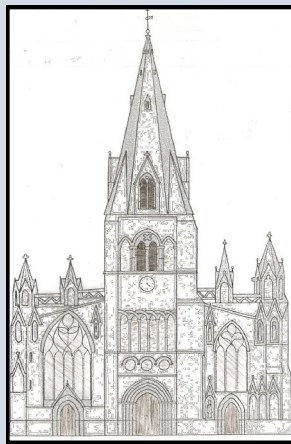


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Prayer

(Collect for the Feast of St Michael and All Angels)

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Welcome back to the St Denys Bulletin!!

If you have an item you would like included in the St Denys Bulletin please email office.stdenys1@btconnect.com, by the Wednesday before the first Friday of every month.

**Current Parish Office opening times
Mon, Weds and Fri 9-11am**

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays at 10am

Sung Holy Communion

**Wednesdays - starting 15th September at 10am
Said Holy Communion**

5th Sept: Trinity XIV: Isaiah 35.4-7a; Psalm 146
James 2.1-17; Mark 7.24-37

12th Sept: Trinity XV: Isaiah 50.4-9a, Psalm 116
James 3.1-12, Mark 8.27-end

19th Sept: Trinity XVI: Jeremiah 11.18-20, Psalm 54
James 3.13-4.8a, Mark 9.30-37

26th Sept: Michaelmas: Genesis 28.10-17, Psalm 103
Revelation 12.7-12, John 1.47-end

3rd Oct: Trinity XVIII (Harvest): Joel 2.21-27, Psalm 126
1 Timothy 2.1-7, Matthew 6.25-33

A PRAYER FOR REFUGEES

Many of us have been following the airlift of refugees from Afghanistan. You may find this prayer produced by the Church of England useful to use in your own prayers.

Almighty and merciful God,
whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own;
look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger,
homeless and hungry.

Bless those who work to bring them relief;
inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts;
and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice
in your Kingdom of justice and of peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Looking for Scales Tarn

This year's summer excursion to the Lakeland fells brought its fair share of excitement. We decided to make an ascent of Blencathra (also known as Saddleback). Beneath the summit is a small glacial lake known as Scales Tarn. It had been our intention to cross the Bannerdale Craggs and reach the tarn before ascending the notorious Sharp Edge to the summit. Well, at one point we lost the path in bracken! We crossed the Craggs and continued our ascent looking out for the tarn to get us back on our path. We reached the summit quite easily, but we had missed Sharp Edge; and we never managed to catch even a glimpse of the tarn. We knew we were close to it but could not see it! After a satisfying lunch on the summit, we began our descent, and before too long we saw the tarn and the path that we should have taken. As Sharp Edge was meant to have been the highlight of the day, we did an extra circuit in order to make that notorious ascent. After seven hours on the hill, we arrived back at the car, tired, but elated.

In the days that followed I thought more about that ascent and the tarn we couldn't see. We knew we were close to it. We knew (roughly) where it was, but it was hidden from our view. This was to be our waypoint to identify Sharp Edge but we hadn't appreciated how critical our approach to the tarn needed to be. We were so close yet so far off because our sight was obscured.

In the Old Testament reading for the feast of St Michael & All Angels Jacob declares, 'surely the Lord was in this place, and I did not know it'. How often do we look for a sign from God and yet fail to see or trust our instincts. God is with us, but like the elusive Scales Tarn, it can sometimes seem hard to trust that God is there. The purpose of Christian pilgrimage is to find something more about ourselves and about God. It is a hard struggle, not a walk in the park. Very often the knowledge of God's presence with us requires trust and faith. It was so easy to doubt that we weren't (roughly) where I thought we were. Rather than doubt I needed faith and harder searching... a good metaphor for the Christian pilgrimage.

Fr Philip

BIBLE VERSE

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place - and I did not know it!".

Genesis 28.15-16

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD

There will be a meeting of the Communicants' Guild on Tuesday 21st September at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room. This will be an informal meeting to discuss the future of the Guild and any changes we might want to make. I hope to see you all there.

Pam

ST DENYS BEARS

Toddler Group



HELP NEEDED PLEASE!

The new toddler group opens on Tuesday, September 7th and we have a committed group of old and new helpers and leaders who are full of good ideas and keen to begin. We have a new programme and some kind people have begun to update our toys. This is all lovely, except for the fact that we are three helpers short. If you fancy what look to be joyful mornings, or know of someone who has time to spend with young children and their parents please get in touch with Alison Wickstead 01529410231.

The teams are friendly and the tasks involved not as heavily involved in the kitchen food preparations as they were previously. We hope that there will be another three people, male or female who will feel inspired to join in the fun.

Our congregation might be elderly, but we are rich in the joys and experience of grandchildren. Are there any more helpers who could spend three hours a month in our team?

