



View from the Curate's House

There have been some interesting articles in the news recently about the distribution of wealth across the world. It is astonishing to think that 80 individual billionaires hold more wealth than the poorest 50% of the world's population: that's 3.5 billion people. Coincidentally you may also have read in the press recently about a new book that the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu has just published called "On Rock or Sand". The book is aimed at raising awareness about income inequality within our society here within the UK.

In the press release the Archbishop says:

"the book addresses crucial questions about the moral principles that undergird the way Britain is governed. It is about building firm foundations for Britain's future and setting out the essential values we need to build a just, sustainable and compassionate society in which we can all participate and flourish. We need to rediscover the true meaning of the word economy – it means a household, a community whose members share responsibility for each other. The giant that must be slayed is income inequality - where some few have far too much and the many have too little."

We are lucky that we live in a well-developed and relatively wealthy country even if we are feeling the pinch financially at the moment. Archbishop John Sentamu's book encourages us to get involved with the local economy of our community to enable all to flourish. I'm sure that you like me try to support our local economy here in the Deepings and in the Peterborough area too.

A few days ago Rev Sonia and I were invited to attend a meeting in Deeping St James aimed at raising the profile of our local credit union, which opened at The Institute last summer. The Deepings' credit union is a branch of the Lincoln Credit Union and it belongs to the Financial Services Compensation Scheme and other regulatory bodies just like our banks and building societies. The purpose of the Credit Union is to provide people within the community the opportunity not only to save but also to borrow locally at affordable rates from a responsible lender. Most of us probably have bank accounts and credit ratings that enable us to borrow easily from the established banking organisations. So you may ask yourself "why should I be interested in a credit union especially if I don't need a loan"? The reason is that there are some in our local community who have to resort to pay day loans companies and even loan sharks to borrow small sums of money at extortionate rates of interest. The credit union provides a vital service to such people. We can help by saving with the credit union to help provide the vital funds for those who need an affordable loan.

If we wish to join with Archbishop John Sentamu and help to build a more just and sustainable community within the UK, I would encourage you all to seriously consider saving even just a small amount each month through the credit union. In this small way we can assist others to flourish here in the Deepings. You can open an account at the Institute, 38 Church Street, DSJ, on a Monday between 10am and 12. noon. If you would like more information please talk to Rev Sonia or me.

Every blessing,

Revd Mark

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In this Month's Priory News ...



Dear All,

As you turn the page you will read the exciting announcement for which we have all been waiting so long - at the end of April we shall welcome our new Vicar, Revd Susan Paterson and her husband, Charles. There is a brief biographical note overleaf but Sue has also promised to write rather more for us in a future issue of Priory News. So, good news indeed, and we look forward to April 30th. Please make a note in your diary.

Since Christmas, several events have already taken place, among them being the Epiphany celebrations and the Plough Supper. In this issue you will find information about future events but if we have missed any out, please forgive us and remember that we can only mention events about which we have been given details. With the next major event in the Church Calendar being Easter, we give details of this year's Lent Course together with lunches to be served by our own Mission Committee as well as those organised by Churches Together. As ever, we hope to see as many of you as possible at some or all of these events.

Finally, if you missed the excellent talk given to us by Jo-Anne Thomson on World Leprosy Day, you will find a leaflet giving some details about the work of the Mission in this issue and there is also a form to use if you wish to make a donation to this work.

John

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Margaret has another double treat for us this month – cheesy bread and creamy soup to keep out the cold.

This month's cover photograph is from the Leprosy Mission Prayer Diary and is of Damini *(printed with permission)*

Thanks to those who have sent in articles for Priory News. Please keep them coming. **Please note: 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 March edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline of **Friday 20th February**. Thank you.



Vicar of the Benefice of Deeping St James

The Bishop of Lincoln is pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Susan Paterson to the post of Vicar of the benefice of Deeping St James.

Reverend Paterson is currently Priest-in-Charge of Ab Kettleby and Holwell with Asfordby and Framland Deanery Mission Partnership Development Officer in the Diocese of Leicester.

