

**East Loveden Church
and Parish News
May 2022
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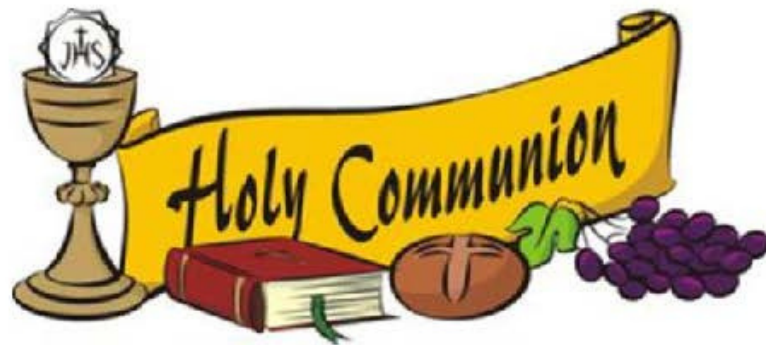
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SERVICES FOR THE EAST LOVEDEN GROUP

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10:00 MAY 1ST KELBY HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 MAY 8TH WELBY HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 MAY 15TH HEYDOUR HOLY COMMUNION

10:00 MAY 22ND RAUCEBY HOLY COMMUNION

16:00 MAY 22ND ANCASTER EVENING SERVICE

10:00 MAY 29TH WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

**FACE COVERINGS ARE OPTIONAL
HAND SANITISER IS AVAILABLE
ALL WELCOME**

PRAYER for May

Heavenly Father

We know that, often, prayer does not need words. Sometimes we just need to "Be Still and know that You are God." With sighs too deep for tears we lift up to You our longing for the horrors of war to end - words fail us.

This month, as we celebrate the Ascension of our Risen Lord Jesus and ponder the mystery of it, help us to remember His Word to us - "And surely I AM with you always, to the end of the age."

And therein lies our hope.

Amen.

Reflection

A personal reflection on philanthropy.

The Collins dictionary definition of a philanthropist, “One who loves, and seeks to do good to his fellow man, especially (Ed: but not exclusively) by gifts of money”. In its modern context, one tends to associate philanthropy with wealthy individuals such as Bill Gates.

Alan Parker set up The Oak Foundation in 1983, and their mission statement is: “The Foundation commits its resources to address global, social, and environmental concerns, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged., we support others to make the world a safer, fairer, and more sustainable place to live”.

One could argue that the “golden age” of philanthropy existed during the Industrial Revolution, when many Victorian philanthropists became household names – Cadbury, Rowntree, Colman, Boot(s), etc. Most of those individuals came from humble backgrounds, and I have chosen Sir Titus Salt (1803-1876) as an especially good example of that era. Involved in the wool and textile industry, initially near Bradford.

In the mid-1850’s Bradford was the fastest growing town in the Western world, with a population in 1831 of 43,500 rising to a staggering 104,000 in 1851. Workers, and often whole families poured in from the countryside to work in the rapidly expanding woollen textile industry. Consequently, the sanitary conditions were unable to cope, and Bradford became the dirtiest and most insanitary place in the country, with a higher proportion of malformed, under-nourished, and crippled children than anywhere in England. The average life expectancy from birth was just eighteen years. Wool-combers, traditionally the lowest paid, would often live twenty or so together in a cellar of just four-square yards in area, sometimes sleeping in rotas, and 70% of them died before they reached the age of fifteen. For all the obvious reasons, Titus Salt built Saltaire, to address the root cause of the problem – [it is now a World Heritage site](#).

Philanthropy and charitable gifting often merge one into the other: in general terms though, charity tends to be focused on providing immediate relief to people, whilst philanthropy is focused on helping people and solving their problems over the long-term.

Today philanthropists donate vast sums to needy causes, often at a more local level, and there can be no better example in modern times than George Michael, who when being interviewed by Michael Parkinson in 1998 gave a very frank and honest appraisal of his own life, including his philanthropic nature. His attitude was that he could afford to be charitable and philanthropic. On one particular occasion, he gave £15,000 to a student nurse who was in significant debt. He had a particularly soft spot for employees of the NHS, gifting tickets and concert proceeds. George Michael once said that “I have no belief in The Bible or religion”. However, he also said “I still believe, that music is one of the greatest gifts that God gave to Man”, interesting!!

It is most certainly the case that many of us, irrespective of our standing, can be philanthropic. On a local basis, there can be no better example than the current refurbishment of the Wilsford Village Hall driven by individuals in the community, and also, the celebrations that are planned for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June. Both projects involving significant voluntary commitments from Wilsfordians.

As with many aspects of our lives, where there is philanthropy, there is the opposite, and there can be no better example in relatively modern times, than Robert Maxwell (1923-1991). Publicist, Member of Parliament, and “fraudster”, who was best known for infamously raiding his employee’s pension fund and leaving them high and dry, and in many cases condemning pensioners to poverty in their years of retirement.

From a biblical perspective it seems that The Serenity Prayer was written for those philanthropists, particularly at a local level: “God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. Courage to change the things I can. And wisdom to know the difference”.

Henry – Easter Sunday, April 2022.

From the Registers

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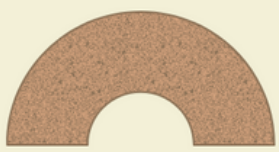
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YOUTH CLUB

**RE-OPENS SUNDAY 1 MAY AT
6PM - 7PM IN THE VILLAGE
HALL**



Youth is the energy of the nation,
the future of a country.



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Games

Arts

Crafts

Puzzles

QUEENS JUBILEE MESSY CHURCH



**QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
MESSY CHURCH CELEBRATION**

ST MARTIN, ANCASTER
Friday 3 June 2022

2pm till 4pm

Free Admission - GAMES, ARTS, PUZZLES, CRAFTS

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