

East Loveden Church and Parish News

February 2020

The East Loveden Group

Covering Ancaster,

Greylees, Heydour,

Kelby, Rauceby,

Welby and Wilsford

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If anyone is unable to attend church and would like Holy Communion at home, or if anyone feels they would like a visit from a member of the Ministry team please contact Rev'd Georgie.

Two Apples

What do you think connects the most beautiful garden ever, with an orchard in Lincolnshire? The answer is “Apples”.

“The most beautiful garden ever”- that must be The Garden of Eden” - the place where, in the Book of Genesis, we are told that human existence started. The account of the creation of the earth and the first humans may be an allegory, but it is a wonderful expression of our faith. We believe that God did create all this.

But something went wrong. Adam was tempted by Eve, who was tempted by the serpent. He ate the fruit of the “Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil”. We usually suppose that the fruit was an apple. Adam, like all of us, was curious. He wanted knowledge. That knowledge led him and Eve to being banished from the Garden. All because he liked the look of an apple! Adam, and the whole future of the human race, was affected by that apple.

But what is wrong with being curious? Surely this is the way civilisation progresses?

Another apple, many, many generations later, in the Autumn of 1665, also was responsible for a huge change in our interaction with God’s creation. The 23-year-old Isaac Newton was sitting under an apple tree in the orchard of his family home in Woolsthorpe. He was probably reading a book and thinking. All of a sudden, a ripe apple fell beside him. He was awoken from his thoughts, and began to wonder. Why do apples – and everything else – fall directly to the earth, as if drawn by some magic force? From this random everyday event, Isaac came up with his world-changing Theory of Gravity.

This was the start of a whole new way of looking at the wonder of God’s creation. Modern science was born in that Autumn and the following year 1666. Scientists from all over the world acknowledge this, and many make the pilgrimage to the farmhouse near Colsterworth. They come to stand in Isaac’s bedroom, where he first considered Gravity and other natural phenomena. Isaac had a firm belief in God the Creator, and considered that his role was to be curious. He looked into this wonderful Creation.

Isaac was curious, as was Adam. The message that I derive from these two incidents, both created by apples, is that we humans are naturally curious. There is much still to discover about our world and God’s creation. And there is still so much to discover about the Christian faith. We have a readily available handbook and study guide – the Bible. Think what we might discover from this, if we are curious.

There are published aids to the study of the Bible, or why not join the regular Bible Study which meets every Wednesday in term time. Details from Rev’d Georgie or members of the Ministry Team. Dick Fairhead

Looking ahead to 'Thy Kingdom Come'

The Revd John Leach (Growing Disciples Officer) writes...

This year we are once again encouraging our churches to join in with the global 'Thy Kingdom Come' (TKC) movement during the days between Ascension and Pentecost (21st – 31st May 2020). There won't be a central TKC gathering in Lincoln Cathedral this year, and we hope local churches will make the most of the novena (period of prayer). There are things that can help you as you plan for this.

Resources

The main TKC website (<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>) has a selection of videos which can be used to promote TKC in the parish, as well as a link to a further website (<https://www.cpo.org.uk/thykingdomcome>) with ordering information for a selection of printed materials. We have a limited number of the Prayer Journals in the Resources Room (at Edward King House in Lincoln) that are available free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis.

What might we do?

TKC begins with the conviction that prayer really does make a difference, and that the more focused and specific our prayers, the easier it is to see the difference they make. So, we want to use this special opportunity to join with the Anglican church (and many others) worldwide to focus our prayer on the mission and growth of the Church, just as Jesus' first disciples gave the same period to fervent prayer for the gift of the Holy Spirit to equip them for their mission.

Individually – people might be encouraged to use a resource such as the Prayer Journal in their own daily prayers at home.

As a parish – parishes might wish to plan a season of morning, midday or evening prayers at which people can gather. They might also wish to consider whether the children's resources would be useful in their ministry to local schools.

As a grouping – if your church is grouped with other churches, there might be an opportunity to gather together for prayer and worship. Pentecost Sunday (31st May 2020) is a fifth Sunday, when many groups choose to worship centrally rather than in individual churches.

As a deanery – it might be possible to organise a deanery service or prayer event at some point during the novena, or even a deanery service on Pentecost Sunday. If an outside speaker is required, we can help. Now is the time to begin to plan for TKC. The diocesan Mission Team are here to help and encourage in any way we can.

For further help, or to request free copies of the Prayer Journal, please contact me by email (john.leach@lincoln.anglican.org) or call 01522 50 40 49.

BENEFICE PRAYER

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WEDNESDAY MORNING HOME GROUP

The weekly Bible Study group meets during term time at 10.15am, venue, courtesy of Elizabeth and Henry.

