

## “The Nation’s Favourite Conversation”

We do seem to be obsessed, as a nation, by the weather! I often think it must be quite a challenge for shopkeepers and those who work as cashiers to not yawn when for the hundredth time that day a customer comes in and comments on the weather: “Nice day today”, or “bit chilly out there” or “I don’t like this heat”! It does seem to be a trend on the BBC at the moment with Carol Kirkwood heading up the BBC Weatherwatch campaign where we are all encouraged to record the weather in our immediate area and then send in a photo taken that day to show what the scene is like in our locality.

It’s always good to know what the weather is going to do, especially at this time of the year, as many of us will have prepared family BBQs, school sports days, village fêtes or even tried to plan ahead for a few days to do some gardening. The BBC Weather App is great for that, giving hour by hour forecasts for several days ahead so that we can have an idea of what the weather will do at just a click on our tablet or smartphone!

One thing we can say in the UK is that our weather is certainly unpredictable and when making plans one is almost always looking to the sky and doing so with a ‘hope and a prayer’!

A great Christian writer and theologian, AW Tozer, once wrote **“The whole outlook of mankind would be changed if we could all believe that we live under a friendly sky and that the God of Heavens eager to be friends with us”**. It’s true that we will always want the weather to be in our favour when making plans, but how many of us really realise that we can live our lives under the ‘sky of God’ where the weather is friendly and His love is always towards us? Not that everything is always rosy, after all bad things do happen to good people, but as the Apostle Paul wrote 2000 years ago “If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not withhold His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will He not also....”.

*David*



## THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN WRITES

One of the many privileges of being Bishop of Lincoln is the joy of travelling round the beautiful counties of the diocese, discovering so many interesting places and meeting more inspirational and humbling people than I could ever number. During the month of July, I will be travelling much further than usual, however: to Fiji, to represent the Church of England at an international consultation. I will be one delegate among many from around the world, all of whom will be representing their part of the Anglican Communion. My fellow delegates and I will gather from dioceses and provinces as diverse as Brazil, The Philippines, Central Africa, The Indian Ocean, Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and Jerusalem and the Middle East, as well as from England.

We meet as delegates of USPG, a mission agency that believes that every person and every community should be able to live a full life. I will be travelling right around the world to attend the consultation, and meeting partners who face very different challenges from our own. Many of them face daily struggles with the effects of climate (or climate change), geography, war, poverty or famine. Yet I am struck by how similar USPG’s belief is to our own desire here in the diocese of Lincoln to see lives transformed through an encounter with the living God.

As members of the same human family across the world, all of us created and loved by God, we are united by so much more than the things that might divide us. I continue to pledge myself to do my part in the building up of God’s kingdom in our diocese, so that all the members of this part of the human family have the opportunity of a full life, and to become the people that God has created them to be.

May God bless all his people, wherever they may be, and may the message of his love for the world continue to inspire us in the work of transformation to which he has called us.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

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The new Archdeacon of Lincoln, the Venerable Gavin Kirk, was welcomed to the diocese at a service in Horncastle. Gavin was formerly Dean of the Cathedral.

The new Dean of Lincoln Cathedral has been announced. It is to be the Venerable Christine Wilson. She is currently Archdeacon of Chesterfield in the Diocese of Derby under our old friend Bishop Alistair Redfern who was, formerly, Bishop of Grantham.



## GROUP NEWS

**Evening Praise**  
**Sunday 10 July**  
**6.00 pm in St Genewys church**

We had the first of a new kind of service for our Group of parishes here in Scotton church on Sunday 12 June – a lively evening service with drama and contemporary worship music led by our Worship Music Group. It went well and everyone who came seemed to enjoy it. We are holding another similar service on Sunday 10 July and would invite you to come along.

If you would like to join our singers, play in our band or take part in a short drama, do let me know (no experience necessary).

Joan Farleigh 📞762494



## ST GENEWYS

### Monthly Draw

Winners in June were:

1 <sup>st</sup> prize	£50	D Crick	(Entry 211)
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	£20	M Markham	(Entry 186)
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize	£10	H Walker-Grist	(Entry 187)

Next month's Draw will be made on 4 July and the one after that on 2 August. *Mary*

## Christian Aid Collection

Thank you to everyone who collected and who donated – even the two people who gave a few euro cents! Our collection this year raised £519 of which £302 was Gift Aided. This will mean an additional £60 can be claimed back from the Tax man.

The total is slightly lower than we managed last year.

*Bill*

## Tower

Some time this month work should begin on re-roofing the tower. This was identified as being urgently needed in our most recent quinquennial (5 yearly) inspection. We have been fortunate in getting a grant – one of the first – from the government's 'Church Roof Repair Fund'. Although this will go a long way, together with the money we have collected in our own 'fabric fund' from our monthly draw, towards the total cost it will not be enough. We have secured an interest-free loan to cover the remainder and allow the necessary work to be done and will need to undertake additional fund-raising to pay this off. Look out for details in next magazine.

*Bill*



## SCOTTON & DISTRICT WI

Twenty five members and four visitors were welcomed by the president Chris Sylvester to our June meeting.

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The members were updated on the Special Meeting held on 26 May - held to debate the move of our WI from Lincolnshire North Federation to Lincolnshire Humber Federation. Following discussion, members voted for the move. Due process will now go forward.

