 30am SUNG MASS, CW1 3pm Baptisms (By prior arrangement)

September was a busy month at St Michael's Church.

On our Patronal Festival weekend we enjoyed a lovely concert performed by Louth's Phoenix Singers, our Patronal Service on the Sunday morning and a Family Harvest Celebration during the afternoon.

At our Patronal Festival Service our lovely Verger Sheila, was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a thank you for the long service she has given over decades looking after St Micheal's Church House. Earlier in the month she had been presented an award by Community Lincs for her dedication and long service where Bishop Christopher was present. After years and years of hard work looking after Church House, Sheila is now taking a bit of a rest and retiring from this... but don't worry, she is still hard at work as our Verger.

On November 26th at 10am we will be holding our monthly Stations of the Cross followed by refreshments, a lovely meditative service giving you time to reflect on both the life and death of Jesus as well as our day to day life too. Do come along and take part in this very special service.

Tinies Breakfast is still held every 1st and 3rd Tuesday morning, if you know anyone who might be interested in coming along, please let Maria Vincent (01507 328149) know.

We are now getting revved up for our Christmas Fair from 10am- noon on Saturday 29th November at the Conoco Rooms, and then our Christmas Services including the popular Children's Christmas Eve Service at 3:30pm... don't forget to bring along your cuddly toy to add to our nativity!



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**Words from
WELTON LE WOLD**



SUNDAY SERVICES

8 30am Holy Communion on the
4th Sunday

11am Morning Prayer on the 2nd
Sunday

Many Harvests at Welton!

I had the privilege of leading the Harvest Service at Welton on Sunday 12th October. The small but beautifully formed congregation know how to celebrate.

Enthusiastic singing, prayerful presence and lovely homemade Harvest Supper; with the whole congregation sitting round a table, having really interesting conversation for at least an hour (they were still going when, reluctantly, I had to leave)!

So many Harvests! The service, the supper, the conversation, the £150 for Macmillan and the £28 (raised on the night) for the Community Larder.

Well done Welton! God bless your cheerful giving.

Sylvia Pounds

Exploring
our
faith



**EXPLORING... the Gospel
of Mark**

The Rev'd Lucy Dallas, who is Assistant Curate in the Welwyn Team Ministry and has an interest in helping people unlock the Bible, will join us to explore the background to Mark's Gospel and to help us explore some ways in which we might look at the Gospel afresh.

ALL WELCOME.

10 30am on Saturday 22nd November 2014 in
Church House, Uagate

*Midday Prayer will follow at 12 30pm in the
Angel Chapel for those who wish to stay.*

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

- 5th Oct. Elijah David Mark Meese
- 12th Oct. Thomas Joshua Richardson
- 19th Oct. Jacob-J Lee Lufflum
- 26th Oct. William James Rear

WEDDINGS/BLESSINGS

FUNERALS

- 10th Oct. Robin Wray Abbott
- 15th Oct. John William Oldroyd
- 17th Oct. Monica Maisy Fairburn (ashes)
- 23rd Oct. Nathan Askew
- 24th Oct. Peter Goodwin
- 31st Oct. Roland William Smith



**Rev'd Nick presenting Sheila Willietts
with a bouquet at St Michael's
Patronal Festival.**

When you are planning a Christening party, wedding reception, funeral buffet or anniversary bash, consider...



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Why not visit St James Church and bring a friend.

Lots to see. Good Tea and Coffee with CAKE. And then peruse the shop for cards, books and gifts.



