

# East Loveden Church and Parish News

March 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.

## Lent Reflection

For some, Lent is a 40 day period of giving up chocolate, caffeine, sugar or something else after Pancake Day. Traditionally, it's seen as a time in which to reflect upon the life and death of Jesus. However much we already know about Lent, the story of Lent is one which reminds us of why it is marked by so many around the world.

The arrival of Lent is characterised by pancakes! Shrove Tuesday, a day highly anticipated by all pancake lovers, is traditionally a day of preparation before the season of Lent begins. The 40 days of Lent represent the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness at the start of his ministry. Jesus fasted during his time in the wilderness, and so Christians traditionally, identify with his suffering by abstaining from particular foods during this time, including meat, fish, milk and egg products.

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of 'shriving'. This 1,000-year-old practice involves a person confessing their mistakes, and receiving absolution for them before Lent begins. Three keystone habits that Christians are encouraged to observe during Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

**Prayer:** Prayer offers us all a very special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. In our busy world, prayer provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our patterns and sins. We should pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we've done and failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

**Fasting** is tied closely to almsgiving. Instead of fasting, giving service to mankind is also encouraged. This could be helping at home or at charity centres either in cash or kind.

Pope Francis is quoted as saying: "Fasting makes sense if it really chips away at our security and, as a consequence, benefits someone else, if it helps us cultivate the style of the Good Samaritan, who bent down to his brother in need and took care of him." So when you fast, do not proclaim it, do not look hard done by, smile and go about your day happy. We are told this in the Bible.

**Almsgiving:** Few things in life force us to put aside our own needs more than becoming a parent. And yet, we do it because we gain more than we give. In a similar way, during Lent, we increase our generosity toward others, not to earn grace, please God, or draw attention to our own holiness, but to experience grace. Generosity enables us to rise above ourselves and to live, as St. Ignatius of Loyola said, 'As a person for others.'

On Easter Sunday, the Church celebrates Jesus' resurrection. Fasts/tasks are finished, chocolate Easter eggs consumed, and the resurrection foreshadows the renewal of creation. Good Friday is so called because the death of Christ, as terrible as it was, led to the resurrection, which brought new life to those who believe. Good Friday challenges mere human goodness – it is the nature of Jesus' sacrifice that overcomes the weakness of humanity. Churches will light a paschal candle to represent the eternal presence of Jesus, as he rises from the dead.

The story of Lent is one of sadness and joy; a story which is still celebrated in diverse ways throughout the world today.

**Rev Georgie Machell**

**The Community of St Francis,  
'San Damiano', Metheringham**

**Invites you to a**

**Quiet Day for Lent**

***'... Stand and stare'***

**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Led by Rev'd Sue Spencer**

The quiet day will start with coffee at 9.30 am  
and end at 3.30 pm

Hot drinks will be provided.

Please bring a packed lunch.

A suggested contribution of £15 per person  
for the day is requested.

**It is essential to book a place  
if you would like to come:**

**Tel: 01526 321 115**

Email: [metheringhamcsf@franciscans.org.uk](mailto:metheringhamcsf@franciscans.org.uk)

38 Drury Street, Metheringham, LN4 3EZ

## **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 MARCH**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the constancy of the Church year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany and, now, we enter the holy days of Lent.

Help us to deepen our relationship with You through Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we give to You some part of each day; in thought; in prayer; in loving action, guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.

Amen

	<b>FROM THE REGISTERS</b>	
<b>FUNERALS</b>		
Wilsford	Evelyn Sellars	28th Jan
Ancaster	Frances Travis	21st February
<b>BAPTISMS</b>		
Ancaster	Albert Fisher	23rd Feb
	Please remember them in your prayers	

## MARCH 2020 Letter to the PARISH **PILGRIMAGE**

Hard to believe, but it is now almost six years since we moved from Chapel House in Wilsford to live in Sleaford. During this time we have still continued to worship with you in the East Loveden Group and supported Wilsford Church. However, now we feel that the time is right for us to resign from Wilsford Church Council and from the local Ministry Team. (After all, we have been around for over 50 years and can't go on for ever as older age approaches!)

Of course, we shall still come over to worship at Wilsford from time to time and support Group Services and the weekly Bible Study course and will not forget the many good friends we have in the Parish, but "we are pilgrims on a journey" and now move on gratefully towards retirement.

