TAIZÉ WORSHIP
at
St Mary Magdalene Gedney
Wednesday 15th September
7.15pm
Everyone very welcome.

WHOLENESS AND HEALING
at
All Saints Holbeach
Tuesday 7th September
6.30pm

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Calling all cars, calling all cars…… the Voluntary Car Scheme needs **YOU**

**What is a Voluntary Car Scheme?**  
Voluntary or Community Car Schemes are run by local people for local people by providing a local service and a friendly face to those unable to access public transport.

Car owners with some time to spare provide transport to help people in the community with no access to public transport. Passengers pay a mileage rate which covers the out of pocket expenses of the car owner and the transport is booked through a central coordinator.

Volunteer Drivers are always required to be able to meet the needs of their village or community. If you are reading this and thinking - what is it these drivers do then find out more and make a really valuable contribution to your community.

**CONTACT:** Nina Lightfoot, Lincolnshire County Council, The Advice Centre, Money Yard, Sleaford, NG34 7TW 01529307502 or 07795394737

A new bookcase at Fleet in memory of Daisy Twell, organist for 50 years.

**A Vicar Writes**

The Mid-Elloe group consists currently of 8 parishes and four churches. Four churches with slightly different styles of worship and different buildings but essentially we are ONE group.

I am saddened therefore that the support for each other is not as great as I would hope. I am not just talking about the occasional group service, which if our regular congregations combined, we could have about 60 people attending [but we rarely make more than 20] no, I am also talking about the other events that our churches have.

I know that people often have good reasons for not attending but if we are to continue as one group, and this is by no means certain, we need to begin to show in greater numbers that we do support and care for all the churches in our group.

The church is not the building but the people who fill it. If we don’t show a loyalty to each other what message is that giving to those on the outside who look on?

With best wishes  
Rvd Rosemary Goddard
Giving for a Change

Until recently, it had never occurred to me that for some people giving is just another form of purchasing. For example, some people are only persuaded to give to charity because they see long-term benefits for themselves in return. Perhaps this is what lies behind the claim that “Charity begins at home”.

Then there are folk in our congregations for whom giving to the Church is simply a way of purchasing ministry for themselves rather than seeing it as a way of providing ministry where it is needed more, and funding is less easy to find. Sadly, people do sometimes write to tell me that they will stop giving to the Church because they no longer have a full-time Priest in their Parish. Clearly for them giving to God is simply a way of purchasing something for themselves.

But surely giving generously to God is our right and proper response to God’s generosity to us. It is not subject to strict cost-benefit analysis. And the same goes for our giving to good causes. We give because we can – and because we can make a difference.

So I ask you to support as generously as you can my Harvest Appeal this year. Proceeds will go to support our on-going commitment to our friends caring for people affected by leprosy in our Link Diocese of Tirunelveli in South India. We will also channel proceeds through Christian Aid to help some of the poorest people in the world affected by drought in Burkino Faso.

These are practical projects designed to provide long-term solutions and not just short-term relief. Perhaps collections at Harvest Services this year could be channelled into this Appeal – and of course, personal donations will also be very welcome.

Please make cheques payable to “LDTBF – Harvest Appeal” and send to Accounts Department, Church House, Minster Yard, Lincoln LN2 1PU.

Thank you!

With every Blessing and all good wishes,

+ John

ST. LUKES - HOLBEACH HURN

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JULY ROTAS

SIDESMEN

5th  Mr. Peter Shepherd and Mrs. M. Walker
12th Mr. J. Henry and Mr. J. Bennett
19th Mr. J. Hardy and Mr. D. Baker
26th Mrs. K. Jenkinson and Mrs. R. Walkers

FLOWERS

Miss E Bailey  
Mrs. L Dixon Spain
Mrs. S Taylor  
Mrs. M Shepherd

BRASSES  
Mr and Mrs D Baker

PRAYER GROUP

at

St Luke’s Holbeach Hurn
Tuesday 21st September
7.30pm

Everyone very welcome

BIBLE STUDY

at

All Saints Holbeach
Tuesday 14th September
7.30pm

Everyone very welcome
Churchwardens’ Musings

First we send many thanks to Sandra, Sharon and Tracy Carter and their helpers for the Garden Party held at their home on 1st August. It was a very enjoyable afternoon with many new faces. They raised over £400 for Church funds.

Thanks also to Peter, Stephen and members of Fleet Preservation Trust for opening the grounds of Battleford Hall for their very successful Party the following Sunday, in aid of the Church roof. The weather was kind on both occasions and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all for your generous donations.