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NEWS from Trinity



Diary of events at Trinity in September 2014

2 nd September	12noon	Tasty Tuesday
	2pm	'Monthly Make'
6 th September	6pm	Line Dancing and Mexican Supper. Contact Jane Pegg for more details.
13 th September	10 45am	Messy Church
19 th September		Fish on Friday commemorates WWI with pupils from Lacey Gardens School
21 st September	12noon	Sunday Lunch

REGULAR SERVICES and activities in and around Trinity Centre

Sundays	11am	HOLY COMMUNION followed by Parish Lunch (on the 3 rd Sunday of the month)
	3pm	Baptisms (by prior arrangement)
Tuesdays	8 30am	Morning Prayer
	11am	Holy Communion (on the 1 st Tuesday of the month)
	12 15pm	'Tasty Tuesdays' (on the 1 st Tuesday of the month) – please pre-book.
Wednesdays	10am	Weekly 'Wednesday Drop-in' with many agencies available
Fridays	12noon	'Fish on Fridays' – a weekly chance to meet and chat. No need to book.
Saturdays	10 45am	MESSY CHURCH (on the 2 nd Saturday of the month)

In addition to these regular activities run directly by the Church, there are a range of other activities that take place in partnership with others – please call in to Trinity Centre to see what goes on!

Voice of Tango' Martín Alvarado to perform in Louth

Argentina's finest and most significant tango vocalist, Martín Alvarado, will be performing in Lincolnshire in November. The Buenos Aires-based troubadour will be singing in Louth at the Trinity Centre in Eastgate, on Saturday, November 15, at 8pm after flying into London that morning from Finland for a 16-day tour of the UK.

Alvarado, a tenor, whose vocal talent was discovered as he sang in the streets of Barcelona in 2002, will perform solo in true tango troubadour style, accompanying himself on acoustic guitar.



The performance is part of his 29th international tour which also sees him performing concerts at a series of philharmonic halls in Siberia in Russia for the first time, as well as a return to the prestigious Music Hall in St Petersburg.

Tickets for the concert are £10 in advance or £12 on the door. They are available online at www.musicglue.com/ltangopromotions or at the Trinity Centre and at Off the Beaten Tracks music shop in Aswell Street, from mid-October.

Children and students are half price and there are also six tickets available, in advance only, free of charge (or for a voluntary donation) for people who receive means-tested benefits.

A Guide to Officers and Organisations in the Parish of Louth

[Please see the separate sheet for details of the Ministry Team that serves the Parish of Louth]

The Parish of Louth

Parish Wardens	Charles Dobson	604632
	Eileen Byrne	605371
PCC Secretary	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
PCC Treasurer	Mike Crosby	-----
Safeguarding Officer	Cate Green	-----
Herald Editor	Stuart Sizer	604624

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Pilgrim Groups	Please contact the Rector	
Churches Together	Eileen Byrne	605371
	Jill Day	603998
	Jennifer Smith	-----
WW Day of Prayer	Jennifer Goodwin	605254

Parish and Civic Church of St. James, Louth

Church Officers/Extended Ministry Team:

Churchwardens	John Troughton	607931
	Kate Roberts	363531
Asst Churchwardens	Margaret Anderson	610554
	Jane Fletcher	-----
	Frances Green	-----
	Robert Haynes	603118
	Peter Moore	07855 985773
DCC Secretary	Pat Neal	610143
DCC Treasurer	Robert Haynes	603118
Stewardship Recorder	David Neal	-----
ER Officer	Mary Haynes	603118
Verger (including Church bookings)	Kate Clarke	604597
Asst. Verger	Alan Durrant	606315
Sacristan	Kim Thompson	600828
Organist	Lisa Taylor	07770 550958
Choir Director	Allan Smith	610247
Church Flowers	Jennifer Goodwin	605254
Bellringers	Mick/Jill Day	603998
Fabric Officer	Robert Haynes	603118

Ministry to Visitors:

Coffee Shop	Margaret Anderson	610554
Gift Shop	Mary Haynes	603118
Church Guides	Stuart Sizer	604624
Education	Tiffany Noden	-----

Church Organisations and Groups:

St. James's Guild	Nancy Loft	603580
Church Hse Bookings	Julie Speakman (Office)	610 247
Friends of St. James's Church, Secretary	June Barber	604595

