

ET- phone home!

A friend rang me the other day. I know that may not sound odd to you but this particular friend I hadn't spoken to for over 20 years, since we were at Theological College together, and we arranged to meet up and have lunch. You, I am sure, will know that feeling when contact is made with long lost friends and family it's like you've never been apart. It made me ask all sorts of questions of myself, like "Why have we not kept in touch?" and "What have I missed by not speaking and meeting with my friend as regularly and as often as I think I could have?"

It's the same with God. The Bible speaks of Him in very intimate terms - sometimes as a friend, sometimes as a brother, sometimes as a father and a mother too. And yet if we fail to take that opportunity of engaging with Him, speaking with Him about our lives, we will all lose the relationship with Him that we might have had, if only we had bothered to 'pick up the phone' and talk with Him.

I don't think that God is that bothered what we talk to Him about - anything is fine!! To tell Him what we've been doing, what is going on in our lives; to fall out with Him if needed and shout at Him is also fine. He's big enough to 'take it on the chin' and loves us enough to listen, take an interest and do something about it. Whatever it is that we face and is in our lives, we can know that He is interested and wants to be involved in our lives.

I wish that I'd spent many more hours and times with my friend that made contact with me. When we parted, I was conscious that I had really missed our times together and was sad that I hadn't made more of the opportunities to get to know him down the years; times that we once enjoyed so much.

I would encourage you to just take a few minutes to make contact with God; time to just tell Him how you feel- good and bad. He's willing and waiting to hear you give Him a call. Just try it and see what happens!!

David



'This is true religion,' says the apostle James, 'to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world'.

'Little children,' says the apostle John, 'let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action'.

It is one of those falsehoods that the secular world loves, particularly when horrific atrocities occur, as at the beginning of the summer, with the murder of the French priest Fr Jacques Hamel; religion is bad, the world would be better off without it. Yet the real truth we need to hold on to and live out so that people can see, is that people of faith, real faith, the kind that God approves of, are intended always to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

The Mission Statement of the Church I led in Cromer ended with we exist... 'for the good of the world'. It is one of the reasons here in the Diocese of Lincoln we have our 'Social Justice Fund', so that we can look for the difference we can make in the communities we are here to serve, and have the means, when they are needed, to make our plans and dreams a reality.

It is one of the fundamental mission questions each church, each mission community, has to face; if we didn't exist, if we weren't here, would it make a difference to the communities we are to serve? If we shut the doors tomorrow would anybody notice, apart from those who faithfully attend?

True faith, true religion is world affirming, seeks to make a difference – loves God, loves people, loves this world we've been given to enjoy. It is, to paraphrase a phrase recently used by President Obama, to believe in the 'audacity of love'. That is the calling of people of faith. The challenge is whether that is what people see and experience in both you and in me.

+ David Grimsby



ST GENEWYS

Monthly Draw

Winners in July were:

1 st prize	£50	W Keast	(Entry 151)
2 nd prize	£20	M Booth	(Entry 8)
3 rd prize	£10	M S Smith	(Entry 14)

and in August:

1 st prize	£50	N Slingsby	(Entry 99)
2 nd prize	£20	M Humphreys	(Entry 193)
3 rd prize	£10	B Simms	(Entry 56)

Next month the Draw will be made on 4 October.

Mary



EAU VALLEY SINGERS

On 2 July the Eau Valley Singers presented 'The Weather Whatever', a concert of songs and poems featuring the weather under the baton of our Musical Director Denise Llewellyn. An audience of over 100 in Scotter Village Hall enjoyed a journey through our weather which started with 'Singing in the Rain', experienced 'The sun not shining any more', travelled 'Over the Rainbow', finally getting enveloped in the 'Fog on the Tyne' without 'Blaming it on the Weather Man' - who could wish for more!!! This proved to be the highlight of the choir's most successful year since its formation in 2011. During the concert a donation of £350 was presented to Lindsey Lodge Hospice. This brings the total donations given to good causes this year to over £850. The Eau Valley Singers would like to thank their audiences, throughout the year, for their generous support.