We should like to share this prayer with you. It is adapted and translated from the French language. "Priere d'un touriste" and can be found in full at [www.catholique-vosges.fr/Priere-d-un-touriste](http://www.catholique-vosges.fr/Priere-d-un-touriste).

"Here I am, Lord, before you. Why? I don't really know. The church door was open – I went in – and walked around.... and then I thought of You. You, God, who I may have forgotten about, but who still lives deep down inside me.

I remember that you created me in your likeness, and your mark is still there .... even if I don't give it a thought. Yes, you may have called me in a discreet and friendly way, so what shall I say?

Maybe nothing – I just want to spend a few moments before you, as I am a pilgrim and I have plenty of time. Jesus spent thirty years of his life amongst us, so can't I spare just a few minutes?

Yes – awaken in me your presence, your love, your trust, your forgiveness. And then, let me take this opportunity of telling you what is deep down in my heart;

My joys, my hopes, my worries, my misgivings, my sorrows, my failures ... Yes, all that I am, and all that I wish I were.

Take care of all those whom I love, and those I cannot love and take care of the world with all its greatness and its hardships.

Lord, I shall say "goodbye", because pilgrims do not stay for long: they wouldn't be pilgrims if they did, would they?

But you must come with me Lord, and walk with me. You are so discreet; nobody will notice you—but I shall know that you are always with me on the way ahead." Amen.

Many blessings to all in the East Loveden Group.

**Dick and Di Fairhead.**

## PCSOs

### Ancaster

PCSO Barbara Mooney 07973 847 679

### Culverthorpe, Kelby, Rauceby & Wilsford

PCSO Colin Ironmonger 07973 845 622

PCSO Patrick Welby-Everard 07973 846 992

### 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 21st March 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.

### WILSFORD

Fundraising will continue this year towards the re-covering of the church roof in stainless steel following thefts of lead and we are grateful for any support.

**Raffle Tickets** are now on sale at Wilsford Post Office/Shop and from church council members, £1 per book of four tickets. Many chocolate Easter egg prizes to be won. Raffle to be drawn at the Post Office/Shop at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Easter weekend).

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### Lead theft in our Diocese

The past 12 months have been a particularly difficult year for many of our parishes due to a significant rise in lead thefts. In total, 30 churches have been targeted, and despite the arrest of four suspects in December 2019 the problem has not abated – within the first two weeks of the new year two further thefts had taken place.

Lead theft is a devastating crime not only for the parish, but also for the wider community. The cost involved for the replacement of the lead using terne-coated stainless steel – a far less attractive material for metal thieves – can be considerable. Most insurers will cover the cost of a replacement roof if the church is alarmed, has SmartWater and all of the appropriate signage.

Where a church doesn't have an alarm, but has the other precautions it is likely the pay-out will be capped at around £7500. With the latter the net result is that parishes have to find the repair and reinstatement costs from a combination of church funds and charitable grant givers.

On average the replacement of an aisle roof can cost in the region of £30,000, and a nave roof, with more scaffolding involved, can be as much as £70–80,000. Therefore, it is in everybody's interests to try and minimise the risk of lead theft from a church. With this in mind, and if there is lead at your church, there is advice on the Lincoln Diocese website.

Matthew Godfrey

Historic Churches Support Officer, Diocese of Lincoln

[www.lincoln.anglican.org/church-buildings](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/church-buildings)

[www.lincoln.anglican.org/News/protecting-against-lead-theft](http://www.lincoln.anglican.org/News/protecting-against-lead-theft)

## EAST LOVEDEN BENEFICE SERVICE ROTA - MARCH

	Ancaster	Heydour	Kelby	Rauceby	Welby	Wilsford	Notes
<b>1<sup>st</sup> March Lent 1</b>		Morning Prayer 11:00		Holy Communion 09:00		Holy Communion 09:30	
<b>8<sup>th</sup> March Lent 2</b>	Morning Prayer 09:30		Holy Communion 09:30		Holy Communion 11:00		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> March Wed</b>	Said Holy Communion 09:30						
<b>15<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3</b>		Holy Communion 09:30		Morning Prayer 11:00		Morning Prayer 09:30	Baptism Rauceby 12:30
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday</b>				Group Service 10:00			
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5</b>		Group Service 10:00					