The Bishop of Grimsby, will preside at the service of institution and induction on Thursday 30th April at the Priory Church, Deeping St James.

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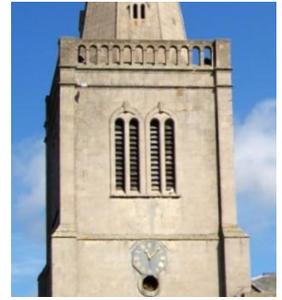
Our New Vicar – the Revd Sue Paterson

The Rev Susan Paterson joins from Leicester Diocese, where she has been variously a languages teacher, pioneer minister, rural team vicar and acting team rector at Melton Mowbray. She is currently priest-in-charge of three villages and Mission Partnership Development Officer for the deanery and looks forward very much to sharing a ministry with both the Parish of Deeping St James and the wider deanery.



Sue lists her hobbies as choral music, crosswords and cats. She is married to Charles, a keen musician and former classics teacher. Their two adult sons, Richard and Jeremy, no longer live at home, but the household is completed by the inevitable felines – Astra, Cleo and Moriarty.

Reports and News



- *News from the Tower*

There is no news to report from the Tower this month.

- *Children's Church*

We have had a lovely start to 2015 in Children's Church, thoroughly enjoying the Epiphany Service with a clear highlight, of course, the chance to feed carrots to the donkeys! Thank you to everyone involved for all the hard work that went into organising this special service, it was wonderful.

So far this term we have learnt about the baptism of Jesus by John and thought more about our own baptism service at The Priory and how it differed for Jesus. We made models of Jesus's baptism in the River Jordan to remind us of that special event. In John 1 (43-50) we found out about Jesus's journey to Galilee when he met Philip and Nathanael. The children didn't much care for the selection of dried and fresh figs on offer, although the iced biscuits did go down well!

Vicki, Ted, Jill and I are all looking forward to the year ahead and if you'd like to find out more about the Children's Groups please don't hesitate to ask us.

Lisa

- *Plough Service and Supper*

On Sunday 11th January the traditional Plough Sunday Service was held in the Priory Church. The service was conducted by Sonia assisted by Mark, with relevant passages being read by members of the congregation, with the choir singing traditional anthems. Following the service supper was held in the Church Hall, those attending had a choice of cheeses, potted beef, cheese and onion pie all served with homemade bread, a choice of ploughman's pudding, mincemeat and apple flan or apple crumble followed prior to the entertainment which was provided by "The Zimmer Frames" a trio comprising of Phil and Jo ably assisted by Alan on guitar.

Sonia gave a vote of thanks to Margaret Flegg who prepared the food and to members of the Church Social Committee for all their help, and a special thanks to "The Zimmer Frames" who made it a very enjoyable evening for those attending.

- *Leprosy Mission*

On Sunday, January 25th at the 10 o'clock service we welcomed Jo-Anne Thomson who is Chief Executive Officer of TLM Trading, part of the Leprosy Mission. She gave us an illustrated talk which painted a compelling picture of the work which the Leprosy Mission undertakes overseas. There was an opportunity to make a donation towards this work but if you were unable to attend last Sunday please see the details elsewhere in this issue of how to make either a one-off donation or a regular donation.

- *Dates for your Diary*
- *Churches Together Lent Lunches*

This year's Deepings Churches Together Lent Lunches will be held between 12.00 pm and 2.00 pm as follows:

21st Feb	Roman Catholic Church.
28th Feb	Priory Church
7th March	Methodist
14th March	St Guthlac
21st March	Open door

All are welcome.

Liz Spratley

- *Church Ladies Fellowship.*

The Church Ladies Fellowship are holding a Bric – Brac and Coffee morning on 7th February. 10-00 till 12-00am

- *Social Committee*

The traditional pancake party will take place in the Church Hall on Tuesday 17th February starting at 7-00pm. Please add your name to the list in Church if you are coming.

On Saturday 28th February the Priory Church are hosting a Lent Lunch served by the Social Committee. Please see posters for details.

