From Revd Alison Healy

First an apology! In my list of services for April I cut off the fact that there will be a Lent lunch on Wednesday the 2nd April 2014 at High House in Leadenham so do come along and support it between 12.30 and 2pm.

For the past few mornings the view from the Rectory windows shrouded in mists that shimmers like the sea across the polo club opposite gives way to glorious sunshine as the day unfolds. A wren and a robin appear separately to assert themselves and squirrels scamper past. I haven’t seen the rabbits for a while...but I know that they are there from all the munched up buds and scratching! That’s the thing with life isn’t it, even when it appears idyllic there may be troubles ahead which we just have to deal with somehow.

So to Lent, not just a time for sack-cloth and ashes but hopefully a restful time of peaceful preparation for a full immersion into the joys of Easter; not just a time of suffering and going without but a time of reflection and calm. In one of the readings of this time from John’s Gospel, chapter 3, a leader of the Pharisees named Nicodemus visits Jesus secretly at night, presumably because he is too ashamed to lose face in front of his colleagues by openly acknowledging Jesus by day. Jesus however does not condemn Nicodemus but discusses matters with him openly and at times with humour, trying to encourage and nurture Nicodemus’ understanding and bring him to faith. Nicodemus then vanishes from the gospel story until right near the end when he brings ointment and spices to anoint Jesus’ body after death and helps another mysterious possible follower of Jesus, Joseph of Arimethea, to lay Jesus in the tomb. Where were these men throughout the rest of the story? What did it cost them to ‘out’ themselves, so to speak after Jesus’ death?

How does this story speak to us then? In the context of light and dark perhaps, this story gives everyone the message that whatever we might wish to hide will eventually be brought out into the light. We all do things that we regret but we can approach Jesus without fear because he knows all that there is to know about us anyway and will only be encouraging, kind, generous and nurture us to true faith in time. As the Samaritan woman at the well said after her life changing encounter with Jesus, to her neighbours, “Come and see a man who told me all that I ever did!”
I’m not sure how I feel about that concept – I still feel shame from when I first started school and accidentally ripped the robin I was colouring in. I daren’t admit it was me...and so...I blamed...the class naughty boy named Peter...he got a smack on the hand. He didn’t seem bothered, but my twin brother knew what I had done and gave me a look...we don’t speak of it, even now...

And don’t get me started on the spilled paint and the student teacher on her first day... How about you?

Ash Wednesday was very busy and it was a delight to hold services in St Helen’s, Brant Broughton, and in Leadenham and Welbourn schools. I mention this in relation to talking about all good things being held up to the light and bearing scrutiny. Our children know well the concepts behind honouring Lent and most of them received their cross in ash on their foreheads with great excitement, proclaiming that they looked “cool” and marched out into the world with pride which was wonderful to see.

The words I use when placing the cross of ash on each forehead include “Know that you are a child of Christ and much loved.”

I don’t know about you, but I don’t recall hearing those words, if I had I might have felt differently and not grateful that any Ash Wednesday services were after school so that I didn’t have to endure the teasing the Roman Catholics got such as “Why have you got muck on your face!?” Ah! We ‘yellow bellies’ have such a way with words. Incidentally, does anyone have any other knowledge of why we are called ‘yellow bellies’? My Mum has found several explanations – but all would be gratefully received!

Thank you to all who publish this in full, it is appreciated and helpful to be able to reach out to all parishioners. I do hope that you find a service to suit you over the remainder of Lent and the Easter period. We will be providing peaceful services for contemplation and more lively ones on Palm Sunday and Easter Day! Also do please all come along to Caythorpe on Maundy Thursday evening at 6.30pm for a whole group ‘Passover’. This will be the traditional celebration of our Lord’s institution of Holy Communion with foot washing but will be based on the ‘Passover’ which is of course from where it came in the first place. All the churches in the group will be welcomed and there will be samples of traditional food to share and it will hopefully be suitable for both young and older and those in between!

