

# **East Loveden Church and Parish News**

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**The East Loveden Group**

**Covering Ancaster,**

**Greylees, Heydour,**

**Kelby, Rauceby,**

**Welby and Wilsford**

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## To forgive, or not to forgive?

One of the main tenet's of The Lord's Prayer is that of forgiveness. In my readings, I have come across two quite extraordinary personal takes on the subject.

In November 1987, an IRA bomb buried Gordon Wilson and his twenty-year-old daughter beneath five feet of rubble. Gordon alone survived and, when subsequently interviewed by the press said, "I have lost my daughter, Mary, but I bear no grudge ..., I shall pray tonight and every night, that God will forgive them."

Simon Wiesenthal, a Polish Jew, was perhaps best known for his single-minded determination to bring about capture of Nazi war criminals after the end of the Second World War. In 1969 he wrote a book entitled "The Sunflower". He and his wife had lost eighty-nine members of their family to the Holocaust. In 1943, having been incarcerated in a concentration camp, he was sent to work in a converted army hospital. He was summoned by a nurse to the bedside of a critically ill SS officer, "whose head was completely bandaged with openings only for mouth, nose, and ears". The officer then related an horrific incident involving the cold-blooded death of three hundred Jews, that was brought about by him and his men.

The officer went on, "I know that what I have told you is terrible, ..., I have longed to talk about it to a Jew, and ask for forgiveness. know that what I am asking is almost too much for you, but without your answer I cannot die in peace". Simon Wiesenthal's moral dilemma was obvious. He considered his response and then left the room without saying another word. The second part of The Sunflower is entitled "The Symposium", and is a collection of thoughts offered by readers of Simon Wiesenthal's book. He must have struggled immensely with his decision to walk away from the officer's bedside. However, that moment of consideration, plainly haunted him for much of his long life. He died, aged ninety-six, in 2004. I recommend that you purchase a copy of the book, and read for example, what The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Albert Speer, and others had to say on Simon Wiesenthal's decision.

God Bless.

Henry Tickler

# YOU'RE WELCOME TO COME IN AND PRAY

We hope you find comfort and peace in this quiet place.  
Whatever, or whoever is on your mind today, be still  
before God, who cares for you and those you  
love.

You might like to  
access some prayers  
on your phone

If you have a QR Reader  
app, scan this code for  
some prayers you might



Or visit this web page  
[www.churchofengland.org/  
prayers-for-the-moment](http://www.churchofengland.org/prayers-for-the-moment)

There are some words to help  
if you're missing someone  
who has died, and more  
prayers to help you pray  
about family and friends.

Light a  
virtual candle

To light a candle as  
you pray for someone  
or something, please



Or visit this web page  
[www.churchofengland.org/  
light-a-candle](http://www.churchofengland.org/light-a-candle)

To remember someone  
who has died, visit:  
[www.churchofengland.org/  
funeral-candle](http://www.churchofengland.org/funeral-candle)

We are working hard to open our churches for services.

## **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 usually during term time at 10.15am, venue, courtesy of Elizabeth and Henry.

Please ring 01400 230969 for further details.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH THE THREAT OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

**WE HAVE PUT THESE MEETINGS ON HOLD**

PLEASE NOTE

## **YOUTH CLUB**

**The youth club is not meeting at the moment  
because of the coronavirus.**

## **PRAYER for JULY/AUGUST**

We pray this month for our children and grandchildren who have not only missed out on so much education, but rites of passage as well: University Balls, celebration parties after exams and the simple joy of being with their friends, have all been missed.

We pray especially for the most vulnerable and disadvantaged children, that they will be kept safe at home, and every effort made on their return to school or place of learning, to bring them up to age appropriate levels of education. Amen

## **CAYTHORPE & ANCASTER MEDICAL PRACTICE**

The practice has now a Facebook page as @Caythorpe & Ancaster Medical Practice' to allow them to publish information and updates quickly to patients.

### **PC & PCSOs for**

**North and South Rural and Earlesfield, Barrowby Gate & St John's Ward**

**PC Mark Barr 07973845128**

**PCSO Stuart Bowden 07973844861**

**PCSO Marti Blackshaw 07976947161**

**PCSO Courtney Denton 07973847061**

**For Culverthorpe, Kelby, Rauceby & Wilsford**

**PCSO Colin Ironmonger 07973 845 622**

**PCSO Patrick Welby-Everard 07973 846 992**

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

**In an 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.

### **Coronavirus Update**

In light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic the Bench of Bishops of the Church in England has directed that all public acts of worships will have to be suspended for the time being.

