ONE HUNDRED YEARS ON

We have two memorials in the church of men who served in the First World War – the Church stone tablet and the Roll of Honour from our previous Methodist Chapel. The two lists are not exactly the same and they included different details. The following is a compilation from both records.

BARNES
  Abram

BENNETT
  Stephen

BENNETT
  William

BOWNES
  William

CLAYTON
  George

CLAYTON
  John

CLAYTON
  Philip

CLAYTON
  Thomas

CLAYTON
  William

COTTAM
  William

CUNDY
  William

DOWNES-SHAW
  A Havergal

DREWERY
  Fred

EMINSON
  John

FISH
  R

HEWSON
  George

HEWSON
  Percy

HEWSON
  William

HOLDEN
  Percy

HOULT
  John

HOULT
  Norman

HOULT
  Robert

HUNSLEY
  Frank

HUNSLEY
  Walter

JENKINSON
  Sidney

MARSHALL
  Arthur

PAGE
  John

RHODES
  William

ROSS
  Irvine

SNELL
  Wilfred

TAYLOR
  Charles

THORNHILL
  William

WADDELOW
  Walter

WADDELOW
  William

WILFORD
  George

During the week before and after Remembrance Sunday there will be a display in the church of what we have been able to find out about these men who were linked to Scotton and who served their country. At least two did not return and so we were not one of the ‘thankful villages’. Lincolnshire has 4 of the 53 ‘thankful villages’ nationally, from which all the soldiers returned. Flixborough and High Toynnton are 2 of the 13 that were ‘doubly thankful’ following World War II.

Bill

THE BISHOP WRITES

This year’s time of remembrance is particularly poignant, given that it is the centenary of the dreadful tragic events of the First World War. By the end of the war a million British men were dead, and two million more had been wounded. There was not a single family unacquainted with grief, nor a corner of life unaffected.

Many of us have become familiar with the story of Amy Beechey, a mother from Lincoln who saw eight sons go to war, and only three return. We can only imagine her grief; but every day of the war, her pain was known and understood by grieving relatives in households all over England.

The horror of the trenches, the scale of the slaughter, the tragic loss of so much human potential – all these things meant that long-held notions of an all-powerful God began to be questioned. Put simply: If God is loving and all-powerful, how could evil be allowed to flourish on this devastating scale? And why would we continue to trust in a God seemingly indifferent to our fate?
One person who wrestled with these questions was Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, an army chaplain who earned the nickname Woodbine Willie for handing out cigarettes to the troops at the same time as copies of the New Testament.

Woodbine Willie insisted on being on the front line with the troops whenever he could, and those battlefield experiences forced him to confront depths of evil and suffering which few of us will ever see.

Having entered the war with a secure faith in God and an abstract notion of evil, he ended it being absolutely certain of the existence of evil as a real and palpable force at work in the world. The challenge, then, was to find a way to reconcile all that he had seen in the trenches with the existence of a God who was worth believing in.

For Woodbine Willie, hope came with an understanding that God was no longer a remote and detached figure at the peak of a great social pyramid. No longer was God the almighty force of his pre-war understanding, able to prevent humans from harming one another if he so chose. Instead, God was present in the heat of battle, suffering along with humanity, in the intolerable conditions of the trenches, in the endless slaughter of young lives, in the agony of Amy Beechey and all those like her back home. God was characterised not by force and power, but by love; no longer remote from all that was going on, but intimately connected with it and suffering through it.

Writing in 1918, he said this:
‘God loves us enough to bear our burdens and suffer along with us; the destruction of war will not have the final word, because Christ’s example promises us resurrection from death.’

The first world war brought the horrifying reality of modern warfare to every home in the land; it brought a new awareness that God is not distant and other, but is involved through Jesus Christ in our struggles and sufferings.

Despite all the evil in the world we continue to have faith in this God: the God who brings love out of hate; light out of darkness; justice out of oppression; good out of evil; and life out of death. This is our God: the God of Love and Resurrection.

+Christopher

ST GENEWYS

Monthly Draw

Winners in October were:

1st prize £50    O M Mellor    (Entry 16)
2nd prize £20    S M Bartle    (Entry 128)
3rd prize £10    J Lonsdale    (Entry 109)

Next month’s Draw takes place on 2 December.

November sees the start of a new year for the Monthly Draw. Thank you to everyone who has renewed their entry or decided to join the Draw – something you can do at any time of the year by getting in touch with me and agreeing to pay £1 a month towards the
maintenance of the church building – by far the oldest building in the village. Your help is much appreciated.

**Harvest Gifts for the Salvation Army Foodbank**

Many thanks to everyone who answered the appeal for gifts of tins and other forms of “long life” food for the foodbank in Gainsborough. There was quite an impressive array on the church window sills of tins, packets and jars of all kinds of things to eat. These have all been taken to the Salvation Army who were most grateful for them and asked me to pass on their thanks to everyone who gave something.

*Mary*

**Advance notice: Christingle 2014**

We would like to invite anyone who would like to be part of our choir/music group for the Christingle Carol Service on 21 December at 4.00pm in St Genewys Church, to either get in touch with me or come along to our practices on Wednesdays 10 and 17 December at 6.00pm in church.

