

**East Loveden Church
and Parish News
July/August 2022**

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REFLECTION

Happy Summer!

Summer sunshine, what a gift, what a joy! After such a long period of the devastation of Covid infections, we seem to have finally turned the corner and moved into the weather that many of us long for - the warmth and colour and welcome of the summer.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the Lord.

Exodus 34: 29

After Moses spent forty days and forty nights communicating with God, he descended Mount Sinai. He had no idea his intimate connection with the Lord actually changed his appearance. But the Israelites could tell Moses had spoken with the Lord. He continued meeting with God and influencing the lives of those around him.

We might not be able to see how our experiences with God change us over time, and our transformation will definitely not be as physically apparent as Moses's beaming face. But as we spend time with God and surrender our lives to Him more and more each day, we can reflect His love. God can draw others closer to Him as the evidence of His presence shows in and through us. Who would have thought that Moses might grow up to be blessed by God. Starting as a 'basket case' when his mother had to give him up in order to protect his life at a time when King Herod was slaughtering any baby boys aged 2 years or less, with the hope of getting rid of Jesus.

Moses was 80 years old when God first made contact with Him and called him out for the deliverance mission that He had in store for him. It is never too late to turn your life over to God the Father and enter into His perfect will and plan for your life, no matter how old we are. Because Moses was willing to follow God's commandments his life changed forever. What God wants to do with each one of us is to establish a close, intimate, personal relationship.

In our church calendar we celebrate the Season after Pentecost, which begins on the Monday following Pentecost, 6th June, and continues through most of the summer and autumn time. We remembered the story, from the Book of The Acts of the Apostles, where we hear of the gathering of Jesus friends and followers who, in the midst of their coming together, both felt and heard the sudden imposition of a very strong, almost violent wind rushing in among them, and we are told that they saw something that they described as “tongues of fire” that spread among them touching upon each individual, in turn. Wind is a very powerful force of nature that can, by turns, be either a source of terrible devastation or a source of energy, refreshing breezes and clearing skies.

In the Bible, the wind can often be linked to the presence of God, or more specifically, the Holy Spirit. As we gather at pool sides, on patios and beaches this summer, let us pause as we feel the warmth of the summer wind and think of those followers of Jesus, so long ago, who experienced the wind as a sign and very present symbol of the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. I would encourage you to let the warm caress of the summer breeze touch you and open your heart to the possibility that God’s hand is reaching out to you in an act of compassion, grace, love and care, that you may be healed and strengthened for the work of Christ that lies ahead for us all.

You just never know what God may do with the rest of what time you still have left down here on this earth.

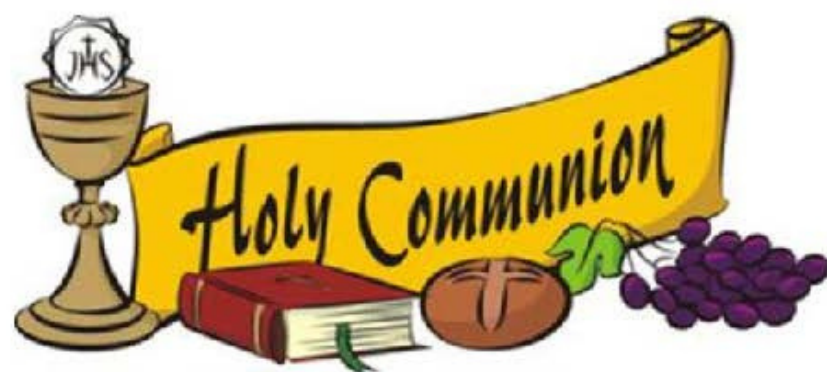
I am not saying we are all going to have the same kind of story Moses had, but many of you can definitely testify that all of your lives have been changed for the better and that your lives are very exciting in the Lord. He constantly keeps us guessing and wondering as to what He is going to do next in our lives.

Moses literally changed the entire course of Jewish history with the deliverance of the Israelites from the Egyptians.

If God did all of this for Moses - what can He do for you?

Rev Georgie

EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



10:00 JULY 3rd WELBY HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 JULY 10th ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 JULY 17th HEYDOUR HOLY COMMUNION

