

From Reverend Janet

Dear Friends,

At the time of writing this, it is exactly 100 years ago that Captain Robert Falcon Scott and his beleaguered team of explorers stood at the South Pole, disappointed that their rivals, the Norwegians, had successfully reached the Pole some weeks previously. Much has been written about Scott's planning and preparation for the trek. Opinion today is that his choices were somewhat reckless at times in his endeavours to win through. One example of this may have been the decision to forgo the use of dogs. Another may have been his decision that five of the men were to go to the pole, instead of the original plan, which was that four should go. This last minute change of plan may have compromised the men's chances of survival. At the time of his death, Captain Scott was proclaimed as a dashing explorer and hero, as were his men.

One such hero, Captain Oates famously sacrificed himself to give his mates a better chance. Badly injured with frostbite and therefore slowing down the pace of the march to the point of jeopardy, he uttered these famous words, "I am just going outside, and I may be some time", and then left the tent, never to be seen again. It was his 32nd birthday that day as well. In spite of this sacrifice, which did indeed improve the chances of the others, the expedition ended with the deaths of all concerned.*

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." These are words of Jesus from the Gospel of John. These are fitting words to consider as we begin Lent: our preparation for the festival of Easter: the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus being the glorious outcome of the one who did indeed, "lay down his life for his friends"...

This year there will be three Lent courses run in different styles. I will be leading one entitled "Gardening with God in Mind."

Many of our garden and wild plants have folklore concerning their growth and use. This naming and use is often Christian in origin. Theological reflections and prayers can be gained from any number of plants. For example, chamomile, often grown as a lawn, only releases its scent when trodden upon

If you are interested, look out for posters later in the month for this course, and those run by other Ministers in the Deepings. There will be a list to sign up in each Church.

With all good wishes,

Revd Janet

* The Oates family owned Gestingthorpe Hall in north Essex for many years. This was the large Hall opposite one of the Churches in my last Benefice and place of ministry. Naturally the village remains very interested in all artifacts and programmes relating to the Scott expedition, with anniversary events planned this year.

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In this Month's Priory News ...



Dear All

Have you noticed how the days are already lengthening? There are signs too of bulbs beginning to come to life even though it is still too early for spring.

As we see turmoil in the world's weather patterns the debate about global warming still rumbles on, just as it did last year when we suffered a much harsher winter. It is certainly true that Lent and Easter will be with us earlier this year, whether or not there are any spring flowers around to greet them and whether or not the local near-drought conditions continue, but who knows what sort of a summer we can expect?

This month's magazine includes a thought-provoking message from the Bishop of Grantham. There are also answers to last month's garden quiz – how well did you do? Now that the 'festive season' is over, may we make a plea for contributions to Priory News? We are always pleased to receive articles of local interest, some of which appear this month, including further news about the buses. Short reminiscences or poems would be welcome as well as more quizzes and photographs. Once again our 'regular', Margaret, demonstrates a happy knack of including another of my favourite recipes and a very welcome one for the time of year.

Finally, it was a little disappointing that hardly anyone noticed that the altar cloth on last month's front cover was the wrong colour for the season of the year!

With all good wishes. Caroline and John.

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Margaret gives us a carrot and orange so	•	ming	This month's cover picture has been provided by Chris Halley
Clergy Duty Days: Revd Janet Wednes		Wednes	day, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday
Revd Sonia Monda		Monday	, Tuesday, Thursday. Sunday
Either can be availab	ole on a Friday		

Thank you to those who have sent in articles for Priory News. Contributions and suggestions are very welcome. Please let us have your prayers, poems, pictures, comments, reminiscences and anything else you'd like to share. NB: pictures containing recognisable children must be accompanied by authorisation to publish from their parents or guardians. We will not publish the names of children pictured unless specifically requested to do so by their parents or guardians.

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Please let us have your contributions for the **February** edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline, **Monday 20th February**. Thank you for your help.

