

ST DENYS CORONACLE

July / August 2021



BIBLE TEXT

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them ... predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea. Act 11.27-29

VICAR'S NEWSLETTER

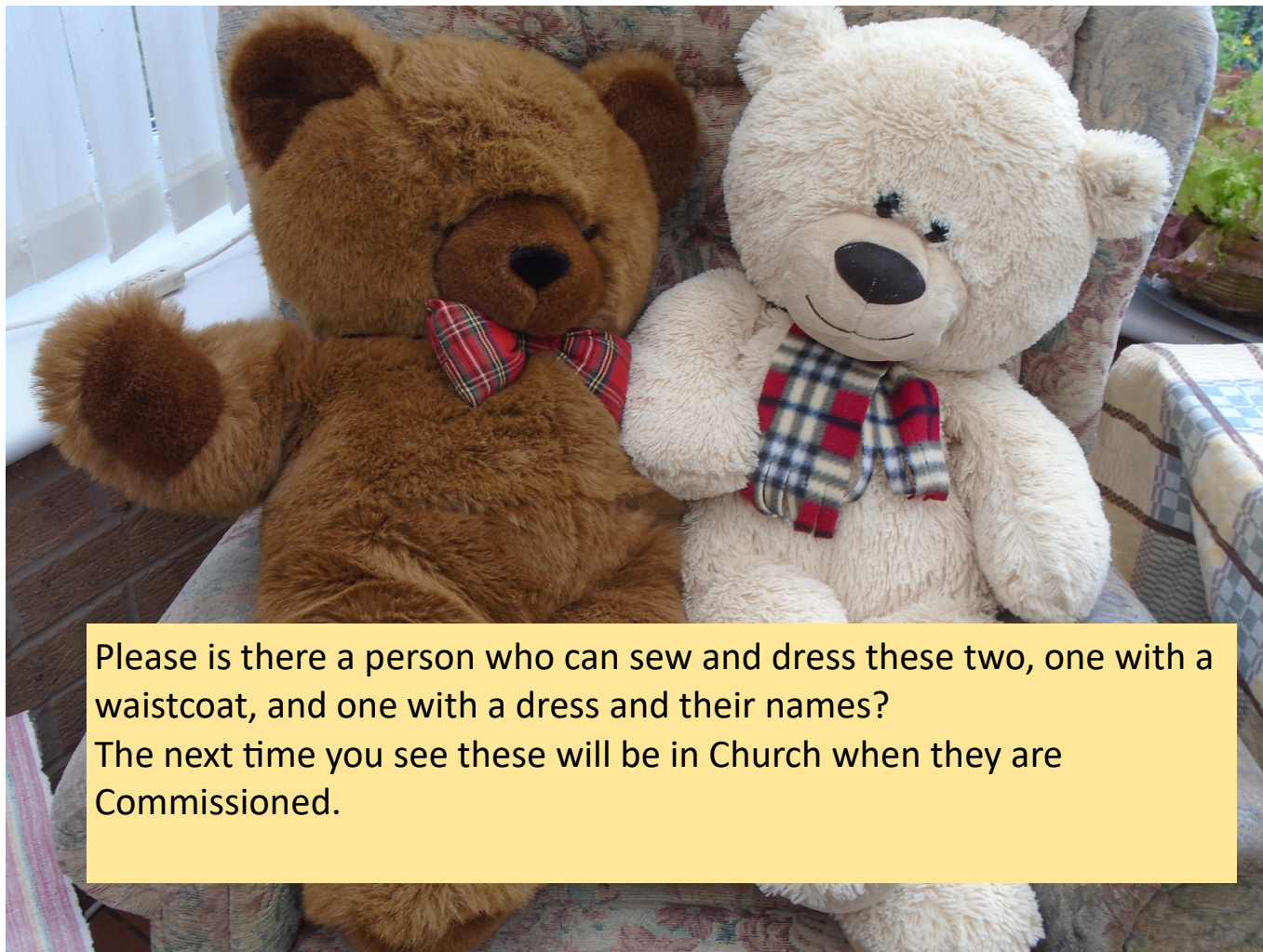
by The Rev'd Philip Johnson, Vicar of Sleaford

I have been looking back over past editions of the Coronacle. This is the 22nd edition! In the 7th edition I wrote (just as we were preparing to return to public worship) that this wasn't the end of restrictions but probably the beginning of the end. How wrong one can be! I never expected that we would still be living under restrictions 12 months later. The June date for the easing of restrictions has passed and (at the time of writing) I do not know what will happen when we reach the July date.