Please ring 01400 230969 for further details.

PRAYER for FEBRUARY

Lord

When we are feeling overwhelmed or afraid, sad or anxious; grant us, we pray, a glimpse of You. Perhaps in the loving concern of a friend, or finding consolation in the beauty of nature; listening to music or in the companionship of pets.

Lighten our darkness and help us to be more aware, in sight and sound, of Your faithful presence with us.

Amen

	FROM THE REGISTERS	
FUNERALS		
Heydour	Catherine Evans	18th Nov
Ancaster	Doreen Osborne	3rd Dec
	Please remember them in your prayers	

PCSOs

Ancaster

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PCSO Colin Ironmonger 07973 845 622

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Heydour & Grantham Rural South

PCSO Stuart Bowden number unknown at the moment

Please note that Police mobiles are not manned 24 hours a day.

In emergency continue to ring 999 or to report crime and less urgent matters **dial 101.**

1ST WILSFORD BROWNIES

Meet in **Wilsford Village Hall on Monday** evenings during school term time.

For more information please contact

<http://www.girlguiding.org.uk> click on Get Involved, or phone free

08001 695 901.

Leaders needed, for more information please also contact the above.

ANCASTER YOUTH GROUP

Year 5+ (Age 9 onwards)

New members always welcome!

**Make new friends, play games,
learn new skills.**

**ONLY £1.00 per week
No joining fees!!**

**Sunday Evenings – 6pm – 7pm
Ancaster Village Hall**



AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

Please join us for our usual third Saturday of the month coffee morning on 15th February in Ancaster village hall's annexe 10.30 to noon.

Ancaster Church Council's Annual Meeting will be held in St Martin Church at 7 p.m. on Monday 2nd March.

HEYDOUR

Heydour Church Council's Annual Meeting will be held in St Michael & All Angels Church at 6 p.m. on Monday 2nd March.

KELBY Please join us for our group Candlemas Service on Sun 2nd February at 10:00

Kelby Church Council's Annual Meeting will be held in St Andrew Church at 7 p.m. on Monday 17th February.

RAUCEBY

Rauceby Church Council's Annual Meeting will be held in St Peter Church at 7 p.m. on Monday 9th March.

WELBY

Welby Church Council's Annual Meeting will be held in St Bartholomew Church at 12noon, soon after the morning service on Sunday 8th March.

WILSFORD

Best wishes to all for the New Year and many thanks for support of our fundraising efforts during 2019. Fundraising will continue during 2020 towards replacing the stolen lead from the church roof with permanent terne-coated stainless steel. Both the North and South Aisle roofs are now covered in heavy-duty felt. We shall be applying for Grant Aid this year.

Wilsford Church Council's Annual Meeting will be held in Wilsford Church at 7 p.m. on Friday 21st February.



Ancaster
Church of England Primary School

We hope you have had a fantastic start to 2020 and hope that this year is the best one yet for you all. We have begun the year working very hard and ensuring our curriculum offers is the best it can possibly be. We are absolutely thrilled that we now have more children than ever accessing our school. Whilst we have waiting lists in most year groups, we do have a small number of places available. If this is something that you wish to explore, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss this further. For more information on our school, please visit our website where you will be able to find out about each of the classes, the learning on offer and our intent to be the best school in the universe!

We also have vacancies for support staff posts that we would like to draw your attention to. We have a rare opportunity for a new Caretaker to join our brilliant school team as well as a Cleaner role that is newly created.

Both jobs are advertised on our school website with more information. Should you wish to apply, everything you need is available by visiting the vacancies section under the About Us tab. We are also looking for a new Midday Supervisor to join our dedicated team and work across lunchtimes each day. For more information about this role, please email Mrs Debra Moore, our School Business Leader debra.moore@ancaster.lincs.sch.uk

As we settle ourselves into a new year and contemplate the year ahead, may we take this opportunity to give thanks to our local community for your ongoing support in ensuring we are the best we can be!

EAST LOVEDEN BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA - FEBRUARY

	ANCASTER	HEYDOUR	KELBY	RAUCEBY	WELBY	WILSFORD	Notes
2nd Feb Candlemas			Group Service 10:00				
9th Feb 3 before Lent	Morning Prayer 09:30				Holy Communion 11:00		
16th Feb 2 before Lent		Holy Communion 09:30		Morning Prayer 11:00		Morning Prayer 09:30	
23rd Feb Next before Lent	Holy Communion 09:30				Morning Prayer 11:00		
26th Feb Ash Wed	Mid-week Holy Communion 09:30						Note date change