I wish you all a joyful Easter tide and especially for those suffering bereavement – of which I know that there are many – rest assured that God will hold you in the palm of his hand so that you are comforted and warmed by the light of Christ.
## Services in April 2014

### Sunday 6th
- 9.30am  Holy Communion  
  Fulbeck
- 9.30am  All Age Service  
  Brant Broughton
- 11.15am Holy Communion CW  
  Welbourn

### Wednesday 9th
- 12.30-2pm Lent Lunch at Brant House, Stragglethorpe.

### Sunday 13th Palm Sunday
- 9.30am  Holy Communion BCP  
  Leadenham Vill Hall
- 11.15  Palm Sunday Communion  
  Caythorpe  
  (Mr Bavin & Mrs Hoddell)

### Tuesday 15th
- 6.30pm  Compline in Holy Week  
  Beckingham

### Maundy Thursday 17th
- 6.30pm  Loveden Group Passover  
  Caythorpe  
  (Mrs Avison & Mrs Hoddell)

### Good Friday 18th
- 10.30am One Hour Contemplation  
  Beckingham
- 2pm  One Hour Contemplation  
  Carlton Scroop

### Sunday 20th Easter Sunday
- 9.30am  Holy Communion  
  Welbourn
- 11.15am  Holy Communion CW  
  Fulbeck
- 6.00pm Holy Communion (Said)  
  Brant Broughton

### Thursday 24th
- 10am Holy Communion  
  Welbourn

### Friday 25th
- AM  Care Homes  
  Welbourn

### Sunday 27th
- 9.30am Holy Communion  
  Beckingham
- 11.15am Holy Communion  
  Carlton Scroop

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Letter from Bishop Christopher

As I write, many of you will currently be attending Lent groups as part of the diocesan lent course this year, entitled ‘Faith at Work’.

‘Faith at Work’ is a clever title: it encapsulates our calling to live out our faith in whatever context we find ourselves – at work, home, school, church, etc. – and it also reminds us that faith itself is constantly ‘at work’ within us. As we go through life, each one of us is living out our calling to be a disciple of Jesus wherever God has set us. Thus our faith is informed by our life’s journey. But the converse is also true: that journey as the people of God is informed by our faith, and so we can truly say that our faith is ‘at work’ within us.

While this holds true throughout our lives, Easter brings it into sharp relief. The desolation of Good Friday and the absolute finality that it suggests are so enormous that they can leave us feeling cut off and adrift. A fissure is created, a gap opened up between what we thought we knew to be true and the place in which we now find ourselves.

It is when that kind of disjuncture happens that our faith really gets to work within us as we ask the questions about where the journey of faith is taking us, and what it is asking of each one of us.

No other event in the Christian story asks this of us in the demanding way that we encounter in the raw power of the Easter story – and no other event shows the extent of God’s love for us as the gift of the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

May God bless you and all those you love this Eastertide.

+Christopher Lincoln

Coffee Morning

Following on from the Lent Soup Lunches, there will be regular Coffee Mornings for charity at Cobblers Rise. The first one will be held on May 9th at 10.30am. As with the lunches we will decide which charity to support. So far we have sent cheques off to the Air Ambulance and Sight Savers.

Many thanks to those who have hosted a lunch and all those who have supported them.

Any queries please contact Ann Russell 01400 273090.
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By chance Liz and I met a young man who was wanting to take aerial photos of the Church. After putting him in touch with the Churchwardens who happily consented we watched fascinated as he flew his remote controlled helicopter over and round the Church. He has sent me the results which are in black & white thumbnail below. Any one wishing a full colour JPEG image of any please email me quoting the picture number (roger@welby-everard.com)
District Councillors Report.
Bob Sampson 01400 273873 07766b 387872

Once again the District Councils element of the Council Tax has not increased due to the continuing economies being made and the drive for still further savings within the Councils annual expenditure. All good things come to an end and unless the Government changes its policy in cutting still further the annual grant to Local Authorities, forecasts predict that an increase in the SKDC Council Tax will be inevitable for 2015/2016.

At the end of the month, 31st March 2014, South Kesteven District Council will no longer be responsible for delivering support and “telecare” services to a cross section of its tenants currently receiving funding through the District Councils supported housing team.

Contracts for the “telecare” and the Wellbeing services will be delivered by Lincolnshire County Councils new providers, Mears Care Limited for “telecare” and Lincolnshire Independent Living Partnership (LILP) a charity led consortium for the support services. In the following weeks LILP will be carrying out assessments of the needs of each service user and their eligibility for the Wellbeing Service. Later this year the Wellbeing Service aims to offer anyone over the age of 18 who needs additional support the opportunity to be assessed and if key criteria are met the ability to access funded support for approximately six weeks. These are early days for the new provider and there remains much to be learned about the future of this new look scheme, above all determining eligibility and continuity for all those requiring support services.

In cases where South Kesteven District Council remains the owner of properties and where support is being provided their rights as landlords and the monitoring of compliance with tenancy terms and conditions will continue to apply.

