

# **East Loveden Church and Parish News**

**June 2020**

**The East Loveden Group**

**Covering Ancaster,**

**Greylees, Heydour,**

**Kelby, Rauceby,**

**Welby and Wilsford**

**Rector: The Rev'd Georgie Machell**

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## **CONTACTS FOR THE RECTORY**

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## **JUNE REFLECTION**

Looking longingly to the skies for swallows and swifts to appear, I remembered the day when I walked into our church near Lincoln to find the vicar trying to catch a swallow that had flown into the building and got caught up in cobwebs behind the Reredos and Altar. Sticky, dirt filled cobwebs were preventing this beautiful little bird from flying up and out of church. Eventually we managed to catch it hampered as it was, and I will never forget that fluttering bunch of feathers in my hands as I carried it to the door and then opened them for its release.

To my mind, until recently, our churches have been caught up in a kind of web of history, tradition and a lack of courage at times which has been removed almost at a stroke by the recent closure of our lovely buildings during this virus pandemic that has changed so much of our lives.

Suddenly a whole range of ways of worshipping God has become available to us through streaming services and reflections across the world as well as through local radio stations. Our own Revd Georgie has risen to the challenge for us here with daily readings and reflections. Social networks have been formed for prayer and support and care has been growing for those unable to access 'the web'.

As in many other areas, the church in our own Diocese has arranged necessary meetings on line, helping with issues like childcare and saving travel expenses sapping our financial resources which were already stretched before Covid19.

Like that shackled swallow, the church from its beginning has travelled many miles in terms of reform and change but now as never before we have the opportunity to spread our wings, rejoicing when we are free to meet together again for worship but freed also from some of those clinging ideas which have weighed us down and preventing us from sharing our journey in God with so many more.

**Rev June Freshney**

## **COVID-19**

### **The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close**

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

**Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, this and all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.**

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in this building.

Our website contains details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life.

See: [\*\*https://eastlovedenchurches.co.uk/\*\*](https://eastlovedenchurches.co.uk/)

The vicar/churchwardens of this church can be contacted in an emergency by telephoning **01400 230722** or emailing **rectoreastloveden19@gmail.com**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips.

## **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 JUNE**

Heavenly Father

You know and love each one of us and each one of us is affected either directly or indirectly by the coronavirus. We pray that You will support, comfort and strengthen all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. Grant wisdom to those involved in making decisions which affect all our lives and grant us the grace to be more thoughtful of others at this time.

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 worship 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.**

## **How Hard Is It To Get Hold Of Cash In The South Holland And South Kesteven Areas?**

Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire (CASL) has launched a new research pilot to see if people in the South Lincolnshire area can access cash when they wish to. Recent research by Which? Magazine indicates that the numbers of cash machines in the UK are falling. Also, for example, within the South Holland area, customers in Long Sutton have lost access to two banks.

Due to the Covid-19 virus, surveys are only available online at present. The form can be found on the CASL website at <https://www.citizensadviceouthlincs.org.uk/>.

A link to the survey will also be shared across CASL's Facebook and Twitter pages. The research aims to get a picture of whether access to cash is an issue and what the consequences are for local residents.

The survey will run for three months (March to June 2020) and was rolled out the week starting 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020. CASL Research and Campaigns lead, Juliet Godbeer-Dunbar said, 'We are particularly concerned that some people in our rural areas now find it very difficult to get the cash they need. Recent bank closures and the increasing disappearance of cash machines locally mean that some people will have to travel to bigger towns to access cash. This is likely to be a special problem for older people and those without easily available transport. Our survey aims to find out just how big a problem this might be.'

Citizens Advice South Lincolnshire is currently not offering a face-to-face service until further notice. However, you can still speak to trained assessors/advisers via email or webchat at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) or you can call Adviceline on 0344 111 444.

PLEASE ATTACH TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME, NEAR YOUR MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR

# HOUSEHOLD SELF-ISOLATING

We are self-isolating and/or practising social distancing as a preventative measure.

We can't answer the door to you.  
Instead, if you have a delivery, please leave it:

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If you need to speak to us, please ring:

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or contact our neighbour at (address):

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Thank you for your kind consideration  
this time.