The cake stall is on 3rd September at Long Sutton market. Sandra Carter and Sue Taylor are in charge this year and contributions of cakes, jam etc will be gratefully received. If you wish to have contributions collected please let us know.

Sue and Alan Taylor of Littlemarsh Lane have invited us to a Coffee Morning at their home on 29th September 10am till noon. Do come along for a cuppa and chat with friends, old and new. There will be the usual bring and buy and raffle. You will be made very welcome.

The Harvest Thanksgiving, sale and supper is on 8th October at 7pm. Tickets for supper are £5 for sausage, mash and peas followed by apple pie and cream, not all on the same plate. Please let us know in advance if you wish to partake.

The Art and Craft festival weekend is on 27/28th November in Church. A concert is also planned on the Saturday evening. Please put it in your diaries. More details later.

The bats in Church are once again causing concern. They leave a terrible mess on every surface. We are told there are two kinds of bats and that their droppings are harmless. Nevertheless they are numerous and an unpleasant sight, we thank the cleaners who deal with the clearing away which doesn’t last long before a new inundation appears. We can only apologise and hope they soon cease their activities.

We would also like to thank Derek for his hard work on the monthly newsletter over the last few years, we have appreciated his expertise and thank him again for a job well done. We are grateful to Joan and Duncan for taking on the task.

Lastly we send our love and prayers to John and Anne, you are in our thoughts daily.. We miss you and hope for your swift return to us.

Shirley and Michael

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Cont .... Gedney Flower Festival

Spiritual Experience Raffle results
- First: Sandra Smalley  Peach 439
- Second Mr Walsham Blue 760
- Third Miss E Snushall Blue 132

A huge thank you to all those kind people who donated prizes for the Tombola stall this year. The quality of the prizes was amazing and the stall well stocked over the four days of the Festival.

Your generosity year on year is very much appreciated. Again, many thanks and God Bless

Sylvia and Frank Sontag
FLEET

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50/50 Club winners for August: £15 Mrs Ann Cutler No 92
£10 Michael Blom No 53
£5 Caroline Slipper No 77

September is the last draw of the 50/50 Club. Please renew your subscription for another year at a cost of £6 per entry and fill in the form below:

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH FLEET 50/50 Club

Name........................................................................................................

Address.................................................................................................

Tel.No......................

Please return slips and monies to the treasurer:-
Mrs P Seymour, Kentfields, Woodhouse Lane, E12 7PD or drop in the slot in top of church safe. Good Luck !!!!

amount of money to be received, but it is expected that just over £5,600 will be raised. A truly amazing achievement considering the present financial climate!

GEDNEY PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the PCC will take place on Tuesday 28th September at 7.30 pm at Church.

GEDNEY HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS

Harvest Festival, this year will take place on Sunday 3rd October, commencing at 6.30 pm. The Service will be followed by the Harvest Supper and sale of produce, but not an auction this time.

As in the last couple of years, the catering is to be ‘in house’ and at the time of writing I am not able to offer a full menu. It is thought that the price of the meal will be about £7.00.

The gentlemen’s challenge this year for ‘THE GREAT GEDNEY CAKE BAKE’ is to make a fruit cake! (A suggestion from someone was that the cakes, once purchased could then be taken home, ‘fed’ with sherry or brandy, and iced, thus saving work for the cooks at Christmas.) Our chaps are more than capable of this challenge. The cakes will not be officially judged one against the other but auctioned during the proceedings. This has the promise of being quite an event.

So come on gentlemen - get out the aprons and oven gloves and start baking! If you did not have a go previously here’s your opportunity to shine. The men who baked last year thoroughly enjoyed themselves. You choose the recipe; you can practice as many times as you like, all we ask is that you bring your finished cake to the Harvest Festival.

Please make a note in your diaries, as this is a most enjoyable evening. However we shall need you to know numbers for catering purposes. Please ring for further details or to reserve a ticket for your meal - 01406 363673.

FUTURE EVENTS

Saturday 18th September – 6.30 pm Lincoln Cathedral Choir Concert at Gedney Church. For more details please contact sue.bland@qvefoods.com or call 01406 421007.

