

**Jul****Diary for July**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Worship for All 10.30am at Egmonton  
1<sup>st</sup> Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Bob Jones  
8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 10.30am at Laxton  
8<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl  
10<sup>th</sup> Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Community Centre  
15<sup>th</sup> Morning Prayer 10.30am at Kneesall  
15<sup>th</sup> Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Philip Holmes  
22<sup>nd</sup> Holy Communion 10.30am at Wellow  
22<sup>nd</sup> Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl  
25<sup>th</sup> W.I. Visit to Winkburn Hall  
29<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 10.30am at Kneesall  
29<sup>th</sup> Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev David Greenwood

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- 5<sup>th</sup> Worship for All 10.30am at Wellow

Please see reverse side for the complete listing of services in the benefice.

**Bill Hemsley Community Centre Notes.**

**Booking the hall.** Tel: Kevin Gray 01623 863618, 07860 921431; email [Kevin.gray@acsscal.co.uk](mailto:Kevin.gray@acsscal.co.uk) before arranging a booking.

**J Team.** Fridays 5.30-6.30pm during term-time for 5 - 11 years. For more details contact Tessa Rolph 01777 872034.

**Pre-School & Playgroup** Please contact Jeanette Connolly 07984 265884, [kneesallpreschool@googlemail.com](mailto:kneesallpreschool@googlemail.com) , or drop in to a session located in St Bartholomew's Church Kneesall.

The children of Kneesall Preschool Playgroup would like to say a great big hearty "Thank You" to all those listed below for creating such a wonderful vegetable garden and potting area for the preschoolers. The community generosity has totally transformed a wasteland area into a magnificent, colourful vegetable garden complete with rockery and wildflowers.

We would like to thank all the committee members, partners and their children, the Parochial Church Council, Mr. I Thorne, Danytas, Nottingham Sleeper Company, Key Builders, A1 Flue Systems, John @ Milton, Hart's Butchers, Wilkinson's, Marks & Spencer, Tesco and everyone else for their time, donations, equipment, land and materials. Thank You!

**Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm**

**Tax Credit.** Don't forget to complete your Tax Credit Annual Declaration as soon as possible, or you could lose your Tax Credits.

Not sure if your child will be continuing school/college? – get advice.

**Closure of Ollerton CAB outreach services.** It is with great regret that we announce the closure of the outreach services from 30<sup>th</sup> June, at Bilsthorpe, Blidworth and Clipstone due to the lack of funding. We are urgently looking for sources of funding in order to reinstate the outreach services as soon as possible. Information and advice are available: general drop-in advice service at the Ollerton office as normal, including specialist advice in Welfare Benefits and Debt: Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30 am – 2.30 pm 5 Forest Court, New Ollerton; by telephoning the North Notts Advice Line: Monday to Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm From landlines: (0844) 856 3411 From mobiles: (0300) 456 8369 Or see: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

**Community Safety Partnership** Be on your guard against seasonal crime: remember to lock your doors and windows even if you are outside in the garden; do not leave ground floor windows open at night; ensure garden sheds and outbuildings are secure; remove belongings from inside your vehicles, as even the smallest items can attract thieves, who will smash a car window to get their hands on. Shed security: fit a tough pad bar secured with coach bolts and a strong padlock to the door; replace standard hinges with strap hinges secured by coach bolts; fit a battery-operated shed alarm; chain tools, cycles and other valuable equipment together or to a ground anchor; mark the contents, taking photos and noting the serial numbers; it is better not to fit windows to sheds, but if yours has a window, fit a grill and/or frosted film to prevent potential thieves seeing what's in your shed; install outside security lighting, giving coverage to the shed; secure access to your garden by locking gates and use thorny bushes next to walls and fences to prevent climbing; remember to secure gardening tools as they could be used to break into your home; don't leave ladders easily accessible. Vehicle catalytic converters: if you can, park your vehicle in a locked garage when it is unattended, otherwise park in a busy well-lit area, as close to your home as possible; consider fitting a Thatcham approved alarm to your vehicle; use a catalytic converter protection device or marking scheme. PC Tony Hayes

