

## *St Mary's Church News*



### *Precious Time*

The other day I went to visit my grandson who I haven't seen for months; we went to the zoo. "Oh, look at the lions," I said as we walked towards the first enclosure, but no, "I want to see the frogs," came back his reply. We marched passed screeching birds, inquisitive meerkats, itchy lemurs, pausing only briefly to watch turtles and pythons before moving on to see the frogs. They were asleep! Undeterred my two-year-old grandson set off to watch fur seals being fed, a baby gorilla and finally the flamingos. We even saw a monster. "I'm not scared, I'm a vet," he announced to the park keepers. Then he found a merry-go-round and a sand pit to play in. Finally, he spotted a sticker book and a story about a dinosaur; he seems to be able to name all the dinosaurs.

It was a precious afternoon, grandma, grandad, and grandson, enjoying one another, enjoying time together, time we have missed for so long. The happiness we shared, each experiencing the moment uniquely made me wonder about what it is like for each of us as we get back to meeting up, or what it will be like meeting in church.

Some of us I suspect will want to share all that has happened, others more reserved, but for each of us the experiences of the last year, though lived by us all, will have been experienced uniquely. And I suppose what I want to say is that no matter how this last year has been God is always

ready to listen and live it with you. You may have spent time apart, or perhaps never really had the chance to meet with God, but God loves spending time with us.

In life there will always be things we just rush by and miss, or events we thought important but really weren't. And there will be play times and monsters, but with God, we need never be scared, lonely or afraid. Just don't be too busy to miss the precious moments of time together; you'll know them because they are the moments filled with love.

God bless,  
 Revd. Paul

*['Precious Time' was submitted too late to be included in the print version of the NEWS. I hope you enjoy reading it here. The Editor]*

### Readings for September

Date	Sunday	First Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
5th	14th Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 22 1-2, 8-9, 22-23	James 2 1-10 [11-13] 14-17	Mark 7 24-end
12th	15th Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 1 20-33	James 3 1-12	Mark 8 27-end
19th	16th Sunday after Trinity	Proverbs 31 10-end	James 3 13-4. 3 7-8a	Mark 9 30-37
26th	17th Sunday after Trinity	Esther 7 1-6, 9, 10 9.20-22	James 5 13-end	Mark 9 38-end

### Services and Prayers

#### Services

Because we are regularly updating our services in response to the government's roadmap and in line with Church of England guidance, we can't publish details here. Please visit our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information on our services, both online and in person, or call Revd Adam on 565244.

#### Private Prayer at St Mary's

10am to 12 noon every Monday. There is no need to book in advance, just turn up wearing a face covering.

## Morning Prayers

Please visit our website (<https://www.weltondunholmescothernchurches.com>) if you would like to join our morning prayer service, offered Tuesday to Friday at 9.30am.

## Light Up St Mary's

St Mary's church will be floodlit in September as follows:

- ♥ Saturday 11th: **Marjorie Bassett**. "In loving memory of a wonderful Mum, Nan and Great-Nan, on the 100th anniversary of her birthday."
- ♥ Sunday 12th: **Harold Storr**. "In loving memory of Harold, whose 101st birthday it would have been today."
- ♥ Tuesday 14th: **Phil Teal**. "On the first anniversary of Phil's passing. Greatly missed by Diane, Joanne, Barry, Ross, Eve and friends. Always loved."
- ♥ Thursday 23rd: **Albert Bassett MBE**. "In loving memory of a wonderful Dad, father-in-law and Grandad. Still greatly missed."
- ♥ Friday 24th: **Macmillan Care**. "Remembering, with much thanks, the fantastic support given to individuals and their families by this wonderful charity. Remember that somewhere on this day coffee mornings are taking place that are in need of your support, please help if you can."
- ♥ Thursday 30th: **Dave Radford**. "Remembering Dave Radford, resident of Welton for 30 years, on the first anniversary of his passing. A special thank you to the ladies who befriended Dave as they travelled together on the Tesco bus on Fridays! I will always love you. Karen xxx."

***Do you have a special occasion that you might like to mark by sponsoring the floodlighting of your beautiful church?***

**Coming soon:** sponsorship of the star that sits on top of the tower. If you have a star student in your family, why not light up the star just for them?

All it takes is a donation of £10, which will go towards the upkeep of your precious building. Call Peter Everett on 861253 for further details or drop the details through the door at 33 Musgraves Orchard and we will do the rest. If you want a message put in the **NEWS** for the month in question, let Peter have it before the 15th of the preceding month so we can meet the deadline. Thank you and God bless!

## *From the Registers*

We share in the sadness of those who mourn the death of a loved one, remembering those whose funeral has taken place or whose cremated remains have been laid to rest recently:

2nd August: May Bontoft; burial in Ashing Lane cemetery following a service at St Lawrence, Bardney

We share in the joy of those recently married in the church:

14th August: Miles Fielding and Katie Willson

29th August: Dean Bullimore and Carly Forbes

We welcome into the family of God's church through Holy baptism:

1st August: Reggie Isham

22nd August: Millie Hill and Harley Merrix

22nd August: Clementine Clark,

29th August: Ada Archer

### *Threechurchespray*

During September, St Mary's, St Chad's and St Germain's churches in our benefice will be praying for Welton streets as follows: Dunholme Road, Ryland Bridge, Roselea Avenue, Dunholme Close, Ryland Gardens, Orchard Close, Meadow Way and The Pastures.

If you would like to join us as prayer triplets or would like to know a bit more before you make up your mind, please contact Glyn on 861907 or Dave on 860986.