Church Calendar February 2012						
		9:30am	Holy Communion			
2 nd	Thursday	10:30am	Home Communions			
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship			
		Anskar, Bishop, Missionary, 865				
3 rd	Friday	Practice Night:				
	Thaay	6:45pm	Choir			
41-		7:30pm				
4 th	Saturday	St. Gilbert o	f <u>Sempringham, 1189</u>			
			unday before Lent (Septuagesima)			
5™	SUNDAY	10:00am	3			
4h		6:00pm	<u> </u>			
6 th	Monday	60 [™] Anniver	sary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II			
9 th	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion			
	Friday	Practice Night:				
10 th		6:45pm	Choir			
		7:30pm	Ringers			
		The Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)				
12 [™]	SUNDAY	8:00am	Holy Communion			
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist			
14 th	Tuesday	Cyril and Me	ethodius, Missionaries			
16 th	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion			
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship			
		Janani Luwum, Archbiship of Uganda, Martyr, 1977				
17 th	Friday	Practice Nig	ht:			
''	Thaay	6:45pm	Choir			
		7:30pm	Ringers			
19тн	SUNDAY	Sunday nex	t before Lent (Quinquagesima)			
	JUNDAI	10:00am	Sung Eucharist			
21 st	Tuesday	7:00pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party			
22 ND	WEDNESDA	Ash Wedne	sday			
	Y	7:30pm	Eucharist with imposition of ashes			

oord	-	Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 155			
23 rd	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion		
		7:30pm	PCC Meeting at Cranmore Farmhouse		
		Practice Nig	ht:		
24 th	Friday	6:45pm	Choir		
		7:30pm	Ringers		
		The First St	unday of Lent		
26тн	SUNDAY	8:00am	Holy Communion		
		10:00am	Sung Eucharist		
27 th	Monday	George Herl	bert, Priest and Poet, 1633		
March	2012				
		David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, 589			
. ct	Thursday	9:30am	Holy Communion		
1 st		10:30am	Home Communions		
		2:00pm	Peterborough U3A Church Tour		
		7:45pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship AGM		
		Chad, Bisho	pp of Lichfield, Missionary, 672		
		Women's World Day of Prayer			
2 nd	Friday	Practice Night:			
		6:45pm	Choir		
		7:30pm	Ringers		
		Second Sur	nday of Lent		
4 th	SUNDAY	10:00am	Sung Eucharist		
		6:00pm	Plainsong Evensong		

Registers for December

FUNERALS: we commend to the

Lord's keeping:

1st Winifred Nellie Adams

30th Roland Verdun (Toby) Blessett



House Group
7:30pm Wednesdays
at 45 Crowson Way,
DSJ.

All welcome!

My Christmas card charity collection raised £38, and this will be sent to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, my chosen charity this year. Thank you very much indeed for your support in this, and thank you all for your Christmas greetings.

Revd Janet.

Cooking with Margaret

Carrot and Orange Soup



Ingredients:

2 Medium onions
450g Carrots
450ml Chicken stock
1 Orange, finely grated, rind and juice
1 tablespoon Granulated sugar
150ml Double cream
Salt & black pepper to taste
1 tablespoon chopped parsley for garnish

Method:

- 1. Peel and finely chop the onions and carrots and cook in the stock until just tender.
- 2. Blend in a liquidiser or food processor or pass through a sieve until smooth.
- 3. Add remaining ingredients. Season to taste.
- 4. Reheat gently but do not boil otherwise the soup will curdle.
- 5. Garnish with the parsley just before serving



News from the Tower

What an excellent start to the New Year.

The ringers held their annual dinner at The Stage in Market Deeping on Friday 13th, when 25 ringers and friends met and had an enjoyable evening.

We trust Janet has settled in Deeping St James and is finding the local community helpful in her new role.

On 14 January Alistair arranged for quarter peals to be rung at four churches in our area. The first being at St Benedict's Glinton, the next at St Peter's in Maxey with lunch being taken at West Deeping. This was followed by ringing at St John The Baptist at Barnack then finally to St Martin's in St Martins Without.