**Make a date for your calendar or diary - Deadline for entries in August 2012 Knatter is 24<sup>th</sup> July.**



## LETTER FROM THE REV CHRIS LEVY

Dear All,

After all the hectic activity of the Jubilee weekend life returns to normal. Or does it? What do we mean by normal? The country will soon be gripped by the Olympics. Some will try to soak up every minute, whilst others will be trying to do their best to avoid them. Either way they are happening and will not go away.

In July as well there is our Open Churches Weekend. Over two weekends (July 14/15 and 21/22) many Churches in the Diocese will be opening up for visitors. Some will be organising events to attract visitors. Others will just open their doors and let people in to come and look at their buildings. It is always a shame that by their very nature Churches should be there for all members of our communities, yet, for much of the time they are closed. The days of going anywhere in the country and finding Churches open are long gone. The main problem seems to be the fear of theft or damage. Sometimes we are reluctant to have our buildings open if there is not anyone who can be there just in case. On the other hand it is good for people to be there to offer a warm welcome and to be ready to talk about the Church and answer visitors' questions. Although not as many people come to our Churches for worship there are still many people who are interested in the buildings as reminders of times past. In our Churches we see many different styles of architecture ranging from a long time ago to modern times. As many may know this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the restored Coventry Cathedral. At the time seen as radical but accepted so readily today.

As a nation we do not always appreciate the many fine buildings that we have. Many a PCC complains that everyone wants Churches maintained but it is often left to a few to raise the necessary funds to do so. Those who have to undertake restoration work have been much relieved by the Chancellor's decision to reverse his proposal regarding VAT on building works in our Churches. This is right. Surely Church buildings that have been built in times gone by are monuments for all people and not just for a particular village or town. The Church exists to welcome in people. Ideally we would like to see them at worship on Sundays. If not, then they should be able to visit them at other times, admire them and find a Holy place set apart from the rest of the World. Our village Churches have just as an important part as our major Cathedrals in providing hospitality and a space for people to withdraw into in order to encounter the living God. Hopefully we will continue this work of welcoming others into our Churches. Also when we go around our country when we enter other peoples' churches let us hope we are made welcome and also respect them as places wherein we too can encounter God.

In Psalm 122 the writer speaks about the Temple in Jerusalem but the sentiments expressed can easily be applied to any of our Churches:-

I was glad when they said unto me,  
'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls,

And security within your towers'. Christopher.

### Sunday 1st July

8.00am Walesby  
9.00am Rufford  
10.30am Eglington  
6.00pm Walesby

### Trinity 4

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Worship for All  
Evening Prayer

### Sunday 8th July

9.00am Walesby  
10.30am Laxton  
6.00pm Eglington

### Trinity 5

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Evening Prayer

### Monday 9th July

9.00am Wellow

Morning Prayer

### Sunday 15th July

8.00am Walesby  
9.00am Eglington  
9.00am Moorhouse  
10.30am Kirton  
10.30am *Kneesall*  
6.00pm Wellow

### Trinity 6/ St Swithin

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
*Morning Prayer*  
Holy Communion

### Sunday 22nd July

8.00am Eglington  
9.00am Walesby  
10.30am Wellow  
6.00pm Laxton

### Trinity 7/Mary Magdalen

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Evening Prayer

### Sunday 29th July

9.00am Kirton  
10.30am *Kneesall*

### Trinity 8

Holy Communion  
*Holy Communion*

### Monday 30th July

9.00am Wellow

Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 1st August

8.00am Laxton

### Lammas

Holy Communion

### Sunday 5th August

8.00am Walesby  
9.00am Rufford  
10.30am Wellow  
6.00pm Walesby

### Trinity 9

Holy Communion  
Holy Communion  
Worship for All  
Evening Prayer