You do not need to read music, most of the carols will be traditional favourites with a couple of more modern songs. If you play an instrument, let me know in advance so we can have music ready for you – recorder players would be particularly welcome!

*Joan Farleigh* ☎️762494

**Toy Appeal**

Each year we collect Christmas presents for needy children. The Social Services then distribute these to children in Scunthorpe. This year is no exception and anyone who would like to donate a present for a needy child can either leave the present just inside the church or inside my porch at 4 Crapple Lane any time between now and **Sunday 7 December**. They will then be delivered to Social Services in Scunthorpe the following Monday morning (8th). **NEW** toys or gifts should be wrapped and clearly labelled whether for a boy or girl, and the age of the child it would be most suitable for.

When you are next out shopping and you see a small gift that you think a child might enjoy playing with – crayons, crayoning book, toy car etc, why not pop it into your basket and make a needy child happy this Christmas?

**ONLY DONATE NEW TOYS PLEASE** - many thanks.

*Sue Keast*

**SCOTTON AND DISTRICT WI**

At the November WI meeting, as usual in Scotton Village Hall at 7.30pm, a talk on ‘Females in Victorian Prisons’ promises to throw light on the none too pleasant conditions faced by women and girls unfortunate enough to find themselves in prison back in the days of Queen Victoria. The competition is for ‘A luxury item for a female prisoner’.

Members going to the Christmas/Birthday lunch on 12 December are reminded that a £5 deposit is due at the November meeting.

Make a note of the date of the **WI’s Christmas Coffee Morning in Scotton Village Hall**: this will be on **Saturday 6 December from 10.00am to 12.00noon** – a good chance to
take a breather from Christmas shopping, pick up some home made goodies, enter a raffle and enjoy a cup of coffee and a mince pie.

Mary

‘CEL蒂C CHRISTMAS STRINGS’

Tickets (£8 each. £6 for under 16s) are now available for this delightful Christmas show performed by that talented pair of folk musicians Chris Newman and Maire Ni Chathasaigh who sing as well as playing the guitar and harp. To book, just ring me ☏762636 or call round at 22 Eastgate.

Mary

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

One of Scotton’s traditional Christmas events is the Christmas Whist and Grand Christmas Draw in aid of Scotton Village Hall funds and the date for the occasion this year is Wednesday 10 December. The whist drive will start at 7.30pm and will be followed by the Draw. All whist players will of course be welcome.

Everyone can help with this event by buying Draw tickets and/or making a contribution towards the prizes for the Draw. Anything you can give will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Mary

SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting held on Tuesday 7 October the following was discussed:

Best Kept Village – Council had requested feedback as, the judges scores being so high and the comments so positive, the Council could not understand why the odd point here and there was dropped. Feedback has not been forthcoming but CPRE said they are discussing the judging and the awarding of points etc following comments from Councils.

Dog Bins – Two new bins have been positioned; one at the end of Beck Lane and one near the telephone kiosk. Thanks to WLDC for their extremely quick response, as usual.

Overgrown Beck on Beck Lane – Council responded to residents’ requests and will try to find a solution.

Road Closure – the Kirton Road from Scotton will be closed for essential repairs to the Eau Bridge. The proposed closure will take place from 10 October to 15 November 2014.

Hole on Eastgate – due to emergencies this was not able to be rectified at the given date and Highways have re scheduled for 9 October.

Memorial Bench – the Council have paid the invoice for this bench as the broken slat has been replaced. Councillor Initiative Pro Forma can now be completed for £500.

Village Hall – report given by Cllr Clarke. The new tables are in situ and are proving popular with all the regular users of the hall.
Streetlights – Council have requested a Highways Officer meet with them to discuss the provision of some more lights. As the village has grown, several properties on the road entrances are beyond the reach of lights, also beyond the 30mph signs.

Dog Faeces – Following a complaint from a resident, please could dog owners ensure that they pick up after their dog, bag the faeces and put in a dog bin or take home with them. Please DO NOT put down any drains. These faeces could block the drains causing a health hazard and the drains themselves empty into the beck. Nothing should go in these drains except rainwater.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm and the next meeting will be held on 4 November 2014 in the Village Hall at 6.00pm. This will be a budget setting meeting and any organisations looking for funding from the Council are advised to contact the clerk who will provide a grant form.

Di Millward, Clerk to the Council

STOP PRESS

Since the Council meeting the following has been received:


Well – there you go!

Walking into the bar, Mike said to Charlie the bartender, 'Pour me a stiff one - just had another fight with the little woman.'

'Oh yeah?' said Charlie, 'And how did this one end?'

'When it was over,' Mike replied, 'She came to me on her hands and knees.'

'Really,' said Charles, 'Now that's a switch! What did she say?' She said, 'Come out from under the bed, you little chicken.'

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CHURCH CLEANING

The next cleaning day for St Genewys is on Saturday 22 November at 10.00am. Please help! More help, less time.

Cleaning and flower rota at St John the Baptist:
Nov 2       Mrs Summers
Nov 9       Mrs Eminson
Nov 16/23   Mrs Ralph
Nov 30      Mrs Stephenson/Mrs Mosey