Irresponsible parking in the section of Caythorpe High Street opposite the Primary School and adjacent to the Village Hall has again been brought to my attention. Such action frequently causes inconvenience to property owners unable to enter or exit their pedestrian access/garden gates. Also owners of nearby properties with vehicular access and the Stagecoach Bus Company are all too often subject to obstruction due to inconsiderate parking. Above all I am concerned to learn that some of the residents in the High street have suffered verbal abuse when requesting that access to their properties is kept clear. Please think of others perhaps with wheelchairs, push-chairs or just carrying shopping needing to enter and exit their properties.

In future any such instances of obstruction and the use of unnecessary language will now be reported immediately to the police together with any photographic evidence of vehicles involved. Please be mindful of others living nearby and the bus service that provides a vital link for many within the village.

My future “open surgery” dates are:
Saturday 10th May 2014 Fulbeck Village Hall, 11.30am – 2.30pm.
Saturday 28th June 2014 Caythorpe Police Beat Office, 11.30am – 2.30pm.

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Beekeeping in Caythorpe – In the Apiary.

Hello, my name is Simon Croson and I have lived in Caythorpe for over 20 years and kept bees for almost 10 years now in the area. As Chairman of your local Beekeeping Association at Sleaford a recent re-organisation has seen our meetings move to Caythorpe, at the Waggon and Horses on the first Tuesday evening of the month – but please check for details - starting at 7.30. This group meeting is for beekeepers but all are welcome and there is no charge so please come along to hear about the world of bees and beekeeping.

It's good that I write now as the active season for the bees is well and truly upon us. Caythorpe is in a wonderful country setting surrounded by a wealth of plants, farmed, wild and those in gardens that are of a great attraction and value for honeybees and a wide range of other insects.

If the right kind of bee is acquired, bees can be kept almost anywhere and I know of other bees kept in gardens in the village.

At this time of year the honey bee colony is already thinking ahead and increasing numbers within the colony in order for a honey crop to be collected. Ultimately the honeybee colony instinctively wants to grow as big as possible in order to split – swarm – further increasing the genetic spread. As beekeepers we aim to prevent the swarming process but sometimes all attempts fail!

You will possibly see bees visiting your garden flowers and also garden water features, honey bees are not aggressive when out on these foraging flights so you can get close. However always take care as they can and do sting when stimulated to do so by too much interference so always Bee aware. You can encourage bees into your garden by planting flowering plants with a wide range of flowering time – a selection of herbs provide the widest range of flowering time.

A typical colony of bees includes many workers (female) a smaller number of drones (male) and a single queen who is responsible for laying all the eggs in a colony and can in some circumstances lay up to 3000 a day. To do this she needs a special diet and that consists of Royal jelly, a special food substance that the bees produce. Health of the colony is very important and the variety of food for the bees in the Caythorpe area ensures a very varied and nutritional diet.

I look forward to reporting more on the activity In The Apiary next time.

Carlton-le-Moorland and District Art Group.

On Saturday 12th April Ash Buckingham will be giving a demonstration entitled “Atmospheric Watercolours” in the Carlton-le-Moorland Village Hall. The demonstration will start at 10.00am, doors open at 10.00am, and will last approximately 2 hours. There will be a short break for coffee and all are welcome. (Pay at the door, members £2 visitor £3.)

For further information contact David Raines 01522 810843 or visit the Club website carltonlemoorlandartgroup.blogspot.com/?
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CAYTHORPE PRESCHOOL - COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Caythorpe preschool is a huge and valuable part of the community and provides children with a great start into their early years of education. The preschool is run by a voluntary committee and we are looking for people that would like to join the committee in order to drive the preschool forward. We welcome enquiries from all and it is not necessary to have a child at the preschool to be a part of the committee.
If you feel this may be something you would be interested in, please contact one of the following to discuss further:
Colette Linforth (committee chair) 01400 272241 colette.linforth@yahoo.com
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CAYTHORPE & FRIESTON VILLAGE HALL - 20 APRIL (EASTER SUNDAY)
TABLE TOP SALE & VILLAGE BREAKFAST
9:00 to 11.30am
(BREAKFAST SERVED UNTIL 11:00)
TO BOOK A SALE TABLE (no charge)
TELEPHONE BOB ON 01400 272611

