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**Ringing Practice :** 1st. & 3rd. Thursday each month 7.15pm. to 9.00pm.



## Three Churches Newsletter

Summer 2016

United Benefice of Crick,  
Yelvertoft & Lilbourne

Welcome to this summer edition of the three churches newsletter.

This edition contains the following articles:

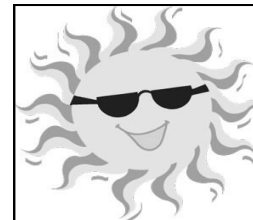
- Diocese Offers for 2016
- Thoughts from the Pulpit.
- Book review : Ian Mackintosh
- FOSM
- The Holiness Tradition: Brian Hemmings
- Celebration :Ray Smith
- The Power of Love: Vernon Scannell
- Peace Perfect Peace :Sue Milne
- Dates for your diary

I would welcome any articles of inspiration, reflections which you think will enable others in their faith journey.

Items for the next edition should be with me by 18th August 2016.  
Please email word documents to:

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Patrick Mulcahy

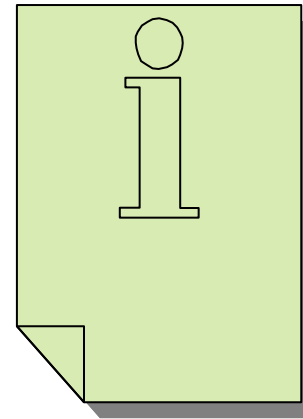


Ever wondered what the Diocese can offer that might enrich our Christian Journey?

One of our fellow travellers alerted me to the following which would be worth following up? Liz Holdsworth 01604 887070

**DISCIPLESHIP MENU - ZONE ONE - 2016 -  
Evening Sessions 7:30 to 9:30pm**

Ketton	Brigstock	Spratton	Towcester
<b>The Bible</b> Thursdays 7, 21 Jan, 4, 25 Feb 	<b>Lifestyle</b> Thursdays 3, 17 March, 7, 21 April 	<b>Jesus &amp; the Church</b> Wednesdays 2, 16 March, 6, 20 April 	<b>Sharing My Story</b> Wednesdays 13, 27 Jan, 3, 24 Feb 
<b>Worship, Prayer, Spirituality</b> Thursdays 5, 19 May, 2, 16 June 	<b>Sharing My Story</b> Mondays 27 June, 4, 18, 25 July 	<b>Worship, Prayer, Spirituality</b> Wednesdays 29 June, 6, 13, 20 July 	<b>Life Choices</b> Tuesdays 3, 17 May, 7, 14 June 
<b>Life Choices</b> Tuesdays 27 Sept, 4, 11, 18 Oct 	<b>Jesus &amp; the Church</b> Wednesdays 26 Oct, 16, 30 Nov, 14 Dec 	<b>The Bible</b> Wednesdays 2, 9, 23 Nov, 7 Dec 	<b>Lifestyle</b> Fridays 16, 30 Sept, 14, 21 Oct 

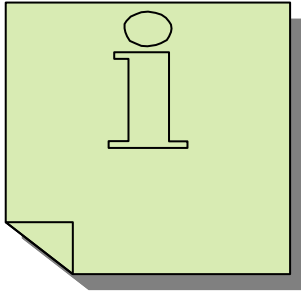


**Special Events**

**All Saints' Yelvertoft**  
 PCC dates:  
 7.45pm in the church.  
 28th June,  
 15th September

**St. Margaret of Antioch**  
 Crick  
 PCC Meetings  
 7.30pm  
 Church  
 27th June  
 12th September  
 24th October

**All Saints' Lilbourne**  
 PCC Dates:  
 2nd June  
 14th July



## Special Services

### **United Benefice services:**

**31st July 2016 :All Saint's Yelvertoft.**

**Jenny Opperman who is the Diocesan Lay Vocations Adviser**

**30th October 2016: St. Margaret of Antioch, Crick.**

**Becky Wills Diocesan Youth Missioner**

**These are not to be missed the last three have been spellbinding.**

### **Benefice Bellringing**

**Have you considered bell ringing ? Join our enthusiastic team of ringers Facebook, Twitter & Google + Pages.**

**Tower Captain : Rob Palmer, Tel : 07926 15 18 11,**

**e-mail : [lilbourne.towercontact@gmail.com](mailto:lilbourne.towercontact@gmail.com)**

**Ringling Practice : 1st. & 3rd. Thursday each month 7.15pm. to 9.00pm.**

## **ZONE TWO** What's on in 2016

A rolling programme of one-off events/sessions celebrating being children of God, exploring the challenges of being disciples of Christ, helping us to grow and live Christian lives more fully, as God's witnesses.