The Parish of Louth is within the Rural Deanery of Louthesk

Rural Dean	The Rev'd Sue Allison	602312
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	<i>Open from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday</i>	
Deanery Administrator	Julie Speakman	
Be A Friend Co-ordinator		07890 629062

Parish Church of St. Michael, Louth

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Brian Luckwell	607619
	Maria Vincent	328149
DCC Secretary	VACANT	
DCC Treasurer	Sylvia Luckwell	607619
ER Officer	Bob Frankum	354262
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Head Server	John Atkinson	604404
Organist	Janet McKee	327256

Parish Church of St. Andrew, Stewton

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Dorothy Mansfield	327533
	Eileen Byrne	605371
DCC Secretary	Jane Rushby	327606
DCC Treasurer	David Gelsthorpe	602521
ER Officer	Dorothy Mansfield	327533

Parish Church of All Saints, South Elkington

Church Officers:

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DCC Treasurer	Caroline Blenkhorn	-----
ER Officer	Amy Jobe	606348
Verger	Jill Day	603998
Church Flowers	Peeby Myers	607331
Church Inst. Bookings	Jennifer Nelson	603386

Parish Church of St. Martin, Welton le Wold

Church Officers:

Churchwardens	Jim Cave	610275
	David Wormell	604210
DCC Secretary	David Dickinson	604217
DCC Treasurer	Peter Taylor	609280
ER Officer	VACANT	
Organists	David Wormell/David Dickinson	
Church Flowers	Dawn Taylor	609280
Bellringers	Phil Reeks	606202

Trinity Centre, incorporating The Chapel of The Holy Trinity, Louth

Church Officers:

Parish Wardens	Charles Dobson	604632
	Eileen Byrne	605371
Treasurer	Rob Carr (DCC)	

Centre Staff:

Centre Administrator (including all bookings)	Ian Miles	605803
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Church Flowers	Janet Rodgers	610378

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The Ministry Team serving the Parish of Louth

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The Rev'd Ian Chisholm

The Rev'd Canon Alan Hayday

The Rev'd Daphne King

The Rev'd Ian Partridge

Ronnie Partridge (Lay Reader)

SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2014

[Unless otherwise shown, services/events take place in St. James']



