

Jun**Diary for June**

- 3rd Maypole Service 6.00pm at Wellow
3rd Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Irene Shawcroft
10th Holy Communion 10.30am at Kneesall
10th Anniversary Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl & the Gospel Sound Choir
17th Holy Communion 10.30am at Wellow
17th Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Sally Jones
24th Holy Communion 10.30am at Laxton
24th Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Ann Anderson
27th W.I. Talk: The Life of Noel Coward

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- 1st Worship for All 10.30am at Egmonton
1st Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Bob Jones
10th Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Community Centre

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@aesseeal.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, or drop in to a session located in St Bartholomew's Church Kneesall.

Kneesall Village Diamond Jubilee Street Party. Sunday 3rd June 2012 It will start at 12 noon and include activities for the children. The format will be the same as last year with tables being provided and people to bring their own food and drink.

The accounts of the Parish Council for Kneesall, Kersall and Ompton are available for residents to inspect. If any one is interested then please contact Pat Hurt, Clerk on 01623 861155 to arrange a time.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 10th July 7.30pm

Wedding. Nikki Randall (Sylvia Hemsley's granddaughter) and Bradley Wilson were married in Kneesall Church on Saturday 12th May. May God bless them in their marriage. Ian Thorne, Churchwarden.

Circuit Fitness Class Coming Soon A new exercise class is planned for the area, so if you are looking for a fun way to get fitter or to keep fit, this might be just the thing for you. No special equipment or previous experience necessary. Circuit training is unique because everybody works to their own fitness and strength no matter their age, gender or previous injury setbacks. The exercises are varied so you will never have two sessions the same and never get bored! Exercise can and will be made enjoyable. The hour will fly past! Venue: Egmonton Village Hall; Day & Time: Monday 7.00pm-8.00pm; Date: To be confirmed. Limited to 12 places so reserve yours asap! £30 for 6 weeks...LOSE UP TO A STONE IN THAT TIME! To find our more and to discuss whether the class would be suitable for you, contact Gavin for details: Tel: 07919385323 Email: gavin@voque-fitness.co.uk

WHEN MOTHERS' (UNION) KNOWS BEST Cooking at its best has come to the Diocese – The Diocesan Mothers' Union have collected the ingredients in the form of recipes from their members, they have been successfully chopped, stirred and baked by Lucille Porter and Marian Welham and the tasty result will be available to everyone when the book "Mothers' Onions" is launched in June. There are recipes for delicious starters, tempting main courses, scrumptious puddings and, of course, stunning bakes – all put into their Seasons and accompanied by illustrations by another of our members. All this comes at the very economical price of £5.00 – where else can you get such a bargain? The proceeds will go to funding our Away From It All (AFIA) project in the Diocese which pays for needy families to have a holiday – so hurry along to the nearest Mothers' Union Branch and get your copies – they will be going like hot cakes. Copies may also be ordered from: Alison Jacobson, Trebeck Hall, Bishop's Drive, Southwell, Notts NG25 0HD email: mumagic@southwellminster.org.uk Cost £6.50 to include package and postage (Please make cheque payable to 'Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham Mothers' Union')

Make a date for your calendar or diary - Deadline for entries in July 2012 Knatter is 24th June.

LETTER FROM THE REV CHRIS LEVY

Dear All,

Unless you have just returned from a long stay on a distant planet you will be aware of the long Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of June. You will also know that it is to mark the National celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In all of our communities events have been organised and the opportunity is there for people to have a good time, if they so choose. Within the whole Benefice there will be two special services on June 3rd to mark this occasion. At 10.30am there will be a service of thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Kirton. At 6.00pm in Wellow we have the annual Maypole Service and we will ensure that it also reflects the significance of the weekend.

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity."

These words come from St Paul writing to his co-worker Timothy. In them we see some of the ambiguity that the early Church had with earthly monarchs. Some had suspected that Jesus had come to establish himself as a King. In one sense they were right, yet in another they were wrong. Jesus made it clear that he did not come to overthrow any king and take over their kingdom. Instead he came to establish a new kingdom for God which was divine and hence not of this earth. This was achieved by his death and resurrection. In the days of the early Church many people were of the opinion that Jesus would soon return, overcome earthly ways and establish the Kingdom of God in its place. This would mean that there would be no place for Kings as we know them.

This then raises the dilemma for those Christians as to whether or not they subject themselves to the authority of their rulers, or turn their backs on them and await the second coming of Jesus? St Paul, himself, was eager to see Jesus return but there was a practical problem. In the meantime people still needed to continue living peaceably within their communities. To openly speak out against their earthly masters could have led to arrest, prison and even worse. This would then exclude them from carrying out the real work that God intended them to do. Hence it would seem that St Paul was being very pragmatic in the advice which he gave. Do not rock the boat. This does not address the issue as to what to do if those rulers were behaving in a way that was contrary to Christian morality.

Since the times of St Paul history reveals other instances of this tension between the ideals of the Church and the state. Many Christians have been martyred by Kings and disputes have raged on many other occasions. Today, for our part, within the Church of England the Queen is seen as the head of the Church. The position of the Church as it is established means it has a different relationship with the monarchy than in most other countries. The Church plays an important part in state events and the monarch, for instances, always opens the new sessions of General Synod. Hence it is important that the Church continues to play its part in these celebrations as we give thanks to God for the fact that the Queen has been our monarch for sixty years and ask God to bless her in the future.

Christopher.

LOOKING AHEAD

Two important dates for your diaries this summer:

June 23rd Evensong in the chapel of Clumber Park followed by a picnic for the whole benefice. The service is at 3.00 and if you are a member of the National Trust you can obviously drive in and park for free as usual. For those who would like to come and do not belong to the NT we have a number of passes that will enable you to park for free as well. Will car owners who wish to come on June 23rd let non car owners know and offer lifts in order that as many people as possible can be there for this outing. Please bring food to eat and share.

On July 7th we are arranging a Pilgrimage to Egmonton for the members of those Churches where their clergy belong to the Society of Catholic Priests (SCP). I am currently Rector of the Diocesan group of clergy and it would be good to see our benefice well represented when our visitors come.

Sunday 3rd June	Trinity	Sunday 10th June	Trinity 1
8.00am Walesby	Holy Communion	9.00am Walesby	Holy Communion
9.00am Rufford	Holy Communion	10.30am Kneesall	Holy Communion
10.30am Kirton	Jubilee	6.00pm Egmonton	Evening Prayer
6.00pm Wellow	Maypole	Monday 11th June	
		9.00am Wellow	Morning Prayer
Sunday 17th June	Trinity 2	Sunday 24th June	Trinity 3
8.00am Walesby	Holy Communion	8.00am Egmonton	Holy Communion
9.00am Egmonton	Holy Communion	9.00am Walesby	Holy Communion
9.00am Moorhouse	Holy Communion	10.30am Laxton	Holy Communion
10.30am Wellow	Holy Communion		
10.30am Kirton	Holy Communion		
Monday 25th June			
9.00am Wellow	Morning Prayer		
Sunday 1st July	Trinity 4		
8.00am Walesby	Holy Communion		
9.00am Rufford	Holy Communion		
10.30am Egmonton	Worship for All		
6.00pm Walesby	Evening Prayer		