Mission Matters

- *Plant Sale - advanced notice*

In order to avoid the Bank Holiday this will now take place on Saturday, June 6th between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.

- *Hog Roast - advanced notice*

Last year's Hog Roast was a great success and several people have asked if we could organise one for this year. We are therefore planning to hold the next one on Sunday, 19th July. Please put this date in your diary. Further details and booking arrangements will be published later.

- *Knit and Natter.*

The next Knit and Natter will be held on Wednesday February 11th. at 7.30pm at Cranmore Farmhouse.



- *Soup and Sandwich*



As last year, we shall be serving soup and sandwich lunches in the Church Hall on Thursdays during Lent. They will take place between 12.00 noon and 1.30 pm from Thursday, February 19th. until Thursday, March 26th. Invite your friends and neighbours and come and enjoy a chat. All profits will go towards Mission Funds. If you intend to join the Lent course at 2.00 pm you can save yourself the trouble of making lunch on those days.

Victoria

- *Wanted*

Bet Washbrooke would like to compile an album of photographs showing our church “in action”. There is no limit as to date, so whether you have photos of past or recent events which you think would be of interest, please contact Bet.

- *Some Forthcoming Events in the Diocese*

A series of Snowdrop Walks from St Mary's Church in Whaplode on the following dates:

February 15th - 16th, 11.30am - 3.30pm

February 22nd - 23rd, 11.30am - 3.30pm

March 1st - 2nd, 11.30am - 3.30pm

Church tours and refreshments available. Enquiries: 01406 371 900 or 07904 110 991

'For ever, for everyone': What does this mean for the National Trust in the 21st Century?

Friday 7th February, 7.30pm

Lincoln Cathedral Chapter House

Lincoln

Director-General of the National Trust, Dame Helen Ghosh will give a lecture in Lincoln Cathedral. The lecture explores how the National Trust is adapting to change, while keeping true to its core purpose. She will also discuss co-operation between the National Trust and partnership organisations and visitor attractions.

Tickets are £6, including wine, from Lincoln Minster Shop (01522 561644; www.lincolncathedral.com/shop)

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 2015

1st	SUNDAY	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (Epiphany 4)	
		9:00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		10:00 am	Family Service
2nd.	Monday	Candlemas (<i>transferred to February 1st</i>)	
3rd	Tuesday	Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, 865	
4th	Wednesday	Gilbert of Sempringham, 1189	
5th	Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		10.30 am	Home Communion
		7:30 pm	Pilgrim Course at 30A Eastgate
		7:45 pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship: Valentine Demo
6th	Friday	The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II (1952)	
		Practice Night:	
		6:45 pm	Choir
		7:30 pm	Ringers
8th	SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	
		10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
10th	Tuesday	9:00 am	Clergy Chapter at Spalding
		7:30 pm	Rose and Sweet Pea Show: planning meeting
12th	Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		7:30 pm	Pilgrim Course at 30A Eastgate
13th	Friday	Practice Night:	
		6:45 pm	Choir
		7:30 pm	Ringers
14th	Saturday	Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 & 885	
15th	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT (Quinquagesima)	
		10:00 am	Sung Eucharist
		6:00 pm	Choral Evensong
17th	Tuesday	Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977	
		7:00 pm	Pancake Party in the Church Hall
18th	Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY	
		7:30 pm	Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes
19th	Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		12:00-1:30 pm	Soup and Sandwich in the Church Hall

(Thurs. cont.) 2:00 pm Lent Course begins
 7:45 pm Church Ladies' Fellowship: Lincolnshire Film Archives

20th Friday Practice Night:
 6:45 pm Choir
 7:30 pm Ringers

22nd SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

23rd Monday Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 155

24th Tuesday Matthias the Apostle

25th Wednesday Ember Day

26th Thursday 9:30 am Holy Communion
 12:00-1:30 pm Soup and Sandwich in the Church Hall
 2:00 pm Lent Course (2)
 7:30 pm Pilgrim Course at 30A Eastgate

27th Friday Ember Day
 George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633
 Practice Night:
 6:45 pm Choir
 7:30 pm Ringers