The choir now has had a rest and reconvenes on Monday 12 September at 7:30pm in Scotton Village Hall. The choir is hoping to perform a concert of Christmas music in St Genewys' Church, so please look out for further details.

The Eau Valley Singers are a community choir, there is no audition to go through and we welcome anyone who wants to sing for the pleasure of it. We know you are out there somewhere, so don't be shy give us a try.

You can contact the choir via email

contact@eauvalleysingers.com for further details or just turn up on 12 September.

Simon Talbot



BOWLS IN SCOTTON VILLAGE HALL

Short Mat Bowls is played in Scotton Village Hall every Tuesday during the winter months. The last sessions have been very good. As usual they were all entirely friendly games, no competition with other clubs, played as a local village group meeting for a social evening with the usual mixture of tea, biscuits and talking.

If anyone would like to join our group of bowlers they would be very welcome. All you need to do is turn up. All woods are provided. No-one needs to bring any equipment at all. Just come and join us. We are in need of some new bowlers due to some sessions having to be cancelled last season due to sickness and other commitments which meant that not enough players were available.

The next sessions will start on Tuesday 6 September in Scotton Village Hall, at 7.30pm. Contact for further information: Peter Jackson - ☎763128



SCOTTON AND DISTRICT WI

Twenty eight members and one new member attended our July meeting. The speaker for the evening was Tom Lane and friends. Tom talked about old Lincolnshire traditions with songs and music - a most enjoyable evening as we laughed and sang along. The competition, 'An old Lincolnshire recipe'. was won by Pat Dudman.

Next month, on Thursday 8 September, our speaker will be Philip Walker, speaking about proportion in art, nature, beauty. It will be an illustrated talk and Demonstration of a Portrait. The competition is a 'Wildlife Picture'.

Our meeting on 13 October is with Ken Bates and his talk will be on 'Policing in New York'. The competition will be 'An American Dessert'.

Come along and give the WI a try - I think you will be surprised and you will be most welcome.

Chris Sylvester



SCOTTON WHIST DRIVES

Wednesday 7 September sees the start of the new season of weekly whist drives in Scotton Village Hall, open to anyone who enjoys a game of cards and a chance to win a prize - at cards and/or the raffle. Entry is just £2 and all proceeds go to Scotton Village Hall Fund. Play starts at 7.30pm; do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

Mary



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN LEARNING BRIDGE?

Are you interested in learning to play Bridge? Scunthorpe Bridge Club is about to start its teaching programme again. We run courses for complete beginners and for those who wish to improve their bridge playing. Lessons take place on Thursday evenings from 7.15pm at the club premises at 55a Sunningdale Road, Scunthorpe, DN17 2TW. The programme consists of two terms of twelve weekly lessons and then a term of playing with others as you put your learning into practice.

Come along for a 'Free Taste of Bridge' (tea, coffee and biscuits will be served) on Thursday 8 September at 7.15pm. Lessons begin on Thursday 15 September.

Bill



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

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

More details next month - *Sue*



SEPTEMBER

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| 4 | 15 th Sunday
after Trinity | 10.00 am | GROUP SERVICE
SCOTTER |
| 11 | 16 th Sunday
after Trinity | 8.30 am
10.00 am | Holy Communion, Northorpe
Holy Communion, Scotton |
| 18 | 17 th Sunday
after Trinity | 8.30 am
10.00 am | Holy Communion, Northorpe
Holy Communion, Scotton |
| 25 | 18 th Sunday
after Trinity | 8.30 am
10.00 am | Holy Communion, Northorpe
Morning Worship, Scotton |

OCTOBER

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| 2 | 19 th Sunday
after Trinity | 10.00 am | GROUP SERVICE, MESSINGHAM |
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CHURCH CLEANING – SCOTTON

The next church cleaning session will be on Saturday 24 Septembr at 10.00am. Please come along and help if you can. The more people the quicker it gets done! Many thanks, Sue

NORTHOPE

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| September 4/11 | Mrs Booth |
| September 18/25 | Mrs Henson |
| October 2/9 | Mrs Summers |
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A 'NEXT' pink hoodie zipper fleece was left in the playpark. If it is yours, please call at 14 Northorpe Road or ☎07713807398.

Chrissie