	2 nd November	9 th November	16 th November	23 rd November	30 th November
Sunday in the town of Louth...	<p>All Saints/All Souls</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>10am SUNDAY EUCHARIST Chor/Ad <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: Mrs Ronnie Partridge</i> Sponsa Christi <i>Modes I and II</i> Hartley Service <i>Sumsion</i> Give us the wings of faith <i>Blatchley</i> Hymns 214, 213, 232, (225) and 230.</p> <p>3pm Baptism at St Michael's <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>6pm ALL SOULS SERVICE Singers <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> Special Order of Service, including: Nunc Dimittis (Short Service) Gibbons Contaktion for the departed <i>Kiev melody</i></p>	<p>Remembrance Sunday</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>11 15am CIVIC SERVICE Singers <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Archdeacon of Lincoln</i> Special Order of Service, including: <i>And I saw a new heaven Bainton</i></p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>6pm EUCHARIST: 'Inspired' Something slightly different! A time to reflect and pray in different way, followed by sharing an informal celebration of communion under the spire. All welcome.</p> <p>10 55am Communion at 5th E'ton <i>President: The Rev'd Keith Tomlin</i></p> <p>12 30pm Baptism at 5th E'ton</p> <p>10 55am Morning Prayer at Welton <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p>	<p>2nd Sunday before Advent</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p> <p>10am SUNDAY EUCHARIST Chor/Ad <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i> Cantate Domino <i>Pitoni</i> Mass of St Anne <i>Macmillan</i> How can I keep from singing <i>arr. Archer</i> Hymns 571, 386, 432, (322) and 148.</p> <p>11am Communion/Lunch at Trin. <i>President: The Rev'd Keith Tomlin</i></p> <p>3pm Baptism at Trinity <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>6pm CHORAL EVENSONG Consort <i>Officiant: Mrs Ronnie Partridge</i> <i>Preacher: Dr Paul Hill</i> Sanders Responses Psalm 89.19-29 Locus iste <i>Bruckner</i> Hymns 202, 356 and 398.</p>	<p>Christ the King</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p> <p>10am CHORAL EUCHARIST Chor/Ad <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> <i>Preacher: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> Jesu Rex admirabilis <i>Palestrina</i> Leighton in D Be still <i>arr. Shepherd</i> Hymns 563, 494, 309, (172) and 398.</p> <p>7 30pm CONCERT by Louth Choral Society</p>	<p>1st Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9 30am Sung Mass at St. Michael <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i></p> <p>10am EUCHARIST with hymns <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> <i>Preacher: Mrs Ronnie Partridge</i> Alvingham Service <i>Goodwin</i> Anthem to be confirmed Hymns 32, 24, 266 and 31.</p> <p>3pm Baptism <i>Officiant: The Rev'd Kate Toogood</i></p> <p>6pm ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Special Order of Service</p>
In the villages...	<p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>12 30pm Baptism at Stewton</p>	<p>10 55am Communion at 5th E'ton <i>President: The Rev'd Keith Tomlin</i></p> <p>12 30pm Baptism at 5th E'ton</p> <p>10 55am Morning Prayer at Welton <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p>	<p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p> <p>11am Matins at 5th E'ton <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i> followed by DDP: 'Vision event'</p>	<p>8 30am Communion at Welton <i>Preacher: Mrs Sylvia Pounds</i></p> <p>11am Matins at 5th E'ton followed by DDP: 'Vision event'</p>	<p>11am Communion at Stewton <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i></p>
During the week...	<p>Monday 3rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 7 30pm CONFIRMATION SERVICE <i>President: The Bishop of Lincoln</i></p> <p>Tuesday 4th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9am Tinies Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION at Trinity <i>President: The Rev'd Nick Brown</i> 12 15pm Tasty Tuesday at Trinity</p> <p>Wednesday 5th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity</p> <p>Thursday 6th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10 30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 7th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 8th 10 45am MESSY CHURCH at Trinity 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 10th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 11th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 10 45am KEVIGS Remembrance Service 11am Act of Rememb. at War Memorial 11am HOLY COMMUNION at Trinity <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 12noon Full Ministry Team Mtg</p> <p>Wednesday 12th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity 12 15pm St James Guild at Church Hse.</p> <p>Thursday 13th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10 30am Toddler Gp at Church House 7pm DDP: 'Review event' /PCC at Trinity</p> <p>Friday 14th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 15th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 17th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 18th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9am Tinies Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i> 7 45pm <i>Prayer and Pcc</i> at St James'</p> <p>Wednesday 19th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity 2 30pm Home Communion at the Wolds</p> <p>Thursday 20th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10 30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 21st 8 30am MORNING PRAYER Fish on Friday trip to Woodthorpe</p> <p>Saturday 22nd 10 30am 'Exploring... Mark's gospel' 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 24th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 25th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 11am HOLY COMMUNION <i>President: The Rev'd Robert Mansfield</i> 11 45am Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>Wednesday 26th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10am STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St M 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity 2 30pm Home Communion at the Elms</p> <p>Thursday 27th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10 30am Toddler Gp at Church House 10 30am Home Comm. at Stewton Hse 11am Home Comm. at The Beeches</p> <p>Friday 28th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 29th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>	<p>Monday 1st December 8 30am MORNING PRAYER</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER at Trinity 9am Tinies Breakfast at St. Michael's 11am HOLY COMMUNION <i>President: The Rev'd Ian Partridge</i></p> <p>Wednesday 3rd 8 30am MORNING PRAYER & Litany 10 30am Drop-in at Trinity</p> <p>Thursday 4th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 10 30am Toddler Gp at Church House</p> <p>Friday 5th 8 30am MORNING PRAYER 12noon Fish on Friday at Trinity</p> <p>Saturday 6th 12 30pm MIDDAY PRAYER</p>

