



From the Curate

Dear Friends,

The end of August and the beginning of September are known by the French as 'La Rentree'...the return to the cycle of school and work after the holiday period. This year it has coincided with a snap of cold weather, an unwelcome chill after the recent heatwave, though perhaps to be expected after this year's early spring. The return of our excellent choir, the children showing their work towards the end of the service and a hot cup of tea or coffee afterwards will help to raise our spirits and warm our hearts and bodies before we turn on the heating – usually on the 1st October!

On the political scene, the people of Scotland will, on 18th September, have their referendum which will be deciding the shape of Great Britain in the years to come. There is a range of opinion in Scotland both for and against independence, whether to break a bond which has been in existence for three hundred years now. Rev'd Mark, as a Scot, no doubt will have his own views on the issue of the referendum although as a resident of England he will not be able to vote!

When we turn from politics to the Church, the Church of England has had to face many tense moments, it has taken time and patience and courage to work through disagreements ...but many have come to realise that unity does not have to mean uniformity and that one of the glories of the Church is its comprehensiveness, its ability to retain people of differing views within the same organisation. We wait to see whether this may yet be achieved within our 'United Kingdom'.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Sonia

Our sincere condolences go to Jo-Anne Thompson and Rev'd Mark and their family on the passing of Jo-Anne's mother, Audrey.

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In this Month's Priory News ...



Dear All,

Things always tend to be a little quieter during the month of August and you will have

noticed how this has been reflected in the weekly pew sheets where notices have been minimal. However as the days shorten and we begin to feel a chill in the air we can be assured of a resurgence of activities in and around church - some are listed in this month's magazine.

In fact, daring to put on my other hat, as we begin the new session, now would be a very good time to consider joining the choir - well, you could always give it a try and enjoy singing in the Carol Services later in the year - there are no forfeits to pay if you decide you don't like us!

Last month we reported on the success of the hog roast in July. This occasion was slightly marred by the weather damage to two of the gazebos belonging to Junior Church. If you know of anyone who could help us with their repair, or you would like to contribute to the cost of replacement, please contact me. We should like to ensure that we can resolve this problem in time for next spring/summer when they will next be needed. Thank you.

John

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Why not try a vegetarian recipe this month? Margaret's golden vegetable pâté looks a good one to start with.

Our thanks to John Marsh for his picture of St Mary and All Saints Church, Fotheringhay

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.***

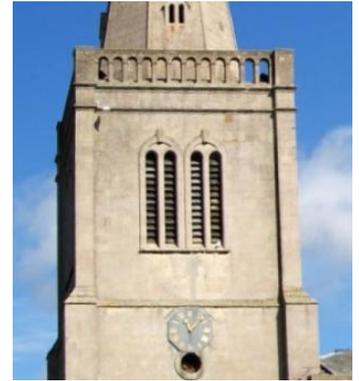
John Worthington, Cranmore Farmhouse, DSJ - Tel: 343860 priorynews@dsj.org.uk
 Please let us have your contributions for the October edition of Priory News **BEFORE** the deadline of **Monday, 22nd. September.** Thank you.

Reports and News

News from the Tower

On August 4th we remembered the declaration of the First World War by the tolling of a bell for each of the men from the village who died in the war.

We held our annual BBQ on Saturday the 26th July at the home of our secretary in Ripplingale. Ringers, Family and friends all enjoyed the afternoon. Thanks to Allan and Benda for hosting the event.



We are currently organising a bellringing tour to some churches near to Holbeach. Whilst planning the route, four of us have to try out the possible venues for lunch to check their suitability!

Mike

Mission Matters

• *Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Boxes)*

Once again we shall be supporting this worthy cause. If you are able to help by filling one or maybe two shoe boxes it would be great. Leaflets will be available at the back of church and in the Post Office. The filled boxes need to be returned to church by the first Sunday in November. Thank you.

• *Homeless/Stronger Together*

Unfortunately, the need for help is still with us. However, the supply has been wonderful - thank you so much - but with winter coming on nothing gets any easier for this situation. Please consider this need when having a clear out. We need items such as: bedding, warm clothing, jeans, shoes and anything in the food line, especially tinned soup. Please put any contributions into Fred's box at the back of church. If you are unable to get to church, collection can be arranged. Contact 01778 348110.

