



St Denys Bulletin



June 2022

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JUNE SERVICES

(Morning prayer is usually said at 8.45am on
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday)

Sunday, 5th June

Pentecost

10am Sung Communion

There is no Evensong.

It will take place on **Sunday, 12th June** instead at 5pm.

Sunday, 12th June

Trinity Sunday

10am Sung Communion

5pm Jubilee Evensong

Wednesday, 15th June

10am Said Communion

Sunday, 19th June

Trinity I

10am Sung Communion

Sunday, 26th June

Trinity II

10am Sung Communion

5pm Compline

Sunday, 3rd July

Trinity III / St Thomas

10am Sung Communion

5pm Evensong

Prayer

(Alternative Collect for Pentecost)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

CHURCHWARDEN'S ROUND-UP by Richard Clash

Nothing is ever what it seems!

Many years ago I happened to find myself in the role of churchwarden for a church in south London and, guess what, not long after being appointed the church had a vacancy. My fellow churchwarden - who originated from the Caribbean, was much older than myself and one of the wisest people I have ever met, displaying absolute integrity in any situation – certainly knew how to delegate. During the vacancy the church was blessed with having to organise a visit from the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. Why we had this honour bestowed upon us is another story, worthy of any French farce, but on the day I was duly delegated to stand outside the far east door and await the arrival of the Archbishop.

So with much aplomb and some trepidation I duly stood by the unassuming east door – commonly known as “the back door” – and awaited the arrival of our honoured guest. Soon a rather battered Morris mini drove up and decided to park in the one remaining vacant spot near the entrance to the east door. So, with great fortitude, I decided to make myself known and say to the driver: “Oi, you can’t park there because this spot is reserved for the Archbishop of Canterbury.” Trying to anticipate what colourful south London phraseology the driver may use in reply and work out a means of trying to persuade the driver to “shove off”, I suddenly had to rework a more diplomatic approach as the driver, on getting out of the mini, stood about 12 inches taller than me, sported an extremely broad torso and didn’t look in the mood for a polite conversation. Just as I approach the car an equally large individual got out of the passenger seat and, with an engaging smile, said: “Good afternoon, I believe I’m taking a service here this afternoon.” My replay was a humble: “Welcome to St Paul’s, Archbishop.” The driver was his chaplain. I have never figured out how they got the Bishop’s crosier to fit in the mini!

In the same vain I found myself driving home late at night from Peterborough to Sleaford. Finding the radio’s news station rather boring I tuned into a music channel. For the next three minutes I found myself listening to one of the most soulful voices I had heard for some while. This voice was full of richness and effusing a natural talent of extreme depth. At the end of the song the radio presenter said: “... and that was Amy Winehouse.” I was taken aback. Until that moment my only recollection of Winehouse was that portrayed by various newspaper reports and media presenters, the majority not very favourable. But, hey, the music I had just heard moved me and I thought here was somebody who had immense talent. Why did I not just listen to her singing rather be taken in by the bad press reports? It was sad to see her go in such a tragic way - such a fragile personality and extremely vulnerable individual. Such a loss to the music world.

ST DENYS BEARS

**Every Tuesday, during term-time, 9.30am
in the church hall**



St Denys Bears

Thank you to all of you who contributed to the St Denys Bears Toddle 2022. It took place on a very sunny Tuesday in May and was a great success. We have not yet collected all the sponsorship but it will go to the charity Tommys who campaign for research into neonatal problems and was chosen by our Mums as the favoured charity for our toddle.

The children very much enjoyed their visit into Church and we had our weekly prayer, our drink and biscuit and our story. Special thanks to our helpers who were able to show the church to individual children and made it all so successful.



BIBLE VERSE

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
Acts 2.1-4

PENTECOST, Sunday, 5th June

The Queen's Jubilee will be marked at this service and a celebratory cake will be served afterwards.

