

THE BISHOP WRITES

“It’s not on any map: true places never are”

(from Moby Dick)

Maps are marvellous. The current exhibition of maps at the British Library in London is attracting large crowds, and Mike Parker’s Map Addict is proving to be a bit of a best-seller.

Why? What is it about maps which we find so compelling? Well in part the answer lies in the stories they tell about how people past and present have seen their world. They highlight the things that mattered most to previous generations, and today they facilitate travel and communications in ever more sophisticated ways.

But they remain artificial. They try to present in two dimensions what is essentially a three-dimensional world. Fascinating though they are, they only work when we apply to them our three-dimensional experience of the world around us so as to see in our mind’s eye the hills and valleys on the flat map as they really are.

Adding a further dimension to what we see, hear, feel and touch day by day is what faith in God is all about. So many people lead two-dimensional lives with little sense of that something more which transfigures reality and transcends what is otherwise ordinary and everyday.

Rudolph Otto, a famous theologian of the last century, used the word “numinous” to describe that idea of the Holy which we discern with the eye of faith. Living by faith is three-dimensional living. Why settle for a mere map when you can experience the real thing? Why settle for life in two dimensions when Jesus offers us life in all its fullness (John 10:10)?

+ John Lincoln



ST GENEWYS

Services for July

4	5 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
11	6 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton (Sea Sunday)
18	7 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Methodist service, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
25	8 th Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Morning worship, Scotton

From the Parish Registers

On 2 June the cremated remains of Mary Kulleseid, who died on 23 April, were buried in Scotton churchyard.

Douglas (Doug) Laughton, who had lived all his life in Scotton, died on 2 June at the age of 89; his funeral took place in St Genewys' Church on 11 June, followed by burial in the churchyard.

David Marris, of Holly Tree Lodge, died on 6 June and his funeral took place at Woodlands Crematorium on 14 June.

On 16 June the funeral of Mabel Ethel Thornhill, who died on 8 June at the age of 88, took place at St Genewys followed by burial in the churchyard.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the above.

Sue and Mary

Monthly Draw

Winners in the June Draw were:

1 st prize	£50	Harold Page	(Entry 174)
2 nd prize	£20	J Musgrave	(Entry 177)
3 rd prize	£10	R B Ramsay	(Entry 6)

The next Draw will be made on 6 July.

Mary

Sea Sunday

It seems that very few of our children want to help us in celebrating Sea Sunday. It also seems that very few parents are interested in their children having any sort of Christian teaching outside the religious education they get at school.

Having tried re-branding Sunday School to Junior Church and having tried different timings on Sunday morning we have found the numbers of children wanting/able to come has dwindled. We have found that the 'one-off' activity days have attracted more children. This was behind the switching of Junior Church to a special event in which the children of the village might join in and which would help us share in worship with the children.

Unfortunately, judging from the response, this has not found any resonance with either you or your children. It is not too late to join in (contact Sallie ☎ 761157 or Lynne ☎ 762048) for next month.

Lynne and Sallie are good and dedicated teachers who very much want to share their faith with our children. If you would like your child to learn about the Christian faith in an enjoyable learning atmosphere on a regular basis, let us know when and in what form you would be most able to support the work.

Bill

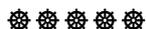
Are You Interested?

We currently have two CD's available for sale in aid of church funds – both priced at £3.50.

One CD has images of all the boards displayed at the recent Open Churches weekend together with all the individual pictures that they contained - this can be viewed on your

television if you have a DVD player. The other has transcriptions of all the Scotton census returns for 1841 to 1911 and an index of surnames – this needs to be viewed with a computer.

Orders to Bill Keast (☎763190; wkeast@hotmail.com)



CHRISTIAN AID

Thank you – collectors and donors – for your response this year.

Despite any other financial concerns you may have had, you donated £500. The £246 of this that was gift-aided swells the total available to the work of Christian Aid to a magnificent total of £564.

Bill



SCOTTON AND DISTRICT WI

On 7 July members are invited to a Strawberry Tea at the home of Jean Renton in Scotter at 2pm.

The following day, Thursday 8 July is the day of the Monthly Meeting in Scotton Village Hall when the guest speaker Thelma Childs will be talking about “Granny and Me and Other Stories”. The competition is “An Item from your Gran or Mum.” As always, visitors are welcome at the meeting which starts at 7.30pm.

Mary



SCOTTON VILLAGE FETE

Many thanks to everyone who braved the weather on 19 June to come and support the Fête, which turned out to be a great success. Thank you to everyone who made a scarecrow and brought it along: they made an impressive display and each one deserved a prize as did all the children who took part in the Fancy Dress. The Classic Bikes were a welcome added attraction and all the usual stalls did well. At the time of going to press the final figure for the amount made is not yet known, but it looks to be close to last year’s record of £1400.

Once again the Fête proved to be an enjoyable village event thanks to everyone’s generosity and willingness to help in so many ways – baking, manning stalls, donating raffle and tombola prizes, above all by coming along on the day. Your help towards the upkeep of your village hall, tennis court and playpark is much appreciated. Thank you all.

Mary (On behalf of Scotton Village Hall Committee)



SCOTTER – SCOTTON LIVES

Hello, my name is Denise Kavanagh, I am your local LIVES trainer and responder.

I thought that it would be appropriate to update you on our current position and what we have achieved over the last year and a half. Before I joined, the group was at the point of collapse then there was a change-over of all responders. We now have five regular volunteer responders who cover our weekly rota. We are called by ambulance head quarters when a 999 call is received and help take care of patients as a 'first response'

prior to the ambulance arriving. We provide early defibrillation, oxygen therapy and general care with medical emergencies.

Our volunteers provide, at their own expense, care to the community. During 2009 we attended 66 calls and so far this year we have attended 40 calls in the villages of Scotter, Scotton, Northorpe, Scotterthorpe, Susworth, Laughton and Blyton.

We attend training sessions fortnightly on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm at Scotter Village Hall.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite any one who is interested in joining to telephone Louise Ede, our co-ordinator, on 01724 334860 for any further information.

From September 2010 LIVES will be adding a new level 1 course to our current levels. This will be based more on the roll of social care rather than medical care. This will work along the lines of referral and a friendly face to talk to when someone is in need or just needs some one to talk to.

It is very rewarding to give help to those that most need help. Just to see someone who is so low on oxygen and struggling to breathe come around is reward enough when families and patients express their gratitude. Our nursing homes are in constant need of our services and our old people deserve this service.

We have to fund our own oxygen and a lot of our equipment and replacements so I would like to remind you that your generous donations are always gratefully accepted. We rely on our FUN DAY (this year to be held SATURDAY 18th SEPTEMBER) as our main source of income to support our community so please join us on this day. We would like donations for our stalls and raffle prizes and would appreciate helpers both prior and on the FUN DAY.

I would like to thank all our responders, volunteers and supporters for their continued help and generosity and we as a community should be proud to have such dedicated people willing to help when needed.



NORTHORPE CLEANING AND FLOWER ROTA

July 4	Mrs Eminson
July 11/18	Mrs Ralph
Jul 25/Aug 1	Mrs Beaman



SCOTTON CHURCH CLEANING

Saturday 17 July at 10.00 am.



The Gravestone Message

The following caption was found written on a gravestone...
"As I am now, you soon shall be, so be content to follow me."

Then someone taped the following note on that gravestone...
"To follow you I'm not content, until I know which way you went!"