Pat Feek

Tanwen and Ted Fisk will talk during the 10 o'clock service on September 14th about their experiences in helping to build a medical centre in Kenya. This project is ongoing and the Mission Committee are committed to giving further donations to this cause.

The Mission Committee will host a Murder Mystery Evening in the Church Hall on October 4th. Tickets, priced £5, will be available from Penny or Victoria later in September.



The next Knit and Natter meeting will be at 7.30pm on Thursday, 25th September at Cranmore Farmhouse. The bears are completed but we now need to put them into bags before we can send them off. We shall be finishing off the bags with draw strings and considering our next project.

Victoria

The Corpus Christi Chapel Fund

We wish to acknowledge the very generous anonymous donation given recently towards a table for the Corpus Christi Chapel. We are now in a position to start investigating the purchase of a suitable table. Any further donations towards the purchase of chairs will be gratefully received.

Dates for your Diary

- *Lincolnshire Churches Trust*

This year's Sponsored Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday, September 13th. The Trust raises money which is divided equally between churches nominated by participants and Lincolnshire Churches via grants awarded by the Trust. If you would like more information or would like to take part, please see the information at the back of church. We shall also need volunteers to man our church so that participants' sponsor forms can be signed. Please speak to Revd Sonia or one of the Churchwardens if you can assist.

- *A Special Anniversary*

On September 29th, the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, Stan Haworth will be marking the 40th anniversary of his Ordination as priest by celebrating the Eucharist at St. Mary's Finedon. The service will be at 11am. Stan and Kathryn would be very happy to see any friends from The Priory who are able to be present at the service.

- *Picnic at Burghley Park*

Everyone in the congregation, including friends and family, is invited to join us at **Burghley House on Sunday 14th September** for a picnic in the parkland. Please bring your own picnic and we'll aim to meet around 12.30 pm, have lunch together, then a few games such as rounders or cricket. Parking and admission to the parkland at Burghley is free. Anyone requiring a lift should contact Lisa or Jill.

- *From the Mission Committee*

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Victoria

- *Tony's Travels: By The Rivers Of Babylon; Part 10*

My time in Baghdad was over. Job done, time to go home at last, so it was with some satisfaction and relief that I sat back in my seat on the British Airways flight at Baghdad Airport waiting for take off. There were however mixed feelings. Naturally I was longing to see home and family again, but it was sad to think that I would never again sit and chat with Mahmood over breakfast in his coffee shop, or be woken by the call to prayer from the nearby mosque. I would never see Hassan again, that mournful and enigmatic character who seemed to have been struck by the heaviest stone which melancholy can throw at a man. I didn't even know if I would ever meet my friend and colleague Brian again. In fact we were to meet just once more a few years later when we were both on the island of Borneo. Brian was Resident Engineer during construction of a new port facility at Tawau on the east coast and I was in Kota Kinabalu on the west coast, leading an anglo-chinese team designing a major port expansion, so I took an early morning flight across the island to spend a day with him. Alas, our paths never crossed after that.

The flight home from Baghdad was routine but a few things stand out. Climbing in to a clear blue sky streaked with merely a hint of cloud, the desert below baking in the sun and glowing as if coated in beeswax. Then, requesting and being served with a bacon sandwich! I love bacon and for obvious reasons I had been deprived of it for weeks. Then there were views down to the mountains of Syria and Lebanon, the pearly waters of the Mediterranean and eventually the sea around the English coast, dark as wine as we broke through the clouds on our approach to Heathrow.

I had been looking forward to getting away from the hot wind and the blasting sun of Iraq, for when you are cold you can snuggle up to a fire or if you are lucky to a girl, but when you are hot there is nowhere to hide. Even so, on arrival the cold air was a shock. It was spring but it seemed that the arctic sword of winter had not quite sheathed its blade, either that or someone had set the air conditioning much too high. Unreality now took over; I was sitting on a tube train on my way to Kings Cross, I still had the dust of the desert on my shoes, only a few hours earlier I had been in the land of Assyria and Babylon, walking by the banks of the Tigris, but now I was surrounded by silent people in suits

reading newspapers. Had I just awoken from a dream; had I really lived for a time in the 'land that the rivers divide'; did I really go to Baghdad, Ctesiphon, Seleucia and above all Babylon, that feared, fabled and despised city built by its rulers for the honour of their names, the might of their majesty and the power of their kingdom.