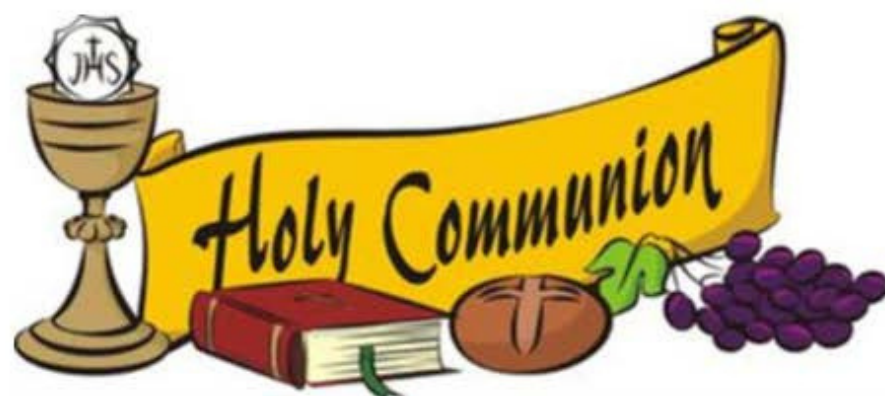
16:00 JULY 17th RAUCEBY EVENING SERVICE

10:00 JULY 24th KELBY HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 JULY 31st WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

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10:00 AUGUST 7th ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

16:00 AUGUST 7th HEYDOUR EVENING SERVICE

10:00 AUGUST 14th WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 AUGUST 21st RAUCEBY HOLY COMMUNION

16:00 AUGUST 21st KELBY EVENING SERVICE

10:00 AUGUST 28th WELBY HOLY COMMUNION

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Could you be our next churchwarden?

We hope and pray that this will be the beginning of a vocational journey for you, as you discern whether God is calling you to serve church and community in this way.

One of the key ideas behind being a churchwarden is the opportunity to work in partnership and develop relationships that help people grow as the people of God. It is to share in parish leadership in a way that recognises Christ at the heart of all we do, and God's mission as our agenda.

So, what is involved in being a churchwarden?

You will have seen others fulfilling this role in very different ways, and sometimes these can be a hard act to follow. There can be some confusion as to what the role and duties of a churchwarden are.

You don't have to be perfect to be a churchwarden, but it helps if you are willing to learn, to listen, to work collaboratively, and are not afraid to ask for help. East Loveden group of churches will offer you support and help as appropriate. Should you have any questions, please do be in touch with us using the contact details on the front page of this newsletter.

Underpinning all this is your own continuing discipleship and prayer life, keeping in mind our common vision to become a more Christ-like Church for the sake of God's world: contemplative, compassionate and courageous.

*May God bless you in your journey and service in Christ's name.
With heartfelt thanks and prayer.*

Rev Georgie

Prayer for July and August

Heavenly Father,

"I will never leave you nor forsake you".

We give thanks to You for that promise - that throughout all the changing scenes of life You will be with us. By Your grace may we recognize our need of You.

In times of trouble and upheaval we can pour out our hearts to You. Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ taught us how to pray; showed us how to love and gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

May we become more aware of Your presence with us, and in us, and, thus, share the blessings of Your love with others.

Amen.

From the Registers

BAPTISM

Freya Lily Beardall- Rauceby - 18/06/22

Daisy Martha Wright - Ancaster- 26/06/22

Aston-John Michael Garwood- Ancaster- 26/06/22

Luke Michael John Garwood- Ancaster-26/06/22

Bradley Garwood-Ancaster-26/06/22

FUNERALS:

Katie Laura Sharpe - Wilsford 21/06/22

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e-mail www.lincs.police.uk.**

A Survey of Memorials in Ancaster Churchyard

The first survey of memorials was compiled by Philip Tuxworth in 1980, and in 2006 Shelley Clack produced a similar list, whilst also recording those individuals having memorials within Ancaster Church.

Although Philip Tuxworth's recordings usefully trace a route around the churchyard, neither he, nor Shelley Clack used a plan to indicate the position of individual gravestones within the churchyard.

This new survey, completed in 2021 by James and Cheryl Gallimore, includes a plan, allowing the user to more easily locate a specific memorial.

The survey is also more comprehensive, providing the details which are inscribed on 280 of the 287 memorials shown on the plan, whereas Philip Tuxworth's survey included 145 memorials.

The present plan divides the churchyard into a number of zones A - J to guide the user to the general area in which a gravestone or tomb can be found. Each memorial is assigned a number on the plan. An accompanying numerical listing provides the names and date of burial of the occupants of the grave marked by each memorial.

For those searching for a specific name, another version provides a list which is alphabetical by surname. In addition, a further numerical listing includes other details inscribed on each memorial.

Ancaster churchyard was officially closed as a burial ground in 1909 (although a few burials did take place in existing graves after this date). The present cemetery on Church Lane then came into use. The memorials are very varied in style, and mostly date from the nineteenth century, but more than fifty of them are from the eighteenth century. One bears the date 1696.

In many respects the memorials in Ancaster churchyard are a valuable feature of the village, and it is hoped that the survey will assist in giving recognition to this fact.

To view the survey:

- A reference copy of the above survey is available in Ancaster church.*
- The survey can also be viewed online in a church near you at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14718/news/>*