The feast of St James always makes me think of summer holidays. The great pilgrimage to the shrine of St James (Santiago Compostela) conjures up images of walking through Europe: food, travel, hospitality... in fact everything that will be nigh on impossible this year. But it is not simply the infringements on travel depriving me of the hot Mediterranean sun. The culmination of the pilgrimage to Santiago is the Mass in the basilica - a large gathering of people to worship God. Now we are all aware that some large gatherings are allowed. The football tournament Euro2020 seems to have been made exempt from nearly every restriction. (As an aside, if this is Euro2020 does that mean I can take a year off my age?). The fact that you can sing in a football stadium as part of a crowd of thousands but are still not allowed to sing in church has made many people very angry. The more exceptions that are made for special events – football, Wimbledon, music festivals, etc – the harder it becomes to justify restrictions on weddings, funerals, and ordinary church services.

This virus is not going away. We will have to learn to live with the disease, in much the same way that we live with influenza, pneumonia, meningitis, and a whole host of other infectious diseases. With most of the congregation vaccinated (doubly) it can only be a matter of time before singing is restored. We are planning a Songs of Praise – all your favourite hymns – for that day when we all can sing our Praises to God.

Fr Philip



Please is there a person who can sew and dress these two, one with a waistcoat, and one with a dress and their names?
The next time you see these will be in Church when they are Commissioned.

Introducing the St Denys Bears; Denys and Lady M

These two lucky preloved bears are the most recent stars in the all new St Denys Parents and Toddlers group; the St Denys Bears.

This hopefully will start in September 2021, on a new day, Tuesday, and with some new and some old helpers from the Wednesday Group. Over the years this group was affectionately regarded by the town as one of the best Sleaford Toddler groups, thanks to all the love and commitment of the previous helpers and we hope to continue to be as well respected and to continue to share God's love with the town .

The change of day gives us more chance of having contact with our Vicar and hopefully other members of our Church. We are looking for more helpers to join us , please, and people who will come in to tell a story. If you have a free morning , and a love of parents and young children, and the opportunity to have some gentle fun, you may be what we need. We are a very friendly bunch.

Please contact Alison Wickstead 01529 410231

PRAYER (Alternative Collect for the Feast of St James)

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CHURCH WORSHIP

Public worship continues at 10am every Sunday. with a said Communion service. The church will continue to be open for private prayer every Wednesday during July and August 10am - 12pm.

BIBLE READINGS

4th July: Trinity V

Ezekiel 2.1-5; Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12.2-10; Mark 6.1-13

11th July: Trinity VI

Amos 7.7-15, Psalm 85
Ephesians 1.3-14, Mark 6.14-29

18th July: Trinity VII

Jeremiah 23.1-6, Psalm 23
Ephesians 2.11-22, Mark 6.30-34, 53-56

25th July: St James the Apostle

Jeremiah 45.1-5, Psalm 45
Acts 11.27-12.2, Matthew 20.20-28

1st August: Trinity XI

Exodus 16.2-15, Psalm 78
Ephesians 4.1-16, John 6.24-35

8th August: Trinity X

1 Kings 19.4-8, Psalm 34
Ephesians 4.25-5.2, John 6.35-51

15th August: Blessed Virgin Mary

Isaiah 61.10-end, Psalm 45
Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 1.46-55

22nd August: XII

Joshua 24.1-18, Psalm 34
Ephesians 6.10-20, John 6.56-69

29th August: Trinity XIII

Deuteronomy 4.1-9, Psalm 15
James 1.17-27, Mark 7.1-23

EMBRACE

Embrace has sent me the following information. The land in red is what belonged to Israel in 1946 and what is left for them now that Israel have taken the rest from them, even what is left is under Israeli occupation. I have spent a day with the YMCA and YWCA in Bethlehem and have visited Palestinian farmers who are constantly losing their land to Israeli settlers and nobody is doing anything about it although under international law it is illegal.
Minyon



Ongoing Loss of Land, Ethnic Cleansing, and Forcible Displacement of the Palestinian People

On the 5th of June, the Palestinians commemorate the occupation of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip by Israel in 1967, referred to as Naksa (*setback in Arabic*). This meant that the entire area of British Mandate Palestine became under de facto Israeli control.

In the occupied Palestinian territory, the Palestinians live now in around 38% of the West Bank, hence less than 9% of historic Palestine. In spite of this reality and all the difficulties connected with the illegal Israeli policies and measures, the Palestinian people have always been committed to just peace and struggle for freedom and with the support of all peace-loving people worldwide.