Our AGM this year is set for Friday February 10th at 19.30 in the ringing chamber.

Mike Gentle

Carols on the Doorstep



WELL DONE

What a pleasure it was to have a visit from the junior Church singers together with their helpers just prior to Christmas to sing carols on the doorstep. May they long continue the singing.

Bill and Margaret

A message from the Flower Ladies

Christine and I were very pleased with all the hard work done by the team in decorating the church at Christmas and we are also grateful for the financial support which enabled us to provide the flowers. Although we have many willing flower arrangers, we can always do with more. If you can help, just contact Christine or me. Thank you and a Happy New Year.



Pauline Brooksbank

Forthcoming Events

The Priory Church Coffee Group will be holding their AGM on Thursday 23rd February at 10:15am in the Church Hall.

Bill and Margaret Flegg

Craft Fair – May 19th in the Church Hall

There will be another Railway Weekend in our church in early spring – watch this space for further details.

Making a difference to DSJ!

Since 2009, Deeping St James Parish Council have been paying tribute to those that make an outstanding difference in our community. The Council have honoured Sheila Miller, swimming instructor of considerable note at the Deepings Leisure centre taught generations of our children to swim, Joshua Tate who, at 15 years old was leading the Jigsaw Cub for younger children at the Open Door Church, veteran Guide leader, Lesley Dennis and Alex Donnelly for her work at the Deepings Youth Centre who later went on to represent the community at the Lincolnshire Youth Council. Last year, Brian Baxter MBE received the accolade for his voluntary work throughout the community with Tom Waterhouse winning the Young Persons Award for his outstanding work at the Deepings Youth Centre. Deepings Round Table won the Group category last year for their sterling work in the transformation of a piece of land at Old Priory Farm following on from previous winners, The Deeping Mens Group for their unstinting charitable work and the Deepings Gang Show who have entertained the village with gusto for in excess of twenty years.

This year, the Awards ceremony will take place at the New Conference Centre at the Deepings School at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 8th - with Awards to be presented by twice BDO World Champion 2010 & 2011, Martin Adams.

The Parish Council welcome your nominations for the person, young person and group to most make a difference - the only qualfier being that they live or have lived in Deeping St James in the last year or the organisation is based or operates here. Please contact the Clerk on 343266 or email clerk.dsjpc@btconnect.com. Closing date for nominations is 14th April.

Judy Stevens

Social Committee

On Sunday 8th January the traditional Blessing of the Plough and Renewal of Baptismal Vows took place in the Priory Church.

This was followed by a supper of potted beef, various cheeses, home made bread and a choice of puddings made by Margaret. Those attending were entertained by "Tinder Box" a group who sang a medley of show songs, some of which involved audience participation.

An Anonymous Prayer....

During our Week of Guided Prayer last year, one or two prayers were placed in the small box at the back of the Church. This lovely prayer was written anonymously.

"Father, give each of us Your inner peace, which calms, restores and reassures. You know our fears, Lord. Help us to face them, knowing You are always with us. You share our disappointments and frustrations. Help us to overcome them and move forward.

You understand our hopes and aspirations. Teach us to accept our limitations, whilst rejoicing in the gifts You have given us.

Strengthen our faith, that we may truly believe all things are possible with You. In Christ's name, Amen"

SHOPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE (1) Anne Smart

I was first married in 1956. My husband and I used to shop for our groceries on a Saturday afternoon – parking our car outside Liptons in the High Street of the market town where we lived.

One Saturday, to our consternation, the inside of the shop had changed. The familiar counters had gone to be replaced with tall shelves – all the goods on display – and stacks of baskets just inside the door by a counter and till. The manager (in his smart white coat) saw we looked puzzled and explained (proudly) that the shop had gone 'self service'.

We were still reluctant as he pressed a wire basket into our hands and, seeing this, he proceeded to walk around the shelves with us (he knew what we bought each week – a sort-of walking computer!) and take down the items we wanted and place them in the basket for us.