The speaker for the evening was Annette Mackenzie who had brought along her barn owl "Boogie". What a fantastic talk, full of information about Boogie, and owls generally, and how Annette had become involved in the work. Boogie was the "absolute star" of the evening taking us all very much in her stride; she is used to being taken to many varied locations where young and not so young have been able to meet her and learn about all things "owl". After the talk members and visitors were invited to get up close to Boogie and have her on the glove on their arm - many took up the invitation.

The competition "Anything Owl" was judged by Annette. The winner was Margaret Riding with her beautiful picture of an owl in flight.

Next month, 14 July, our meeting will have a Lincolnshire theme with music and a talk from Tom Lane and Friends. Our meeting on 11 August will see us looking back at the history of the Scunthorpe Fire Brigade.

Come along and see what the WI has to offer, you will be most welcome.

*Karin*



## **SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

At their June meeting, Scotton Parish Council welcomed Luke Brown from WLDC to talk about formulating a Neighbourhood Plan. This plan would incorporate parts of the existing Parish Plan and would enable the village to have a voice with regard to planning matters. The Council will discuss this at their meeting in July and all residents are welcome to attend.

Council also discussed planning for 19 Crapple Lane with two residents speaking to this item during the public participation session. Council have returned comments and they, together with various matters reported, are included in the full minutes which can be found on the noticeboard and in the Telephone Box.

Mrs Emma Schofield was co-opted as a councillor to complete the full complement of 7 councillors.

Consultation information regarding both the Community Infrastructure Levy and Lincs Devolution were circulated.

A streetlighting map had been obtained from LCC which showed that two areas would have streetlights turned off at 10pm whilst the rest of the village would stay on until midnight. The Clerk has since queried this with LCC and been told that they had changed their mind and all lights will stay on until midnight and come back on at 6.00am in the morning in winter.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Tuesday 5 July at 6pm in the Village Hall.

*Di Millward, Clerk to the Council*



## **SCOTTON FETE 2016**

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported this year's Scotton Village Fete. Thank ully the weather was kind to us this year and everyone had a good time. We managed to raise a fantastic £1924.19 towards the upkeep and improvements of the village hall and play park.

Also a big thank you to the volunteers that gave up their time to help set up, run stalls and help put away at the end. A final massive thank you to those that donated prizes for the raffle and the tombola.

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It is great to be part of such a strong community-spirited village like Scotton and its neighbouring villages.

*Mark and Emma*

## **BE AWARE**

Gill Finn (Police & NHWN, Community Safety Officer, Police Headquarters) writes:

We have been advised that residents in Lincolnshire have been contacted by telephone by a person claiming to be from 'BT' stating that work needs to be carried out to their property.

### **Scam details**

A telephone call is received from 'BT' staff stating 'that extension cables need to be laid along the owner's drive way. A team of workmen have been instructed to carry out the work the next day'.

### **Action to take**

We can confirm that this is a scam. BT will not send a team of workmen the 'next day' as all their work is scheduled in advance. Do not enter into a conversation with these persons, simply replace the receiver, and report any calls to Lincolnshire Police on telephone number 101.



## **SCOTTON WHIST DRIVES**

It may seem a bit early to be thinking of the new season of Scotton weekly whist drives, but I know it won't be that long before someone asks me when the whist drives start again. The answer is on Wednesday 7 September, at 7.30pm in Scotton Village Hall.

Last season was a very successful one and raised £950 for Village Hall funds and £155 in a special whist drive for the Sheffield Area Kidney Association. There's never much on TV on a Wednesday evening, so why not come and enjoy a friendly game of cards – entry is only £2. You will be most welcome.

*Mary*



## **EAU VALLEY SINGERS**

Resplendent in their new uniform the Eau Valley Singers will be presenting their first concert under their new Musical Director Denise Llewellyn on Saturday 2 July. Tickets, which cost £5.00, will be available on the door on the night. The concert features songs and poetry about the weather. The performance starts at 7.30pm in Scotter Village Hall.

The Choir will then take a summer break and will commence activities again on Monday 12 September at 7.30 pm in Scotton Village Hall. The Choir welcomes new members so if you are interested in singing with us turn up on 12 September. No audition is necessary and the first two sessions are free with no commitment. We sing a wide range of music but nothing too demanding.

*Simon Talbot*



## **PROSECCO AND PATE**

DATE: Friday 25 November  
TIME: 7.00pm-10.00pm  
VENUE: St Genewys Church, Scotton  
PRICE: £5 which includes first glass of sparkling or still  
Wine or soft drink AND food –  
WHAT A BARGAIN!  
REASON: We need to raise £10,000 to help keep the roof on our village church

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Our church has served our village for nearly 1000 years. It needs your help to keep its roof on so it can be here for Scotton's future generations!

Please put 25 November in your diaries and come along and enjoy a pre-Christmas drink with a friendly bunch of people.



## JULY

3	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	<b>GROUP SERVICE MESSINGHAM</b>
10	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am 6.00 pm	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton Evening Worship, Scotton
17	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Morning Worship, Scotton
24	9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	<b>GROUP SERVICE NORTHORPE</b>

## AUGUST

7	11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	<b>GROUP SERVICE SCOTTON</b>
14	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
21	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Holy Communion, Scotton
28	14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	8.30 am 10.00 am	Holy Communion, Northorpe Morning Worship, Scotton

## SEPTEMBER

4	15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00 am	<b>GROUP SERVICE SCOTTER</b>
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