FROM THE REGISTERS



WEDDINGS

Jason Blackmore and Tessa Bowcock 21st May

FUNERAL AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

Margery Gwendoline Veall 9th May 2022 Aged 98 years

Raymond Cecil Musson 17th May 2022 Aged 92 years

Audrey Tomlinson 23rd May 2022 Aged 84 years

Norman Phillips 27th May 2022 Aged 78 years

Please remember them in your prayers

SOME DARKER MOMENTS FOR ST DENYS'S

§ John de Kirkeby: In *The Registers of Henry Burghersh 1320-1342: III*, [Lincoln Record Society, 101 (2011)], is this entry: "John, vicar of Sleaford, to visit Rome for remedy of his sins and for other business concerning himself and his church. He is to return to his vicarage within 5 months. Trusthorpe, 4 October 1325." (Note 173: "John de Kirkeby was vicar of Sleaford from 1313 until 1336.") One wonders what John's "sins" were that needed remedy!

§ Frederick James Daughtry: He was already organist by November, 1882. During the great public meetings about installing a new organ and choir-stalls in the chancel, one report - 28 May, 1890: *Sleaford Gazette* - states: "Mr. Bissell observed: 'Mr. Daughtry ought to keep his choir in order', to which the Vicar [Alfred Langdon] replied: 'He cannot'".

A year and half later, various local newspapers around the country carried articles along these lines: "Terrible Tragedy in Hartlepool. ATTEMPTED WIFE MURDER BY AN ORGANIST. Suicide of the Assailant. The Press Association Hartlepool correspondent telegraphs: 'Shortly before ten o'clock on Thursday night Mr. Frederick Daughtry, organist of Christ Church, West Hartlepool, attempted to murder his wife and then shot himself dead. Mr Daughtry came to Hartlepool about eighteen months ago from Sleaford, Lincolnshire, and has since acted both as organist and a teacher of music.'

"A later telegram from Hartlepool states that F J Daughtry was annoyed at the presence in the house of his wife's sister, Miss Jackson, and that he had told his wife that unless she got rid of the sister there would be trouble. During the struggle in the house Daughtry fired point blank at Miss Jackson, but she escaped the bullet by falling on the ground." The *Sleaford Gazette's* report of the incident and subsequent inquest runs to three and a third columns of small print.

§ Canon Alfred Langdon: i] The "Langdon" barometer. Mr. Michael Channon, a collector of antique barometers, bought an angle tube barometer: on the back was "Invented and made by the Rev. Alfred Langdon, sometime vicar of St. Denys Church, Sleaford, Lincs. Circa 1786-1824". The question is: did Alfred Langdon simply own this barometer, or did he make a reproduction of the original? Any answers would be very welcome!

ii] In 1882, for reasons I know not yet, our vicar, Richard Yerburch II, exchanged livings with Alfred Langdon, rector of High Bickington, Devon. Here Langdon remained, and this entry appeared in *The Eagle* [magazine of St. John's College, Cambridge.] "The REV. CANON ALFRED LANGDON (B.A. 1865), Vicar of Sleaford, Lincs., since 1882, and Prebendary of Nassington in Lincoln Cathedral, formerly Rector of High Bickington, North Devon, died at the Vicarage, Sleaford, on 16th November, 1925, in his 84th year. " "He had been in failing health for some months, and never really recovered from the shock caused by burns in an accident which occurred in his study earlier in the year."

§ As a final thought, the Revd. Robert Alford, along with William Brown. Robert Bee, woollen draper, Thomas Ballard, late of Sleaford, and Sir Hammond Whichcote, of Sleaford, Knight, was indicted for high treason at a special assize held in Grantham in April 1643!

Douglas Hoare.

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 9-12 OR

SALE
SOFT TOYS
PAINTINGS

FOR

N.H.S. STAFF

AS A THANK YOU FOR THE
CARE

DURING COVID

This sale will take
place in the
Parish Centre.

LINCOLN MYSTERY PLAYS



Lincoln Cathedral: 25 - 30 July
St Mary's Church, Horncastle: 2 August
St Denys' Church, Sleaford: 3 August
St James' Church, Louth: 4 August
All Saints Church, Gainsborough: 5 & 6 August

All tickets £15/£12 + booking fee
www.lincolnmysteries.co.uk

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD

Members of the Guild will be celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee with afternoon tea on **Tuesday 21st June at 2 p.m.** in the Church Room.

As always, our meetings are open to everyone. If you would like to join us, please speak to Pam Jakeway for catering purposes.