That done, he guided us to the till where he proceeded solemnly to unpack the basket and ring up each item before placing the goods in a brown paper sack. We paid. He then picked up the paper sack, opened the shop door with one hand and carried the groceries out to our car where he placed them in the boot.

When we were alone I expressed my pleasure at the excellent service we had received – my husband replied that he didn't expect many of his customers spent £5.00 in one shop!!!

Happy days eh?

Some news from the Parish Council.



Commuter Connections....

Some good news at last regarding bus services in Deeping St James.

Since the withdrawal of the Stagecoach service in 2011, the parish council have been looking into alternative solutions. After discussions with Delaine's, they provided some additional services that partly filled the gap. We also set up a trial service whereby passengers were picked up by mini-cab and taken to Horsegate to connect with the Delaine 102 service. It was hoped this might attract sufficient users for a minibus to be employed and to be self-funding. Unfortunately numbers remained low and the council felt it was not viable to subsidise this for so few users long term.

We continued to explore other options and have been in close contact with Lincs County Council regarding subsidised services.

In response to some of our publicity on this matter, local resident Tim Stevens put forward a suggestion for a "bus interchange" which would have enabled commuters to easily connect from the Shaws 100 service onto the Delaine 102. The Parish council saw this as a good solution and pursued it with LCC and Shaws. Following some discussions with all parties involved, an alternative solution that works well and does not require infrastructure changes (bus stops and pedestrian crossings) has been agreed. This will improve some connections (reduced waiting times) and create others.

We are happy to report that the revised Shaws timetable including the additional services should be operational soon and will allow people travelling to and from work/school from the parts of Deeping St James served by the Shaws 100 service to connect with the Delaine service in Market Deeping, Market Place. They may also provide an additional service that would suit shoppers.

This should provide a journey time from Deeping St James (stops at: Park Estate, Exeter Close, Broadgate Lane and Church Gate) into Queensgate of around 30 minutes in total. The additional fare is expected to be 60p return for the Shaws connection service.

Even if you do not need to commute from DSJ into Peterborough or Bourne, 60p for a return journey within the Deepings seems like a useful service for local residents.

Even if you have a car, why not consider trying the bus? Please remember these services do need to be used to remain viable.

As soon as the revised timetable is available we will publicise it. In the meantime, you can view the current timetables for the Delaine and Shaws services at: www.lincsbus.info

Andy Pelling **Garden Quiz**

Here are the answers to the Quiz in the January Priory News - along with a reminder of the questions.

- 1. What tree bears the crown at Christmas? Holly
- 2. If sugar is sweet what are blue? Violets
- 3. What fruit might you find in the farmyard? **Gooseberry or strawberry**
- 4. This flower might be universal? Cosmos
- 5. Their scent is much preferred to Will's! Woodbines
- 6. You might find this flower in the valley? **Lily**
- What fruit might you use if you want to 'phone home? Blackberry 7.
- 8. It's an apple that thinks it's a pear! Adam's Pearmain or Worcester **Pearmain**
- Who would look good on a tandem? Daisy 9.
- 10. What rose might you find in the Arctic? Iceberg
- 11. Marry a thrush with a bit of a foot for a Christmas kiss! Mistletoe
- 12. It's a bovine petticoat! Cowslip
- 13. He's a happy sort of fellow! Fungi
- 14. What garden bird appeared on the reverse of the last farthing coins? Wren
- 15. You need more than one of these for a white Christmas! **Snowdrop**
- 16. It's a male bovine in a hurry! **Bullrush**
- 17. What did the Danes say before they grew rich in Shoreditch? Oranges and **lemons**
- There's a lot of this in Wimbledon! Grass 18.
- The water's pouring out in Wales! Leeks 19.
- 20. These brought joy to a Lakeland poet! **Daffodils**
- 21. What tree has a heart? Oak
- 22. This would smell as sweet whatever you called it! A rose
- What vegetable might you eat with custard? Rhubarb 23.
- 24. If Rudolf's is red, what might make the snowman's? A Carrot
- 25. In pots and pans he builds his nest, Best noted for his coloured breast! Robin