The Naksa, like the Nakba (*catastrophe in Arabic, referring to the forced displacement in 1948*), is not just a historical event. It relates to daily Palestinian suffering under the continued Israeli occupation and violations of International Law manifested today in ongoing home evictions, forcible displacements of people, especially in East Jerusalem neighbourhoods of Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan. The Israeli violations also include attacks and killings of civilians, home demolition, arrests and detentions, as well as land confiscation, annexation and building of more colonies (settlements), all done in breach of the international law.

William Alvey School

Bishop's Visitor update



Two items in the local press, mentioning the school, caught my eye recently. The first was that children from the county's schools had been involved with a project designing and decorating Lincoln Imp sculptures for a new tourist trail in the city featuring 50 Imps to be displayed like the Barons and Knights of previous trails a few years ago. There was a photo of a few children from the Alvey with their designs.

The other item was about an NKDC initiative inviting pupils from local schools to design posters aimed at making people think more about their environment. Sixty-four entries were reviewed by a panel of councillors, officers and representatives of the Air Quality Working Group. The first place went to an 11 year-old pupil from Washingborough and the runner up was from a 10 year-old pupil from Garrison Junior Academy in Lahore, Pakistan, which is the twinned school of William Alvey! Their posters will be displayed around the district and all the entries can be viewed on the council website.

As the term moves on and the summer holidays loom nearer, there is still no let up in the restrictions in place. We know that the end of the school year is approaching as the Y6's (aged 10/11) have been to visit their new secondary schools for September. Also, many of the Y5's (aged 9/10), who will leave the Alvey next year, have spent a taster day at St George's Academy.

I still wait in hope that I might be able to visit the school before the holidays begin.

Watch this space.....

Beryl Risdell

CHRISTIAN AID

The collection amounted to £219 and there were three Gift Aid declarations which will add a further £8.

Thank you. *Brenda*

Further Fragments about various Vicars by Douglas Hoare

What links a skinner, a brewer, a tanner, a Devon yeoman and a cotton spinner? The answer is: all were fathers of various of our vicars.

Here are some of the answers:

- The family of William Wyche, vicar 1682-1691, who is said to have hailed 'from Surrey' and is buried in the sanctuary at Silk Willoughby, were skinners originally of Chorley, Lancashire. However, William's father, Richard, moved south and became a "citizen and Skynner of London" and a member of the Company of Skinners [which still thrives]. Richard is buried in the Church of St Dunstan's in the East.
- Thomas Seller's father, also Thomas, is described as a "brewer of Bury St Edmunds". The Revd. Thomas Seller was vicar here from 1703 until 1737, and was succeeded by his son, William who lies buried in the chancel.
- Edward Waterson [whom Dr. Simon Pawley has extensively researched, and I recommend his intriguing article: *The curious Case of the vanishing Vicar of Sleaford* [*Lincolnshire Past and Present*, Autumn, 2019] came from Bridgefield-in-Furness, Lancashire, where his father, also Edward, was a tanner.
- Alfred Langdon, with whom Richard Yerburch II exchanged livings, is described as "of Devon - "the fourth son of the Mr. William Langdon, of Ashford House, near Barnstaple, North Devon who then owned a considerable property in that County, and was the last survivor of several brothers. son of George Langdon, yeoman".
- William Norton Howe [who was mentioned in the two previous issues of *the Coronacle*] came from Castleton, Rochdale, Lancashire, where his father, Alfred, is described as a cotton spinner. The family is said to have lived in the area known as Bluepits, and there was a Blue Pits Mill. [The building still exists, and its website describes it as having been "beautifully restored from its origins in the Victorian era. Original features such as the hard wood floors, huge windows and spacious ceiling height have been maintained to reproduce a contemporary space rich in historical significance - from a time before the office cubicle was invented. No other modern office development can offer such an innovative space at such a low price." One wonders what the Howes would have made of that!]

P.S. Another "lost vicar"? John Surtees, University College, Oxford, 1801-1806' Rector of Edmundthorpe, Leics. 1808 and of West Deeping **and Sleaford**, Lincs., 1810. Rector of Banham, Norfolk, 1812, etc. (Joseph Foster, *Alumni Oxonienses (1715-1886): Surnames beginning S-Z* [Oxford, 1883], p. 1372). Another 'Hugh Chesnall' wild-goose-chase?

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