

THE BISHOP OF GRIMSBY WRITES:

Dear Friends,

The announcement of the Venerable Christopher Lowson as the new Bishop of Lincoln was warmly greeted across the Diocese. I do ask you to keep Christopher and his wife Susan in your prayers as they prepare to come and join our pilgrimage as God's people discovering how to share the good news of Jesus Christ in our generation.

2011 has so far proved to have been an historic year and perhaps it will be remembered as a year when there was a coming together of events which have changed the shape of things to come. Internationally our headlines have been captured by the Arab Spring, with its rejection of totalitarian regimes, horrific natural disasters in both New Zealand, Australia and the sheer devastation in Japan. These events have each brought with them heartrending stories of human despair, loss and countless personal tragedies.

Domestically our national story continues to be reshaped by the effects of Government cuts changing the landscape for public services, the NHS and education. At the same time rising prices, an all-time high price for fuel and high levels of unemployment bring with them stories of hardship and anguish.

Life is just full of stories. Whilst the media, with its inability to stay with any story for very long, moves on hungry for new material, the reality is that for the people involved in the headlines, the story goes on and has to be lived out.

A church active in God's mission has no option other than to be caught-up in the ongoing human stories which shape the future for individuals and for their communities. It is only when we have lost sight of this connection that we suggest that the church shouldn't be involved in politics. Being caught up in what is happening in other people's lives starts with our prayers, but then has to go on to being actively involved in sustaining, supporting and sharing in the stories which are being lived out all around us.

The story at the heart of the Christian faith is the story of an active God whom we find in Jesus Christ engaged with the ongoing story of life. So a Church caught up with the active God will be a busy place, not for its own sake or its own future, but busy keeping up with a God who is deeply involved with the human stories which ultimately make and shape history.

+David Grimsby

What happens next:

The process for the appointment of a bishop is quite complex. It involves a considerable number of people, and so it is very difficult to set a timescale. It is overseen by the Provincial Registrar of the Province of Canterbury. Once the name of the bishop-to-be has been announced, the Crown will send to the Dean of Lincoln a *Conge d'elire* and Letters Recommendatory.

These require the College of Canons to meet to elect a bishop, and also tell them whom to elect. The result has to be notarised, and signified to various people, including the Crown and the Archbishop of Canterbury. The result of the election is often displayed on the vacant cathedra (episcopal chair) in the cathedral. Following that, the Court of the Arches

is convened in London, often at the church of St Mary-le-Bow. During a service there the identity of the bishop-elect is confirmed, as are the particulars of his election. He takes the required oaths, and the Archbishop delivers his Charge to the new bishop. From this moment, he is in law the new diocesan bishop, the 'Spiritualities' of the diocese being so conferred. Christopher Lowson must also be ordained (consecrated) a bishop. This usually takes place in London.

Following this, the Bishop must go to pay homage to The Queen. This is the ceremony often referred to as 'kissing hands', and represents the conferral of the 'Temporalities' of the See. In times past, this could mean vast swathes of land, palaces and revenues.

Then, and only then, is it possible to enthrone the new Bishop in his Cathedral Church. This is done by the Archdeacon of Canterbury, representing the Archbishop, and is very much the occasion for the whole diocesan family to welcome its new Father in God.



ST GENEWYS'

From the Parish Registers

Barbara Wilkinson, who had lived all her life in Scotton, died in hospital on 19 February. A funeral service, celebrating her life, took place in St Genewys' and was followed by cremation at Woodlands Crematorium.

Monthly Draw

Winners in April were:

1 st prize	£50	A Clayton	(Entry 125)
2 nd prize	£20	R Blackshaw	(Entry 142)
3 rd prize	£10	D Bradley	(Entry 137)

The next Draw will be made on 2 May.

Mary

West Lindsey Open Churches Weekends

St Genewys' Church is included in the first of the two Open Churches Weekends – Saturday 7 May and Sunday 8 May, and once again Joan Farleigh has kindly agreed to play the organ from 10am -12 noon on the Saturday. For some reason, the booklet about the Open Churches Weekends mistakenly says that we are staging an exhibition 'Scotton – A Journey through Time', which we did last year. This year the church will of course be open and will welcome visitors, but as a 'quiet church'.

Mary



SCOTTON AND DISTRICT WI

The April meeting saw the launch of a new Scotton and District WI cookbook presented in a looseleaf form and containing at present some forty or so recipes provided by members – more can be added at a later date. The price is a modest £2.50 and copies may be ordered from Karin Clarke at 16 Eastgate (☎761237).

At the monthly meeting on Thursday 12 May there is to be a talk about Herbs – ‘Little Pots to Big Business’ and the competition is a ‘China item with Flower Design’. As always, visitors will be welcome at the meeting in Scotton Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

The WI is having a New and Jumble Sale in Scotton Village Hall on Saturday 21 May: 10.30am – 12.30pm. For further information contact Karin (☎761237)

Mary



CHARITY WALK

On 14 May I am taking part in the Moon Walk in London and am trying to get as many sponsors as I can. This event is organised by the Charity ‘Walk the Walk, uniting against breast cancer’. They raised over £9 million last year and give grants to large projects as well as supporting small community projects throughout the UK. About 15,000 of us will start at midnight and walk 26.2 miles around the streets of London. I did it last year and enjoyed it so much I decided to do it again!