Rotas for February

		Servers	Sidespersons	Intercessors					
		Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)							
Sun 5 th	10:00 am	John Sellars and Paul Boswall	Team C: Tim Hitchbourn and Cledwyn Bennett	John Marsh					
5	6:00 pm	John Sellars							
		Second	Sunday before Lent (Sexagesim	na)					
Sun 12 th	8:00 am	Geoff Armstrong							
12	10:00 am	Chris Halley and Simon Marshall	Team D: Trevor Harwood and Graham Hardy	Bet Washbrooke					
		Sunday	next before Lent (Quinquagesir	na)					
Sun 19 th	10:00 am	John Sellars and Simon Marshall	Team E: Bill Flegg, Margaret Flegg and Liz Bridgeman	Anne Smart					
19	6:00 pm	John Sellars							
Wed			Ash Wednesday						
22 nd	7:30 pm	ТВА	ТВА	Janet Donaldson					
			Ash Wednesday						
Sun 26 th	8:00 am	Geoff Armstrong							
20	10:00 am	Paul Boswall and Chris Halley	Team F: Val Wilde, Doris Bellairs and Christine Masters	Martin Fisher					
	Second Sunday of Lent								
Sun 4 th	10:00 am	Chris Halley and Simon Marshall	Team A: Kim Hallam and Doris Bellairs	Sonia Marshall					
Mar	6:00 pm	John Sellars							

		Bread &Wine	Coffee	Flowers	Cleaning	Brasses
		Th	nird Sunday befo	re Lent (Sept	uagesima)	
Sun 5 th	10:00 am	Peter and Val Wilde	Liz Spratley and Linda Sellars	TBA	TBA	
		Se	econd Sunday be	efore Lent (Se	xagesima)	
Sun 12 th	10:00 am	Cledwyn and Ann Bennett	Joan Dyke and Lin Witherington	ТВА	TBA	Sonia Marshall and Nancy Titman

	Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)						
Sun 19 th	10:00 am	Linda Sellars and Caroline Herron	Pat Feek and Doris Warner	ТВА	ТВА		
			Ash \	Vednesday			
Wed	7:30	Doris Bellairs					
22nd		and Christine			TBA		
	pm	Masters					
			First Su	inday of Lent			
Sun 26 th	10:00 am	Carole Mills and Joy Cunningham	John and Sue Marsh		ТВА		
Sun	Second Sunday of Lent						
4 th	10:00	Dick and	Johanna		ТВА		
Mar	am	Anthea Wray	Jones		IDA		

	Rea	adings	and Rea	ders for	Februa	ITY				
		OT Reading	OT Reader	NT Reading	NT Reader	Gospel				
		Third Sunday before Lent (Septuagesima)								
Sun 5 th	10:00 am	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Niccy Fisher	1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	Simon Marshall	Mark 1: 29-39				
_	6:00 pm	Numers 13: 1-2, 27-end		Philippians 2: 12-28		Luke 5: 1-11				
			Second Sunday I	pefore Lent (Sexag	gesima)					
Sun 12 th	8:00 am	Proverbs 8:		Colossians 1:		John 1:				
	10:00 am	1,22-31	TBA	15-20	Joy Cunningham	1-14				
Sun			Sunday next befo	ore Lent (Quinqua	gesima)					
19 th	10:00 am	2 Kings 2: 1-12	Roger Bridgeman	2 Corinthians 4: 3-6	Peter Wilde	Mark 9: 2-9				
Wed	Ash Wednesday									
22 nd	7:30 pm	Isaiah 58: 1-12	Ann Bennett	2 Corinthians 5:20 – 6:10	Liz Spratley	John 8: 1-11				
	First Sunday of Lent									
Sun 26 th	8:00 am	Genesis 9:		1 Peter 3:		Mark 1:				
	10:00 am	8-17	Bill Flegg	18-22	Victoria Worthington	9-15				