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

For anyone interested in confirmation there will be a Zoom meeting on **Thursday, 9th September at 7pm.**

We will contact those of you who have already expressed an interest in confirmation, with the Zoom link, but if anyone else is interested please contact the Parish Office for the link.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

Emily Lily 11th July

Bella 25th July

WEDDINGS

Richard Taylor and Sara Louise Peck 31st July

Harry Michael Legge and Lauren Amber
Cinavas 7th August

Lee Thomas Rooke and Heidi Maria Mitton 21st August

FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Ann Elizabeth Greaves 77 years

Margaret Joan Chapman 75 years

Mark Andrew Pell 39 years

Please remember them in your prayers

BISHOP'S VISITOR UPDATE

WILLIAM ALVEY SCHOOL

The new school year and autumn term begins on 6th September when everyone moves up a class to make room for the new intake of 4/5 year olds into the reception classes and we wish the old Y6's well in their new secondary schools. As I write this I still wait for news of if or when I might be able to visit the school again if Covid restrictions and arrangements change for the new term.

Just before the holiday on July 12th I was thrilled to be invited to join the Y6 leavers, their teachers and other staff, the Vicar and the Headteacher, in church for the annual celebration of Alvey Day. About 90 children spread themselves around the church to give thanks for their time at the school and to remember William Alvey by placing flowers on his tomb in the chancel. Normally the whole school would have filled the church plus some parents standing at the back so it was very different from usual and we missed the singing! I hope it gave the leavers the feeling that they had been part of something special. The Bishop's Letter did not arrive in time for me to read it then but it arrived in school later so they would all see it.

I have also received an invitation to attend the Penson Memorial Service in church on Thursday, September 30th. Charles Penson was an old pupil of the school, killed in the R38 Airship Disaster over Hull one hundred years ago. The school have his medals and a few children, the Headteacher and another teacher were present at a commemoration of the disaster in Hull Minster recently. You may have seen coverage of it on Look North and in the local paper. More about that later.

The local paper also had a photo of the Air Raid Shelter Museum at the school which is due to hold some open days for the public to visit shortly in September (13th, 18th and 19th) now that renovations are complete. I am looking forward to visiting that as well.

As the children return to school please remember them and the staff in your prayers. We hope some of the restrictions may be eased, things can be more like they used to be and all will keep safe and well.

Beryl Risdell

Casterton, Holdich and Holdich

By Douglas Hoare

They may sound like a firm of solicitors, and that is one third correct!

§ Casterton: Concerning the firm of Casterton, Robert Pacey in *The Organs of Lincoln Cathedral* [Lincoln, 1994], pp. 16—17, writes: "William Casterton appears in the accounts [of Lincoln Cathedral] each year until 1763 when James Casterton took over, possibly his son. He lived in St. Michael's parish and is mentioned in a lease there in 1793. His son William was admitted to the cathedral choir as a Burgerssh chanter in 1782 and as a chorister in 1787; on both occasions the father is described as 'of the city of Lincoln, organ builder'." Hitherto, that seems as much as has yet come to light. Casterton's involvement with St. Denys's concerns the tuning and maintenance of the Samuel Green organ of 1772. The following entries appear in the accounts:

- 11 May, 1813: paid Casterton for the organ £3. 3s. ;
- 3 June, 1814 and 25 April, 1815: Casterton for tuning the Organ £3. 7s. 6d.;
- April, 1816: Casterton's Bill £3. 3s..

§ George Maydwell Holdich, [1816-96]: He was apprenticed to the organ builder James Chapman Bishop of Marylebone and in 1837 started up in business by himself. In 1852, the Green organ was in such a poor state that it was shipped to London by canal to be thoroughly overhauled by Holdich. On 24 May, 1855, the church was reopened after the 'grand restoration'. At the two services, "Mr. Holdich of London presided at the organ, and the choristers from Lincoln cathedral assisted." [The Riverside Church organ is by Holdich, and, coincidentally, he was organist at St. Peter's, Croydon, where my second sister, Rosalind, now worships!] George had nine brothers and four sisters, one brother being

§ Charles Walter Holdich [1820-1903]: he is described as "solicitor, 140 (!) Westgate, Sleaford". He was 'people's churchwarden' 1857-1872. The 'vicar's warden', 1857-1870, was Henry Peake [whose firm acquired the Holdich practice when it went bankrupt], in 1871, Charles Kirk and the next year Charles England. His brother, Walter, who lived next door, was also a solicitor, and a sister, Elizabeth, lived in Southgate.

P.S. The family of Casterton appears to remain annoyingly elusive!

P.P.S. The Holdich family has its own website: <https://holdiches.tribalpages.com>

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