But our church is NOT closed, it's just the public meetings that have stopped. We will be working out creative ways to keeping doing church together throughout this time. If you would like to join our **WHATSAPP GROUP** please contact our vicar, Revd Georgie (rectoreastloveden19@gmail.com).

This is a difficult time for many people. There is a lot of anxiety, fear and panic. We want our community to know that they are not alone and we are here to help in any way we can.



## AROUND THE PARISHES

### ANCASTER

As the church has to remain closed at the moment please would you leave any donations for the Food Bank at the door of **17 Ermine Street** and they will be taken to the Food Bank on days when it is open or if not to a donation box at one of the supermarkets. A big thank you was extended by the Food Bank for donations received so far.

### WILSFORD

Although we cannot be together at the present time, we are keeping everyone in our thoughts and prayers during this crisis and trust you are all safe and well. We look forward to the time when we can open our doors and welcome you all back to St. Mary Church, Wilsford.



**RAUCEBY**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**FORGIVENESS † HONESTY † KINDNESS † ASPIRATION † EQUALITY**

All of the staff, children and families of Rauceby Church of England Primary School hope that the whole community are staying safe and well during the current challenging times. We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter and although isolating, managed to catch up with the use of technology with family and friends, and we look forward to seeing everyone again when it is safe to do so.

Thank you  
Dave Wallace

Head Teacher

## VIRTUAL CHURCH

**THE BBC HAS LAUNCHED VIRTUAL CHURCH SERVICES ACROSS LOCAL RADIO IN ENGLAND WHICH WAS INITIALLY LED BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTURBURY, JUSTIN WELBY.**

## *San Damiano is reopening to day guests*



If you haven't had enough time on your own, or if you would like to spend time in a different space, and if you are not self-isolating because of having been in touch with someone with Covid-19 or yourself have symptoms of Covid-19, you are welcome to come for the day.

You will need to wash your hands as soon as you come into the house, or use the hand sanitizer which will be on the table near the tea trolley.

Only one person per day will be able to come, more if you are in the same household 'bubble'. The hermitage and/or library will be available. You will be welcome to walk anywhere in the grounds, or in the village, as before.

I will continue to provide teas and coffees, and biscuits (not so many in a box, but I'm not wanting to ration you!) You will need to bring your own lunch, and we will not be able to engage in conversation much, and we will need to maintain 2 metres between us. We can pray together in the chapel, if you wish, as there is plenty of space to be socially distanced.

There may be coverings on the armchairs, to facilitate

cleaning, especially if another guest will be using the room within the next 72 hours. At the end of the day, I will clean the hard surfaces in the areas where you have been - not that I don't trust you, but it will reassure others. As the viruses are invisible, so we need to comply with the guidelines to reduce their infectiousness and help one another.

The suggested donation for coming for the day will remain at £12 per person, and I will continue to maintain the closed days on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Please feel free to ask if you have any more questions.

The Lord give you peace.

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## **I can't believe this is happening**

I can't believe this is happening,  
we are in an unprecedented; challenging time that is not fine.

A mass pandemic, Covid-19 also know as Coronavirus has brutally corrupted  
and destroyed lives,  
as some are more vulnerable and are fighting to survive,  
in this unexpected chaos, through which we all strive.

Some feel that they are being distressingly deprived,  
from their cyclical freedom as they question their reason.

Wrapped up in thoughts of amplifying anxiety, uncertainty and grievance.  
Waking up, living to a clustered environment of spiralling fear,  
as more reports of mass deaths excessively appear.

Cheer!

Cheer for those who put themselves at risk, such as the key workers and care  
home staff,  
that spend night and day,  
dealing with this pandemic.

Yet it's unbearable to hear them say,  
that your closest are drifting away.  
It's hard, heartbreaking and horrifying, yet it's here.  
For how much longer, a year?

We can reflect from this time, and come to a moment of stillness,  
And help our minds feel clear,  
In our own home atmosphere.

Aya Pfeufer