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Snippets from Stewton

SUNDAY SERVICES

11am Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday, 3rd and 5th Sundays

Part of the Mission of our work here at St Andrew's is to reach out to others through a direct contact so that we are certain where the support goes. Stewton church has a link with a small charity working in a Psychiatric Hospital in Romania. Victoria Mansfield from the charity Volunteers for Mental Health writes:

A big thank you to everyone who donated old or spare glasses for the patients at Tarnaveni Psychiatric Institution in Transylvania, Romania. These are being used by the service users daily and were very gratefully received. At the moment we have enough.

However with Christmas just around the corner, we are launching our Christmas Project on the back of last year's very successful one. We all know Christmas can be a very special time for people, a chance to exchange presents with loved ones and celebrate the birth of Christ. Imagine if you had no possessions and no family around you.

Our Christmas Campaign is to ask people to consider donating just £2 which will be used to buy each of the 180 patients a small gift. Last year we managed to raise enough money to give each person a cup, some chocolates and a Christmas card. These simple gifts brought so much joy to those who would have received nothing had it not been for our volunteers' work and commitment. We are hoping to emulate last year's goodwill with this year's venture. If you are able to spare just £2 please give your donation to Robert Mansfield or call him on 01507 327533, or for further information email me at victoriamansfield@vmfh.org.uk. The website address is www.vfmh.org.uk

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Matins on the 4th Sunday



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Sunday
2nd November
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8th January 2015 (AGM)



That's Entertainment?

By Pat Fearnley-Whistler

"I say, Asquith, switch on the haunted fishtank, won't you?" I asked my Man. "Let's see what wonders are revealed on the many available channels! I feel like a bit of culture." Obediently, Asquith activated the flatscreen item and melted away to polish the family silver (a single teaspoon, alas, since the Crash). I was left clutching the chunky remote control with an evening of promised bliss ahead of me.

First off was something about the Lost Civilisations of Papua New Guinea. This looked promising, fascinating coves, these early temple-builders. After a bit it became clear, however, that I was not in for much about them. The presenter, on the other hand, appeared to be having a lot of fun; filming had clearly taken place at the Cheltenham Gold Cup, Glastonbury Festival, Glyndebourne, at the Rio Carnival and during a military display in Red Square. This young fellow Professor Malcolm Fearnley-Jarvis was a dab hand at surfing, hang-gliding, talking fluently about demographics, and looking soulful. Not quite so adept at shaving, perhaps.

A channel hop being indicated, I went in for a look around the Impact of Great Women Through The Ages. After a fleeting glimpse of a bust of Nefertiti, there was about half an hour of a rather comely female Fellow of All Souls, Anjana Fearnley-Hairdo, winding her way through some bazaar or other in a series of translucent outfits, flicking her abundant coiffure about with a beringed hand and speculating wildly about events which may or may not ever have occurred. No dice there, then.

Maybe something less, er, academic then? Strictly Come Toasted Cheese Making, that could hold my attention and provide some sort of relaxation from the stresses of a hard day. The contestants had the task of making a Welsh Rarebit in under 90 seconds while being shouted at in a bewildering array of regional and foreign accents by three bald men and a nice old lady. Four out of the five candidates burst into tears at various stages, something to do with a badly-halved olive in one case. There was the obligatory two minutes' commemorative silence, at the judging stage, before the stentorian head bully sacked one of them for using the wrong kind of mustard spoon. Not for me, no sir.

The Politics Programme was no better. Every time one of the studio attendees got more than six consecutive words out, one or more of the others interrupted most rudely, generally with the (doubtless accurate but still insulting) inference that the first speaker was an ignorant, bigoted liar. Democracy in action, my foot; cut to a scene from that day's edifying busi-

ness in the Mother of Parliaments, where howls and hoots greeted every syllable uttered from anywhere in the Chamber, reminiscent of Chester Zoo at feeding time.