The 17th Caythorpe Canter
Saturday 12th April 2014
An off road 26 or 13 mile challenge.
Events open to walkers and runners
Start and finish at Caythorpe Playing Field
Entry Form and details from: -
Event Organizer, c/o 5 South Parade, Caythorpe, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG32 3BT
download entry form or book online
www.caythorpe.org or www.runnersworld.co.uk
Email: - caythorpe.playingfield@yahoo.co.uk

“Don’t you just love eBay - I sold my homing pigeon eight times last week!”
Caythorpe & District WI – March

Village baker Peter Welbourn treated us a trip back into the history of Navenby as he regaled us with stories from the family bakery. Started in 1896 by his grandfather Cornelius Welbourn the bakery produced dozens of loaves, buns and cakes in the 85 ton coal fired oven – all before lunchtime. This meant lighting the fire at 2.30 am. Deliveries to the surrounding villages could take all afternoon, sometimes until midnight!

Peter’s father, John, succeeded Cornelius and Peter, who was born above the bakery, carried on the tradition, hand kneading 20 stones of flour, 4oz of yeast, salt and 6 pints of water in a long wooden trough to make the 2lb loaves. He started helping with deliveries from the age of just seven.

In 1969 the mighty oven was removed – in just one day – and an electric oven installed. One week later the cockroaches, that had loved the constant warmth, disappeared for ever!

Deanna Hammond reported on the Spring Council meeting at Springfields, Spalding and Angela Turner brought us up to date with arrangements for the Centenary baton relay. As the baton reaches Caythorpe on June 6th – D Day – the theme will be World War II. The Sports and Social Club is kindly allowing us to use the Pavilion, marquee and playing field. We still need a WWII mode of transport to take the baton on to Wilsford – if anyone has any contacts, please!

Robina Heald won the raffle. Mavis Coxon won the competition for an antique kitchen implement, 2nd Ann Ashcroft, 3rd Pauline Dorey. Flower of the month was won by Lorna Bavin, 2nd Angela Turner, 3rd Sue Dix.

The April meeting will have a 1950/60s theme. The competition will be a personal photo of that era. Dress of the period is also encouraged.

We meet every second Thursday in the month in Caythorpe Village Hall at 7.30pm. Guests and visitors are most welcome.

Marylyn Mason 01400 272068

OLD FRIENDS’ CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This event has been part of village life for many years. In the past funds have been raised and the event organised by an individual or group of individuals. The Village Hall has always given free use of the premises and any necessary equipment.

For the past two years, in the absence of any new volunteers, The Village Hall committee has had to ensure the continuation of the event by taking over the organisation and raising the necessary finance.

However if the Christmas lunch is to continue in its present, or any other form, a volunteer or volunteers are needed to take on the organising of the event.

The venue would continue to be free of charge and some finance is available from last year.

Anyone or any group interested in taking over the organisation of this once a year event please contact the Secretary of the Village Hall, Sue Harris on 01400318127 for more details.

Jeff Coxon Village Hall Chairman

Parish Council meeting …..The following is a brief summary of the most significant items that arose at the recent Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday March 12th.

Parish Plan …..The annual meeting of your Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 14th May when a report will be given on the progress made in achieving the aims and objectives identified. The Plan which is now some five years old will be reviewed and may be revised if it is thought that our aims have been largely achieved or we have identified new ones that need acting upon.

High Street parking issues……The recent meeting with Lincolnshire Highways identified some initiatives which might help the continuing problem that we face, these are now being considered in detail. That said at the end of the day we are very reliant on all motorists taking care and consideration when parking.

Community Heartbeat Project……..The speed with which the community has been able to raise the necessary funds for us to be able to have three defibrillators already installed with a fourth on its way shortly has been amazing. The project has been managed from its very inception by Cllr. Bob Greybrook and he is to be congratulated on its huge success.

Overhanging hedges and bushes……..As spring is now with us it is important that those residents whose properties border our many footpaths ensure that hedges and bushes in their gardens do not cause obstructions. We have a lot of mothers with young children in prams and pushchairs as well as elderly and impaired residents and we need to ensure that their use of our footpaths is not hindered in any way.

Community safety……The perception that the incidence of crime is high within the Parish still exists. We are working closely with Lincolnshire Police in an attempt to help reduce crime in the area, if you do have any cause for concern please do not hesitate to contact a member of your Parish Council and or the Police direct.

Contacts……..In the event of any issues that you may have and which fall within the remit of your Parish Council please do not hesitate to contact either the Parish Clerk and or any of the above members.

Bruce Nelson……..Chairman