Then I was on the train to Peterborough, speeding through a countryside of fields and wet woods, painted in a thousand greens, as if some profligate artist had thrown his palette. Vivid greens that I would previously have taken for granted yet now I could almost taste them, like some soft and sweet green acid. Someone once said that living in England was like living in the heart of a lettuce, I could see his point.

And then I was home. I was back in the bosom of the family, back to the smiling green eyes I had missed so much, back to the office for the next assignment. But who was this 'I', because I was not quite the same man who had set out weeks before. It is a cliché to say that travel broadens the mind, but certainly one of the most profound things about living abroad, immersed in a different culture, is to return and see one's own country through the eyes of a stranger, both its faults and merits. My attitude to and views about other nations, their history, literature, art, food etc. were changed, and I hope for the better.

When I began to write about my time in Baghdad I certainly did not expect it to continue over ten months – just as well or I would never have started. I began by relying on memory but of course with the passage of time that initially firm terrain becomes increasingly broken ground and it was only when I dug out my old journals from the loft that I realised how much I had forgotten, or misremembered.

By far the most important person in my writings has hardly been mentioned, but while I was away she was looking after the children, home and garden, single-handed with no word of complaint. Not once did I need to worry about things at home, all thanks to the hard work and dedication of my wife Christine, so it is right and proper that all the time and effort I have expended on these articles I should in turn dedicate to her.

Tony

(I'm sure we've all enjoyed reading about Tony's interesting exploits over the last several months. Thank you Tony. It might be a hard act to follow but is there anyone else out there bursting with enthusiasm to share some of their experiences of working abroad? - Ed.)

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

1st	Monday	7:30 pm	PCC meeting in Church Hall
3rd	Wednesday	Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher, 604	
4th	Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Home Communion
		7:45 pm	Church Ladies' Fellowship: Opening Service & Supper
5th	Friday	12:00	Wedding of Adrian Atkin & Donna Allen
		Practice Night:	
		6:45 pm	Choir
		7:30 pm	Ringers
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7th	SUNDAY	TRINITY 12 (Proper 18)	
		9:00 am	Holy Communion (said)
		10:00 am	Family Service (<i>with Junior Church</i>)
8th	Monday	The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
11th	Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion
12th	Friday	Practice Night:	
		6:45 pm	Choir
		7:30 pm	Ringers
13th	Saturday	John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, Teacher, 407	
		Lincolnshire Churches Trust: Sponsored Ride & Stride	
		2:30 pm	Wedding of Nicholas McClelland & Claire Burrows
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14th	SUNDAY	TRINITY 13 (Proper 19) Holy Cross Day	
		10:00 am	Sung Eucharist: (<i>Speakers: Ted & Tanwen Fisk</i>)
		Children's Church recommences at 9:50 am	
15th	Monday	Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	
16th	Tuesday	Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, 432	
17th	Wednesday	Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179	

18th	Thursday	9:30 am 7:45 pm	Holy Communion Church Ladies' Fellowship: World War I
19th	Friday	Practice Night: 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Choir Ringers
20th	Saturday	John Coleridge Patteson, first Bishop of Melanesia, Martyr, 1871 12:30 pm	Wedding of Jefferson Blades & Sarah Howe

21st SUNDAY TRINITY 14 (Proper 20) MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

10:00 am Sung Eucharist
6:00 pm Choral Evensong

25th Thursday Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626
9:30 am Holy Communion

26th Friday Practice Night:
6:45 pm Choir
7:30 pm Ringers

27th Saturday Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists, 1660

28th SUNDAY TRINITY 15 (Proper 21)

10:00 am Sung Eucharist

29th Monday MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

OCTOBER

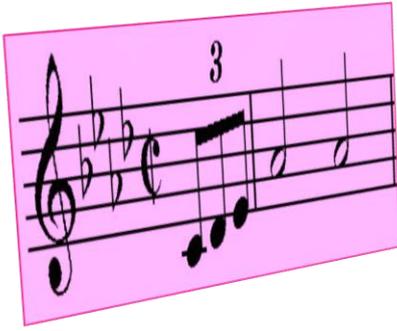
2nd Thursday 9:30 am Holy Communion
10:30 am Home Communions
7:45 pm Church Ladies' Fellowship: To the Black Sea & Back

3rd Friday Practice Night:
6:45 pm Choir
7:30 pm Ringers

4th Saturday Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

5th SUNDAY TRINITY 16 (Proper 22)

9:00 am Holy Communion (said)
10:00 am Family Service



Getting to Know You...