Ah! Sport- that's the ticket! Switching to the Big Match, I was rewarded with the spectacle of grown men with 70's mullets crowing over some trivial achievement, feigning mortal injury after a failed assault on a fellow-player, back-chatting the referee or blowing their noses on the Hallowed Turf. Lovely! Evidently the Uzbek Wanderers were playing Sutton Coldfield or something. Both countries seemed very cosmopolitan, for example, I was not aware that Tomlinson is an Uzbek surname.

Turning, almost in despair, to comedy, it was a relief to be treated to some good honest British backbiting and sarcasm, "live" from the Apollo Theatre. How live it was is uncertain, as the flow of discourse resumed as if uninterrupted after five minutes of commercials. These were in themselves an interesting sidelight on our national lives, as perceived by Commerce. I don't think playing poker online with real money, using a multi-gigabyte tablet computer, is something which ought to be encouraged. Commerce clearly does. However, I do enjoy the beauty product advertisements, which bring news of new chemical elements every week; who cannot but rejoice at the achievements of Abattoir Garnier in devising uses for Liftanium, or Smoothatron? I'll keep the honest wrinkles, which are the evidence of my life's work, thank you.

By this time, I could hardly wait for the News. It was all bad. The weather, likewise. The message from the svelte meteorologist was that it had been alright today (which I had actually noticed) but an enormous Low with Gale Force Winds and Some Structural Damage was being imported at huge expense from America, that great Nation which had already saddled us with burgers, chronic obesity and Disney.

I gave up and rang the bell for Asquith. "You rang, Sir," he asserted. "Yes, Asquith, I bally well did. Please turn that thing off, and bring me a book from the bookshelf!" "Any particular book, Sir?" he enquired. "Any book, Asquith. Any book at all; dash it, hang on - I want an old one, written properly by an Author." As he always does, Asquith understood perfectly, and obliged with some P G Wodehouse. Praise be! It must be absolute Hell for anyone who has to rely on television for all their entertainment.



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This year's time of remembrance is particularly poignant, given that it is the centenary of the dreadful tragic events of the First World War. By the end of the war a million British men were dead, and two million more had been wounded. There was not a single family unacquainted with grief, nor a corner of life unaffected.

Many of us have become familiar with the story of Amy Beechey, a mother from Lincoln who saw eight sons go to war, and only three return. We can only imagine her grief; but every day of the war, her pain was known and understood by grieving relatives in households all over England.

The horror of the trenches, the scale of the slaughter, the tragic loss of so much human potential –all these things meant that long-held notions of an all-powerful God began to be questioned. Put simply: If God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God seemingly indifferent to our fate?

One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament.

Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could, and those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see.

Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real and palpable force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer a remote and detached figure at the peak of a great social pyramid. No longer was God the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives, in the agony of Amy Beechey and all those like her back home.

God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

Writing in 1918, he said this:

'God loves us enough to bear our burdens and suffer along with us; the destruction of war will not have the final word, because Christ's example promises us resurrection from death.'

The first world war brought the horrifying reality of modern warfare to every home in the land; it brought a new awareness that God is not distant and other, but is involved through Jesus Christ in our struggles and sufferings.

Despite all the evil in the world we continue to have faith in this God: the God who brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; and life out of death. This is our God: the God of Love and Resurrection.

Prayer and Pint 



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Part One...
...the timeless evening service of Compline – a quiet end to the day:
The Ancient Office of Compline, sung in the Parish Church of St James at 7 45pm

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Part Two...
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Discussion in the Lounge Bar of *The Wheatsheaf*, following on from 8pm

Dates for the rest of 2014:
16th September, 21st October, 18th November and 16th December

The last date for submission of articles for the December/January 2014 /15 Herald is Friday 21st November 2014

You can send articles to my Email address which is: stuart@clara.net or stuart@talktalk.net