	Second Sunday of Lent						
Sun 4 th	10:00	Genesis 17:	Cledwyn Bennett	Romans 4: 13-25	Liz	Mark 8: 31-38	
Mar	6:00	1-7,15,16 Genesis 12:	Bennett	Hebrews 11:	Bridgeman	John 8:	
	pm	1-9		1-3, 8-16		51-end	



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EVERYBODY WELCOME

Preparation for Lent

There will be a number of Lent courses this year in the Deepings. In particular, Revd Janet will be running a group in our own parish and Revd Philip Brent will be organising one at St Guthlac's Church. At the time of going to press further details were not available but please see the notices at the back of church or contact Revd Janet for further information.





A letter from the Bishop of Grantham

Dear friends,

For many years I have sat in the same seat on the Kop at Sheffield Wednesday and, during my time as a parish priest just up the road from the ground, I would be asked by many members of the Sunday school and youth club whether they could come to a game with me and my family. On many

occasions, I would be sat with a group of seven or eight football mad youngsters and would get vicarious enjoyment from their excitement. On one such occasion, the match was going well! Sheffield Wednesday were winning, the crowd were singing and all seemed well in the world. Suddenly, the opposition equalised via the superbly struck volley of the opposing team's striker and I was surprised to see the young boy next to me, a young black boy of African extract, rise sharply to his feet and make his way to a steward. A few words were exchanged, and then a man sat just behind us was forcibly removed by a gaggle of stewards. Unbeknown to me, my young friend had heard a racist comment directed at the black striker who had scored the superb goal and decided he would act: I've not seen the ejected and dejected fan ever since. That young boy, now a strapping man with a first class honours degree in sports science and himself a successful cage-fighter, often reminds me to this day of that incident long ago.

In today's world, it all seems so antediluvian when we hear of such racist incidents but, sadly, we do not have to go too far to be reminded that, as proscribed and publically despised as racism now is, it still lurks just beneath the surface.

This reality has, both, come to light recently in the case of the Liverpool footballer Suarez and the subsequent racist barracking of an Oldham player by a Liverpool supporter and also in the intimate revelations about the nature of racism during the trial and conviction of the two men found guilty of Stephen Lawrence's murder. In both these cases, the institutions involved-a football club in one case and the police in the other-have taken all the right steps to try and ensure that such prejudiced behaviour is not systemic and inherent in them. However, the horrible truth is that, in the heat of competition or in the bravado of a deeply disturbed young person's hateful tirade, the evil of racism still lurks and it is not far from us all.

Such racism was not unknown to Jesus: we are told that he stood at the well with the Samaritan woman; a woman from a race despised by some simply because they chose to worship God in another Temple other than that in Jerusalem. Jesus cleverly extracts from this 'hated' foreigner the knowledge that he is the source of eternal life and the eagerly expected Messiah. On their return to the well, even Jesus' disciples join in the unconscious and implicit racism, being 'astonished' that he was speaking with her.

In William Shirer's seminal book on The Third Reich, one is struck by the matter of fact way in which the cremators for the killing fields of the concentration camps were ordered from the manufacturers: as simple as ordering a microwave for the kitchen. Such ordinariness combined with horror is rightly named 'the mundanity of evil'. My young friend in the football match was right to challenge that thoughtless and cruel barb by a fellow supporter for there must be link between these small, mundane, acts and the kind of racism that leads to violence and loss of life?

In the end, the real tragedy of racism is that it de-humanises those we parody and to whom we attach simplistic prejudices. It was the 'hated' foreign woman at the well who saw the deep mystery of Jesus and his divinity: when our eyes are clouded by colour, class or creed we fail to see and enjoy the true beauty of the person underneath.

+Tim Grantham

(For further opinions, views and articles by Bishop Tim, visit the following page: www.fatherowl.wordpress.com)

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