You will remember Barry as our MC at the Old Time Music Hall a few months ago and since then (although probably not as a direct result of that appearance!) he has become a valued member of the PCC. Shelagh has joined our team of sidespersons.

I was born in Queen Mary's hospital Stratford east London in 1943, and after the stipulated time in said institution was taken home to our flat in Leyton, which in those days was in Essex. My dad was in the army, and was not demobbed until 1946, so I was three years old before I met him. Although I was an only child, I had a very happy childhood, playing in the street or in the unused part of the local R.C. cemetery.

Disaster struck when I was just twelve, when my mother died of lung cancer. For the next two and a half years my dad looked after me, and during this time he met the lady who was to become my step-mother. When they married we moved to Hackney Wick in the east end of London, and I gained an elder brother and sister. Fortunately we all got on very well and I had a very happy home life.

I attended Ruckholt Manor secondary school, and did fairly well. I represented the school at swimming, running and badminton, and was a house captain. I left school at fifteen and got an apprenticeship with G.P.O. Telephones, where I stayed for the next forty two and a half years. In that time, I maintained telephone exchanges, instructed at a training school, fitted early digital equipment, but never fitted a phone.

In nineteen sixty I met Kay who was to become my first wife, and we married at Saint Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick, Eton Mission, on June the nineteenth 1965. We moved back to Leyton, where we had our two children, Keren and Toby. Keren left school and joined the Royal Air Force and subsequently became a police officer, now a sergeant, and Toby, who was born, blind went on to university and worked in computers. Unfortunately the condition that caused his blindness also affected his kidneys, and he died aged twenty nine in 2006 and Kay who developed chest complications died the following August.



I met Shelagh via the internet in 2010, we moved to Deeping St James, married at the Priory Church in 2012 and are enjoying making a new life together.

Barry Fisher

● *Reflections Flower Festival,*

July 24th-27th, 2014,
at St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

This flower festival was held to celebrate St Edmundsbury's 100 years of worship as a cathedral church, serving the diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. All flower clubs in the East of England Area were invited to participate, and although not all took part, a great many did. Quite a few ladies from Werrington & District (of which I am a member) volunteered. Consequently we were given a large area and our theme was "Flanders Field" to commemorate the First World War. Nine of us plus a couple of helpers spent two days in the cathedral to create two arrangements, one each side of the east end of the nave. The photographs show the end results of our efforts.



After ideas were thrown around we decided to show the dark side of war going into the light with poppies, wheat and other field grasses, and culminating with a ten foot high contemporary curtain at the back of each design which all the flower club members had made during a members' evening. To finish the arrangements, books of WW1 poetry were placed at the front of each arrangement with British Legion poppies in front. It was a

very moving experience and I enjoyed taking part.

A lady from the British Legion came to view the festival and expressed her appreciation of our interpretation of Flanders Fields.

Christine Masters

Rotas for September

Servers

	9:00 am	10:00 am	6:00 pm
7th	Geoff	Paul	-
14th	-	Simon & John	-
21st	-	John & Paul	Geoff
28th	-	Simon & John	-
Oct 5th	Geoff	Paul	-

Sidesmen

7th	E	Liz Bridgeman, Bill and Margaret Flegg
14th	F	Val Wilde, Doris Bellairs and Christine Masters
21st	A	Jane Thompson and Adrian Hallam
28th	B	Ann Meekings and Shelagh Fisher
Oct 5th	C	Tim Hitchborn and Cled Bennett

Intercessions

	9:00 am	10:00 am
7th	Jo Astle	Vicki Billyard
14th	-	Niccy Fisher
21st	-	Tony Masters
28th	-	Bet Washbrooke
Oct 5th	Sonia Marshall	Roger Bridgeman

Bread and Wine

7th	Martin & Niccy Fisher (9.00 am)	John and Sue Marsh
14th	Cled & Ann Bennett	Ann Bennett & Penny Hebblewhite
21st	Caroline Herron & Linda Sellars	Liz Spratley & Linda Sellars
28th	Carole Mills & Joy Cunningham	Lin Witherington & Joan Dyke
Oct 5th	John & Victoria Worthington (9.00 am)	Pat Feek & Doris Warner

