

KNEESALL KNATTER

Year 30 Number 1

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May 2012

May

Diary for May

- 6th Holy Communion 10.30am at Kneesall
6th Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Philip Holmes
13th Rogation Service 10.30am at Laxton Common (Laxton Church in bad weather)
13th Service 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl
15th Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm in Community Centre.
20th Holy Communion 10.30am at Wellow
20th Service 6.30pm at Ompton
23rd W.I. Annual General Meeting
27th Worship For All with the School 10.30am at Kneesall
27th Holy Communion 6.30pm at Ompton with Rev Clare Burl

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- 3rd Maypole Service 6.00pm 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@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.

Morning Prayer. On Sunday 22nd April, we had the first Morning Prayer Service taken by a priest in the Church for many years. This experiment was judged beautiful and soothing by the congregation. More such Services will be held in future. Everybody is most welcome. Please come if you can. Ian Thorne, Churchwarden.

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.

Laxton Walks Early risers and those working through a list of unlikely things to do before they die are invited to meet Stuart at 5am - yes really 5am - at the Visitor Centre beside the Dovecote Inn or shortly afterwards at Laxton Castle on **Tuesday May 1st**. There will be a chance to watch Rattlejag Morris Team dance in the May; partake in a BBQ breakfast and a drink and join Stuart and Lynda Milner from Notts Wildlife Trust in a walk to identify the feathered members of the dawn chorus from their song. B&B is available in the village for anyone wanting to be on the spot for such an early start. The full walk takes in all three open fields but there are shortcuts back for anyone who has to go to work. Walkers on this annual event normally hear or see around 30 different species. If you stay the full course, expect to return to the car park about 10am. Everyone is welcome. For more information about any of these events, please call Stuart on **07939 228353**.

Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper Saturday 5th May in Maplebeck Village Hall. Arrive at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own tippie (glasses provided) Tickets £10 per person (Teams up to six people)
Contact: Brendan Carson 01636 636185 Finish the evening with a nightcap in the Beehive Inn.

I'm sure many in the village will share a sense of loss following the death of **Sylvia Hudson**, after a short illness, on 28th March. She and her late husband Dave moved to the School House in Kneesall in the early 80s and both were closely involved in village life over the years. She was a good friend to all of us, and will be remembered and missed by her neighbours and all those who knew her.

Tax Credits – has yours stopped or reduced? From 6th April, there have been changes to payments of Tax Credits. You may: stop getting tax credits if your income is too high, or: have to work extra hours to continue getting tax credits, and; only backdate changes by 1 month, instead of 3 months. If you don't understand what has happened to your Tax Credits: telephone the helpline on 0345 300 3900, or visit a Citizens Advice Bureau for advice and a benefits check. You may be entitled to other benefits you aren't aware of. For further information and advice, contact: North Notts Advice Line 0844 856 3411 Monday to Friday 10.00am-2.00pm, or visit your local CAB at 5 Forest Court, New Ollerton Mon/Wed/Fri 9.30am-2.30pm. Or see www.adviceguide.org.uk

BT Newark and Mansfield telephone directory. Despite the resounding response from the villagers last year in the call to reinstate Kneesall into the Newark & Mansfield directory, BT have issued a Mid Lincolnshire Directory this year. We would be interested to know how many people requested and received a Newark & Mansfield directory last year (the number given was 0800 833 400 Option 1 or email bt.classified@bt.com). Please call 01623 863747 or email r.lawrence747@btinternet.com Thank you.

Make a date for your calendar or diary - Deadline for entries in June 2012 Knatter is **3rd June**.

LETTER FROM THE REV CHRIS LEVY

Dear All,

In the Church we often talk about the importance of the forty days of Lent; the period leading up to Holy Week and Easter. In my mind the forty days after Easter Day to the Ascension are also very important as well. I see it as a time for putting things in order and then farewells.

Consider the Disciples. They thought once Jesus had been arrested and taken off for crucifixion that was the end. All Jesus had previously told them about the necessity of his dying had been forgotten. They seemed to lose faith in him and thought that now was the time to return to their lives the way they had been before. How, though, could their lives ever be the same again? Surely there was something about the experience of meeting Jesus that would impact upon them forever. Life is full of such times. We meet someone and at the time do not realise how important to us they will be. Sometimes we might only know them for a brief while, yet their influence over us can last a life time.

Even if Jesus had not appeared to the disciples in that upper room I think in time they would have seen that they had a piece of work to do. They needed to tell others about Jesus and how he could dramatically change their lives too.

The resurrection was important in as much that it shows God's power over death. The other works of Jesus are also important as they show the extent of God's love towards mankind and how he expects us to love him in return. The reunion between master and disciples also shows the way in which God can forgive us whatever wrong we might do. Peter, most of all, looked for Jesus to show him that he was forgiven for his denials. But how do we approach others to ask for forgiveness? How hard it can be sometimes to utter the word 'sorry'. In this instance Jesus opens the way by asking Peter three times, 'Do you love me?' Peter may have thought it a silly question. Of course I do he replies. In that case says Jesus do my work and look after my flock. This is forgiveness. Peter may well have thought he had lost his place as the rock because he had proven weak in time of trouble. But as far as Jesus is concerned failure can be turned into strength in order that we might serve him even better. When we consider ourselves as failures because we let Jesus down think of Peter and how he was restored to his place by Jesus.

Then at the Ascension we have time to say goodbye. Not, though, for ever. Jesus promises the disciples that he will be with them till the end of time. As they go about their work he will be there with them enabling them by the power of the Holy Spirit to see through their tasks. Often we say farewell to loved ones knowing that we will see them soon. Sometimes we fear that it will be a while before we are together again. We all know and understand the pain of separation and the joy of being re-united. So it will be for the disciples. Sorrow is turned into joy and they are able to leave the mountain rejoicing and praising God. The message of the Easter season is that one day we too will be with our Lord and discover true joy for ourselves.

"Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia.

To his throne above the skies; Alleluia

Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia

Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia. Christopher

Sunday 6th May	Easter 5	Sunday 13th May	Rogation Day
8.00am Walesby	Holy Communion	9.00am Walesby	Holy Communion
9.00am Rufford	Holy Communion	10.30am Laxton Common	Rogation (Church in bad weather)
10.30am Kneesall	Holy Communion	6.00pm Eganton	Evening Prayer
6.00pm Walesby	Evening Prayer		
Monday 14th May		Thursday 17th May	Ascension Day
9.00am Wellow	Morning Prayer	7.00pm Laxton	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th May	Easter 7		
8.00am Walesby	Holy Communion		
9.00am Eganton	Holy Communion		
9.00am Moorhouse	Holy Communion		
10.30am Wellow	Holy Communion		
10.30am Kirton	Holy Communion		
Sunday 27th May	Pentecost		
8.00am Eganton	Holy Communion		
9.00am Walesby	Holy Communion		
10.30am Kneesall	Worship for All with the School		
10.30am Kirton	Holy Communion		
6.00pm Wellow	Evening Prayer		
Sunday 3rd June	Trinity		
8.00am Walesby	Holy Communion		
9.00am Rufford	Holy Communion		
10.30am Kirton	Jubilee		
6.00pm Wellow	Maypole		