If you would like to sponsor me, you can make an on-line donation at www.walkthewalk.org and follow the link, Sponsor a Walker and search by ‘Wendy Sterry’, I also have a sponsorship form and will leave a copy in Church.

Many thanks

Wendy Sterry.



GEOCACHING

There seems to be a new craze called Geocaching which appears to be a bit like orienteering but using a GPS (Global Positioning System) rather than a map to identify a specific point. I guess it is probably an APP on the latest phones. I understand that anyone can ‘own’ or provide a geocache which is then hidden at a specific place and the relevant information posted on a website.

Someone has removed a couple of stones in the churchyard wall, just beyond the recycling bins, and hidden such a geocache. The website requires cache owners to guarantee that they have, among other things, obtained the land owner’s or site manager’s permission. This was not the case with this geocache and so it has been removed.

When I looked at the website and read the comments about what I assume was this geocache it seems that it may originally have been placed elsewhere but moved by one of the finders. If the ‘owner’ would like their geocache back to hide it again elsewhere in the village, they are more than welcome to collect it from me.

Bill



SCOTTON VILLAGE FETE

This year the fête will be held on Saturday 11 June from 2.30 to 5.00pm in the Littlewood Playpark (with the usual proviso ‘in the village hall if wet’).

As in previous years there will be a Children's Fancy Dress Parade, numerous games and stalls as well as a Tombola and a Raffle. As always, a great deal of help is needed with the fête, both to look after the stalls on the day itself and to make sure that there are enough prizes for the raffle and tombola, enough cakes for the cake stall and buns and the like for refreshments. You have always been very generous in the past and your support this year would again be much appreciated. Dorothy Thomas (☎763136), Peter Jackson (☎763128) and Malcolm Clarke (☎761237) would be only too pleased to hear from anyone willing to help.

Following the success of the Scarecrow Competition last year, there is to be another one this year – but with slightly different rules, as described in last month's Parish News. There were some great entries last year and it would be good to have even more this time round – so start planning your entry.

Mary (on behalf of the Village Hall Committee)



SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

The March meeting of Scotton Parish Council were delighted to co-opt a new member, Dave Bett.

Concerns were raised at this meeting with regard to inconsiderate parking, especially on footpaths. Residents are urged to park on their own property and to leave the roads and footpaths clear.

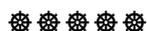
The phone box will be repainted and broken panes replaced. This will then be used as an information point where notices can be displayed.

Several issues are to be reported to Highways including potholes and the access road to Beck Lane.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 18 April at 7.00pm where refreshments will be provided. This is the parishioners meeting; a chance to air views, question the Parish Council with regard to their working over the past year and generally have a 'get together' over a cup of coffee. If anyone has any item for the agenda, please contact the Clerk. (email bob_dimillward@yahoo.co.uk or ☎ 01427 628417) who will be pleased to hear from you. At this Assembly, the Luddington Trust Fund will be explained and various other matters discussed. Please do attend, the council still has a vacancy and you may find you would like to become a councillor and help give the village a voice.

Have you checked out the Scotton website? We would love more photographs and news items/history etc. Copies of the Parish News are available on this site. The website address is: <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Scotton/>

Dianne Millward; Clerk to Scotton Parish Council



LINCOLNSHIRE HOUSE

We are holding our 3rd annual sponsored Midsummer Walk on 26 June.

Lincolnshire House is a Residential Home for people with Cerebral Palsy and associated disabilities based in Scunthorpe. We have 35 residents that live at Lincolnshire House and we also provide day care and respite care for people in the local community.

Starting from the Three Horse Shoes in Scotton, the 8 mile walk will take you on a scenic route around Scotton and Scotter. It should take you approximately 2-3 hours.

There is a £10.00 entry fee which will include a bottle of water, sponsor forms, free training T-shirt, food ticket for the BBQ and a medal on completion.

For more information or to order your information pack and Sponsor forms please call ☎844168 and speak to Dawn or Emma.



CHURCH SERVICES - MAY

1	2 nd Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
8	3 rd Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
15	4 th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am	Methodist Service, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
22	5 th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Morning Worship, Scotton
29	6 th Sunday of Easter	10.00 am	GROUP SERVICE, SCOTTER

- JUNE

5	7 th Sunday of Easter	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton Our Patronal Festival
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The service will be followed at 12.00 by a 'bring and share' lunch, at the home of Dave and Wendy Sterry, to celebrate the day. All are invited to come and join in.



The next cleaning party for St Genewys is 10.00 am Saturday 28 May. The more hands the less onerous is the task.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Together with others vying for your support, please do not forget the millions of people depending upon your generosity to help them overcome the adversities of the situations in which they find themselves through no fault of their own. Please give generously and fill the envelope during the week **15 to 21 May**