Coffee

Flowers		Cleaning	Brasses	
7th	Eileen Day	Sept 1st- 14th		Liz Spratley & Sandra Jones
14th	Mary Hamilton		7th	Bill & Margaret Flegg
21st	Christine Masters	15th-28th		John & Linda Sellars
28th	Mr Bond	29th-Oct 12th		Janet Lill & Marion Stevens
Oct 5th	Harvest		4th	Joan Dyke & Linda Mann

Readings and Readers for September

		1st Reading	1st Reader	2nd Reading	2nd Reader	Gospel
7th	TRINITY 12 (Proper 18)					
	9:00 am	Ezekiel 33: 7-11	Cled Bennett	Romans 13: 8-end	Caroline Herron	Matthew 18: 15-20
	10:00 am	Genesis 6: 11-14,7:1-5	Lisa Goodchild			
14th	TRINITY 13 (Proper 19) Holy Cross Day					
	10:00 am	Numbers 21: 4-9	Nicky Fisher	Philippians 2: 6-11	Joy Cunningham	John 3: 13-17
21st	MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST (Trinity 14 : Proper 20)					
	10:00 am	Proverbs 3: 13-18	Jacob Boswall	2 Corinthians 4: 1-6	Bill Flegg	Matthew 9: 9-13
	6:00 pm	Psalm 119: 33-40,89-96		Ecclesiastes 5: 4-12		Matthew 19: 16-end
28th	TRINITY 15 (Proper 21)					
	10:00 am	Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end	Barry Fisher	Philippians 2: 1-13	Liz Bridgeman	Matthew 21: 23-32
Oct 5th	HARVEST FESTIVAL (Trinity 16 : Proper 22)					
	9:00 am	Deuteronomy 8: 7-18	Simon Marshall	2 Corinthians 9: 6-15	Martin Fisher	Luke 12: 16-30
	10:00 am	Luke 12: 16-30	Hannah Foot			

Registers for July

Baptisms: ***We welcome into the Lord's family:***

6th Violet May Adams

Weddings: ***We congratulate:***

12th Steven Barker and Laura Coles

Funerals: ***We commend to God's keeping:***

7th Phyllis Norah Didlick

Cooking with Margaret

Golden Vegetable Pâté



Ingredients:

1 Onion, sliced
1-2 Garlic Cloves
125g Carrot, chopped
125g Swede, chopped
1-2 teaspoons grated Orange Zest
1½ Tablespoons cream cheese, ½
teaspoon ground coriander
freshly grated nutmeg
freshly ground pepper.

Serves 4

Method:

Place the onion in a small heavy-based saucepan and cover with the lid. Heat over a gentle heat for 10 minutes, shaking the pan occasionally until the onion starts to soften but not brown.

Add the garlic, carrots and swede to the pan, with enough boiling water to cook them. Simmer until the vegetables are tender. If possible evaporate off any remaining water, if too much is left to do this, pour it off and retain it to use as stock. Cool the vegetables.

Add the orange zest, cream cheese and the coriander to the vegetables; process in a small blender or liquidiser until smooth. Season to taste with nutmeg and pepper. Chill for at least 1 hour or overnight before serving.



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



Letter from the Bishop of Lincoln

I am frequently struck by the fact that our diocese is one of many contrasts. We stretch from Grimsby to Grantham, from Scunthorpe to Skegness. There is lots and lots of farmland of course - much of it among the country's best - but there are significant urban centres too. The long coastline which is home to some of us also welcomes many thousands of holidaymakers every year, as well providing employment in busy ports. And just as this landscape of ours is full of contrasts, so too is this time of year. The colours of the leaves begin to change and the blossom of earlier in the year turns to "mellow fruitfulness" as Keats would have it. Yet against this natural backdrop of dying away, many of our young people are preparing for exciting and new opportunities and challenges, perhaps a change of school, or getting ready to live away from home for the first time as a student at college or university. Others of us are returning to work after a welcome holiday, and clubs and societies are beginning new programmes and seasons again after the summer break.



This time of contrasts is echoed in the heartbeat of our faith. We are followers of Jesus Christ who died in order to rise to new life, and who tells us that we must do the same. This month I shall be commissioning our new diocesan discipleship team. Under the leadership of the Archdeacon of Boston, and through their work with mission communities across the diocese, they will be charged with enabling us to think more deeply about our faith: to answer the call of Jesus in our life; to deepen our own discipleship; to introduce others to our faith; to proclaim the good news of the resurrection and hope of new life.

May God bless each one of us in our new endeavours.

+ Christopher Lincoln :