28th Saturday Ember Day

March

1st SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

David, Patron Saint of Wales, 601
 9:00 am Holy Communion (said)
 10:00 am Family Service

2nd Monday Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672

5th Thursday 9:30 am Holy Communion
 10.30 am Home Communions
 7:45 pm Church Ladies' Fellowship: AGM & Peotry Evening

6th Friday Women's World Day of Prayer
 Practice Night:
 6:45 pm Choir
 7:30 pm Ringers

7th Saturday Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

● *Forthcoming Events in the Diocese* (Continued from page 7)

Resourcing the spiritual journey of older people and a look at Anna Chaplaincy to Older People.

Wednesday 11th March, 9.30am - 4.00pm
The King Room, The Old Palace Hotel
Lincoln

A day to explore how we can value age better through a more community-based approach to ministry among older people.

Guest speaker, former BBC and ITV presenter Debbie Thrower.

To book a place or for more information contact Susanna Aldred via email at susannaaldred@gmail.com

A very Special Family Service

On Sunday, January 4th at our Family Service, in addition to the Baptisms of Alexander and Jesika, we celebrated Epiphany with a special Service led by Revd Mark who arranged the re-enactment of this Biblical event. Members of Junior Church helped him to explain the significance of the visit of the Wise Men. We are including some photos on the back cover of the Wise Men (John Worthington, Philip Astle and Barry Fisher and some children from the Church family) who, at the end of the Service, followed the star to the stable on the other side of the Church Gardens to find Baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Tanwen and Ted Fisk)... and real donkeys! About 50 members of the congregation followed the Wise Men to marvel at the new born king in the stable.

Acknowledgements

The photos were taken by John Marsh and Jan Fisk and the donkeys were loaned by Jan and Steve Fisk.



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

Cooking with Margaret



Creamy Leek, Apple and Celery Soup

Ingredients:

25g Butter
225g Celery, finely chopped
175g Potatoes, peeled and diced
4 Leeks, trimmed and sliced, discarding the green tops
175g Apples, peeled, cored and chopped
600ml Vegetable stock cube
115g Crème Fraiche
150ml Milk
Salt and pepper
A handful of celery leaves.

Method:

In a large pan, melt the butter over a gentle heat. Stir in the celery, potatoes, leeks and apples. Cover and cook gently for 5 minutes. Add the stock, cover and simmer gently for 20 – 25 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Puree in a blender until smooth, stir in the crème fraiche and milk, and season to taste.

Re-heat before serving and scatter with the chopped celery leaves. This soup is delicious served with Cheese Country Loaf.

Cheese Country Loaf

Ingredients:

225g Self-Raising flour
1tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
½ tsp Salt
115g Wholemeal flour
55g Butter
75g Cheddar cheese, grated
1 spring onion, trimmed and finely chopped
450ml milk with a dash of lemon juice

Method:

Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°F/Gas 5. Grease a baking tray. Sift the dry ingredients together, then rub in the butter. Stir in 55g of the cheese and the onion, and mix to a soft dough with the milk, adding a little at a time.

Knead the dough lightly and then shape into a 17cm round and mark into triangles. Sprinkle with the remaining cheese, place on the tray and bake for 45 minutes.

Rotas for February

Servers

	9:00 am	10:00 am	6:00 pm	7:30 pm
1st	Geoff	Jo	-	-
8th	-	Simon & Paul	-	-
15th	-	John & Simon	Geoff	-
*18th	-	-	-	Simon & John
22nd	-	Simon & John	-	-
Mar 1st	Geoff	Paul	-	-

Sidesmen

1st	F	Val Wilde, Doris Bellairs and Christine Masters
8th	A	Jane Thompson and Adrian Hallam
15th	B	Ann Meekings and Shelagh Fisher
*18th	C	Tim Hitchborn and Cled Bennett
22nd	D	Trevor Harwood and Kim Hallam
Mar 1st	E	Liz Bridgeman, Bill and Margaret Flegg