WILLIAM ALVEY SCHOOL

Bishop's Visitor update

The full school assemblies have continued after the first one and even the smallest children are happily taking part and getting used to what happens and joining in. After the first one about the British saints and the Union flag they are following the theme of the school's values – Tolerance, Aspiration, Respect and Resilience.

On Wednesday afternoons the gathering is called Choral Worship, and the songs/hymns are practised and learnt so that the singing goes well. Words and pictures come up on a big screen and a couple of the oldest children are responsible for the technology for that. No reading of hymn books involved! Things have changed a lot these days.

The Half Term holiday week includes the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. The Assembly on Friday, 27th May, is to be held on the field - weather permitting of course! Apparently there is to be a picnic of cake and squash to enjoy! Every child is to receive a celebration book too.

Beryl Risdell

JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS AND SAY 'THANK YOU' TO OUR ARMED FORCES

ARMED FORCES DAY 2022

**MONDAY
20TH JUNE**

FLAG RAISING:

**Monday 20th June
10.15am – 11.30am**

Market Square, outside
St Denys' Church, Sleaford.
School choir and Armed Forces Day
flag raising at 10.30am.

Free – all welcome

VETERANS' LUNCH:

**Monday 20th June
12pm – 2pm**

NKDC Civic Suite, Sleaford.
Presentation of Veteran's Badges,
reflection on 40 years since the
Falklands Conflict, and a buffet lunch.

Free – tickets in advance only



Winning drawing
by Jennifer
Aged 13



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Email: ArmedForces@n-kesteven.gov.uk
Visit: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk Tel: 01529 414155

EMBRACE The Middle East

I am wondering how many of you actually know about the charity Embrace the Middle East and the work that we do in the Holy Lands.

Embrace was founded in 1854 as The Turkish Mission Aid Society during the Turkish massacre of the Armenian people. Lord Shaftesbury was one of the original founders. During its 168 years the name has changed several times for various reasons. Some of you may have known it as The Bible Land Society or Biblelands. The name changed to its current name because of confusion with The Bible Society which is something totally different.

We are the only Christian charity working solely in the lands of the Bible - Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Egypt, Syria and now Iraq. We support approximately 50 projects in these countries working in Education, Social Care, Health and Medical Care, Special Needs and Disabilities, Vocational and Adult training and Support and Care of Refugees. All of the projects that we support are Christian run but nobody of any denomination or none are ever turned away when in need.

Many of our projects are long term, i.e. hospitals, schools, homes and for disabled and refugees. There are many who just need one-off short-term help. They all tell us that our prayers and the ability to talk to us regularly are of utmost importance to them, someone is always available to talk to them, usually now by video link.

I have been a member of Embrace since 1983 and a volunteer for many years. I have visited over 20 of our projects in the Holy Land including two of the Syrian refugee camps. The job of a volunteer is to assess the work we are doing and to report our findings, good or bad, so that appropriate action can be taken. If we find that any of the help we are giving to a project is being misused it is investigated and, if necessary, that project is refused further support.

I am very proud to be a volunteer with Embrace and wholly support the work they are doing amongst the people in the lands where Jesus lived and carried out his ministry.

Minyon Prescott

GROUPS MEETING IN THE CHURCH HALL

Bookings welcome through the Parish Office

For contact details please see the Parish Centre noticeboard or email
office.stdenys1@btconnect.com

Group	Day	Time	Frequency
Keep Fit With Kimberley	Monday	9.15am and 10.15am	Weekly
St Denys Bears	Tuesday	9.30am	Weekly during term-time
Communicants' Guild	Tuesday	2pm	Third Tuesday of every month but not in August.
Mothers' Union	Tuesday	2pm	Every fourth Tuesday but not August or December
St John Ambulance	Tuesday	6pm	Weekly
Arthritis Care	Wednesday	1.30pm	Fourth Wednesday of each month
U3A: Wine Appreciation	Wednesday	7pm	Fourth Wednesday of each month
WW	Friday	9.30am	Weekly
St Denys Choir (Church)	Friday	7pm	Weekly
St Denys Ringers (Church)	Friday	7.30pm	Weekly

SLEAFORD PARISH CHURCH

Rural Dean of Lafford, Vicar of Sleaford

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