Sunday 19th September – 3.30 pm South Holland Civic Service at Gedney Church

THANKS

On behalf of everyone in Gedney, I should like to thank Derek and the team of volunteers who have been preparing the magazine over the last couple of years. Your efforts have been very much appreciated. We wish Joan and Duncan every success for the future.
GEDNEY

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TABLETALK LUNCHEES

The lunch on 11th August saw over twenty people served with a beef and ham salad followed by arctic roll and fruit. The next Tabletalk Lunch is on Wednesday 8th September at 12.15 for 12.30. Please contact either Hazel Horne (01406 365867), Jill Duffey (01406 365586), or Jane Webb (01406 363673) to reserve a place.

JOHN AND JEAN WARD’S OPEN GARDEN

John and Jean Ward opened their garden for Church funds on Sunday 4th July. They were busy all day, showing people around, many were amazed at how large the garden is. Refreshments were served during the day and at the Songs of Praise Service at the conclusion of the Flower Festival John and Jean handed over a cheque for £345 towards Church funds. Our sincere thanks to them and to all their helpers for their hard work.

RAF WYTON BAND CONCERT

What a wonderful evening we had in Gedney Church on Saturday 17th July. An audience of about 200 people enjoyed the sights and sounds of RAF Wyton Voluntary Band. The church rafters rang out to stirring band tunes, some old, some more recent. There were light-hearted moments and poignant pieces when at the end of the concert we all stood for Sunset. We sincerely hope the Band will pay a return visit in 2012.

The concert raised £1,000.00 towards church funds – a fantastic result.

GEDNEY CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

The Parochial Church Council is more than grateful to you all. What can we say except a huge ‘Thank You’ to everyone who helped to make our Flower Festival such a success, not just in monetary terms. The whole team worked together to ensure a smooth and enjoyable four days. Yes, we all worked hard but there was much laughter along the way. Every church has its cheery characters but I am sure we are blessed with more than our fair share. Each time you entered Church you could hear the sound of laughing and chattering. It was wonderful. None of that would be possible without the dedication of so many who give so freely of their time and talents to make it happen.

We must also say ‘Thank You’ to the many visitors who came to our festival. Without their support all our efforts would be in vain. There is still a small

Please support the cake stall and the coffee morning below. Tell your friends and family to come along.

Now

The usual cake stall is on Long Sutton market on Friday morning 3rd September, we would be very grateful for all the cakes and pastries that you can give us to sell that day. Please let us know if you want us to collect them.

Soon

A coffee morning is planned on Wednesday 29th September 10am till noon at the home of Sue and Alan Taylor in Little Marsh Lane, for which we thank them in advance. Alan, together with Norman Dawson, works very hard to keep the churchyard tidy and for this we say a very grateful thanks.

Arts & Crafts Exhibition

to be held 27th-28th November 2010 at Fleet Church in aid of Fleet Church Funds.

Offers of help with tombola, stalls, or exhibits to Sandra, please, on 01406 424113 or cartertracey77@googlemail.com

Entry fees:-Pictures £2.00 each
Crafts £5.00 per table+10% of all sales to church

Closing date for entries 10th September 2010

Ideal for Christmas presents with a difference!

Any more fund raising activities welcomed.

Diary date …Diary date….Diary date…..Diary date

Fleet Parish Open Gardens

In June or July 2011 we would like hardworking owners to show off their gardens to raise church funds. Whether you have acres or just a veggie patch think of us as you sow next year. Plan now.
Services for September

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5/9  9.15am ~ Morning Prayer  Stephen Bishop
12/9 9.15am ~ Eucharist  Revd Rosemary Goddard
19/9 9.15am ~ Morning Prayer  Stephen Bishop
26/9 9.15am ~ Eucharist  Revd Rosemary Goddard

Gedney
5/9  11am ~ Morning Prayer  David Sizer
12/9 11am ~ Eucharist  Revd Rosemary Goddard
19/9 11am ~ Morning Prayer  Stephen Bishop
26/9 11am ~ Eucharist  Revd Rosemary Goddard

Holbeach Hurn
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Holbeach St Marks
5/9  9am ~ Eucharist  Revd Rosemary Goddard
12/9  9am ~ Morning Prayer  John Dunham and Christine Pearl
19/9  9am ~ Eucharist  Revd Rosemary Goddard
26/9  No Service

ALL SAINTS’ HOLBEACH ARTS FESTIVAL

21st—26th SEPTEMBER 2010
10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

PAINTINGS  CRAFTS
CERAMICS  SCULPTURE

PHOTOGRAPHY—Workshop on
Saturday, 25th September

STAINED GLASS - Workshops
on Friday 24th &
Saturday 25th September

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IN Volvement of local schools and many
local art, craft & musical groups

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