Intercessions

	9:00 am	10:00 am	7:30 pm
1st	Sonia Marshall	DSJ Primary School	-
8th	-	Jo Astle	-
15th	-	Niccy Fisher	-
*18th	-	-	Linda Elliott
22nd	-	Martin Fisher	-
Mar 1st	Sonia Marshall	Vicki Billyard	-

Bread and Wine

Coffee

1st	John and Linda Sellars (9:00am)	Pat Feek and Doris Warner
8th	Peter & Val Wilde	Val Wilde & Doris Bellairs
15th	Cled & Ann Bennett	Ann Bennett & Penny Hebblewhite
*18th	Caroline Herron & Linda Sellars	-
22nd	Carole Mills & Joy Cunningham	Lin Witherington & Joan Dyke
Mar 1st	Doris Bellairs & Christine Masters	Johanna Jones & Jill Ironside

Flowers		Cleaning	Brasses	
1st	Doris Warner	2nd - 15th		Josie Waghorn & Joy Cunningham
8th	Sue Marsh			
15th	vacant		15th	Pat Feel & Chris Payne
22nd	LENT	16th-Mar 1st		Pat Feek & Doris Warner
Mar 1st	LENT			

**February 18th: ASH WEDNESDAY - Eucharist at 7:30 pm.*

Readings and Readers for February

		1st Reading	1st Reader	2nd Reading	2nd Reader	Gospel
1st	PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (transferred) (Epiphany 4)					
	9:00 am	Malachi 3: 1-5	Simon Marshall	Hebrews 2: 14-end	Caroline Herron	Luke 2: 22-40
	10:00 am	Luke 2: 22-40	DSJ Primary School			
8th	SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT					
	10:00 am	Proverbs 8 1, 23-31	Tony Masters	Colossians 1 15-20	Barry Fisher	John 1 1-14
15th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT					
	10:00 am	2 Kings 2 1-12	Trevor Harwood	2 Corinthians 4 3-6	Peter Wilde	Mark 9 2-9
18th	ASH WEDNESDAY					
	7:30 pm	Joel 2 1-2,12-17	Jill Ironside	2 Corinthians 5 20-6.10	Joy Cunningham	Matthew 6: 1-6,16-21
22nd	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT					
	10:00 am	Genesis 9 8-17	Bill Flegg	1 Peter 3 18-22	Roger Bridgeman	Mark 1 9-15
1st	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT					
	9:00 am	Genesis 17 1-7,15-16	John Worthington	Romans 4 13-25	Martin Fisher	Mark 8 31-38
	10:00 am	Mark 8 31-38	Matt Billyard			

Registers for December

Baptisms: We welcome into the Lord's Family:

7th Tyler Phillip Thompson
Charlie George Thompson

Funerals: We commend to the Lord's keeping:

5th Katie Gray
8th William Joseph Davis
10th Horace Holbrook Dorian Thompson



Letter from the Bishop

This month the church begins the season of Lent – traditionally a time of reflection and prayer when we to reflect on our life as followers of Jesus.

During Lent the story of John the Baptist will be read in our churches. John is a fascinating character who risked being mocked not only for his eccentric dress and his bizarre taste in food (locusts and wild honey – but also for the controversial things he said, calling people to repentance. To ‘repent’ is to turn away, to change direction and do things differently.



John called his hearers to turn away from the mistakes of the past and to re-orientate life in the Christian way. That is the same vocation to which God, through Jesus and his church, calls us today.

As you know, the diocese has begun a Year of Discipleship, running through 2015, and I’m excited about the signs of growth and renewal in our churches which I hope will flow from this initiative. One of the things which set John the Baptist apart was that he was prepared to talk about things that matter – what it is to lead a holy life, how to reflect on our experience through a spiritual lens, how to talk about God, and so on.

I want all of us to be able to talk freely about our faith. My hope and prayer is that the Year of Discipleship will increase our confidence about doing that, and help us to find the words to share the love of God with those we meet in our daily lives, for our faith to be expressed in lives of discipleship and service, enabling us to make a real difference to the life of our communities.

+ Christopher