### **JANUARY**

**Discipleship in Action day – Sat 30 Jan - Corby Business Academy**

*Find out more about getting involved in social action in your community*

**Icon painting course – Saturdays in Jan - St Mary's Church, Northampton**

*Practical workshop - learn how to write a traditional icon*

### **FEBRUARY**

**Photography workshop – Sat 13 Feb - Daventry**

*How to use different cameras, and how to 'see' the world*

**The Edible Bus-stop – date & venue tbc**

*Weird and wonderful ways of witnessing*

### **MARCH**

**Bishop's Bible Day – Sat 12 March - Corby Business Academy**

*Our annual sharing of the Bible with Bishop Donald*

### **APRIL**

**Myers-Briggs workshop – Sat 9 April - Bouveric Court, Northampton**

*Reflecting on self, style and how we interact with others*

### **MAY**

**Creative writing workshop – Tues evening 10 May**

**St Peter's, Weston Favell, Northampton**

*Developing our creative skills to help share our faith*

**Drumming Workshop – Sun afternoon 22 May**

**Church of the Epiphany, Corby** *Getting into the rhythm of prayer*

**Gardening with God – date tbc - Peterborough**

*Exploring the beauty of creation through gardening*

### **JUNE**

**Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, God and me – Sat 11 June - Peterborough**

*What can the '100 Aker Wood' teach us about living life to the full?*

**Christian responses to natural disasters – venue & date tbc**

*How the church in Nepal responded after the earthquakes*

### **JULY**

**The Richard Beadon lecture - Sat 2 July - Northampton High School**

*What does it mean to be a disciple in everyday life?*

*PLUS regular forums on*

**Exploring the relationship between Faith and Science**

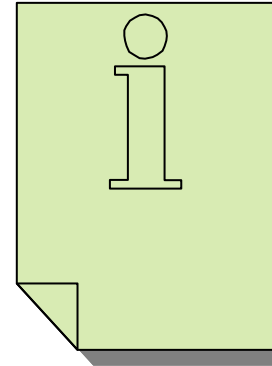
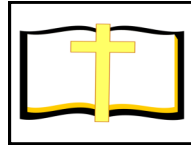
**Being a Disciple in the Workplace**



## Thoughts from the pulpit

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**A special invitation to all seekers.**

15	Luke 12 verses 35-40	In which Jesus says 'and you too must be ready, because the son of man will come at an hour when you are not expecting Him'
16	Matthew 15 29-37	We need better people than this
16	Great Anglicans	Latimer Ridley and Cranmer
17	Great Anglicans	George Whitefield
18	Great Anglicans	George Herbert
19	Great Anglicans	Mrs Alexander
20	Great Anglicans	Revd.. Nash
21	Great Anglicans	Revd. Charles Simeon
22	Luke 13 verses 31-35	In which Jesus faces the future
23	John 3 Verses 16-21	<i>God so loved the world that he gave his only Son ,that who ever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.</i>
24	John 12 verses 44-46	I have come into the world as light so that everyone who believes in me should not remain in darkness
25	John 17 verses 11-19	'n which Jesus prays for the Spirit to come to his people'
26	John 15 verses 9-17	<b>'What is Love'</b>
27	Mark 10 v32	'Jesus went on ahead'

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Questions of Life and Faith

What does Christianity mean in the 21st Century?

Join us for food ,talk and discussion

Alpha Course

Lilbourne Village hall

19:00

Weekly

Commence 22nd September

Finish Thursday November

24th

## Special Activities

# A BOOK REVIEW



## ‘The Church Jesus prayed for’

Have you read this book written by Michael Cassidy and published by Monarch Books? [ISBN 978 0 85721 330 3] Michael calls it ‘A personal journey into John 17’. If you think that the Church in Britain today is not having as much impact as it should in witnessing to the people of Great Britain, that it should in fact be much more effective, then get and read a copy of this wonderful book!

In it Michael first gives an insight into the context of Jesus’ high priestly prayer before outlining Jesus’ world view. This occupies the first five chapters before he gets down to detailed expositions of the marks that Jesus prayed for that would characterise his Church. The whole prayer concerns what he wants His Church to look like. The marks taken one by one are as follows:

- Truth
- Holiness/Godliness
- Joy
- Protection
- Mission
- Prayerfulness
- Unity
- Love
- Power
- Glory

Each mark is thoroughly explored with numerous instances and anecdotes. I found that I could not finish reading one chapter, without immediately wanting to press on to the next.

This is what Lord Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury 1991-2002 said about the book – “Michael Cassidy has put his heart, soul and mind into what might end up as a landmark study of John 17, arguably the greatest, deepest and most mysterious chapter in the whole Bible..... I warmly commend this terrific book.”

Ian Mackintosh

## **Crick Scarecrow Weekend**

9th and 10th July 2016

Burgers

Teas

Cakes





**DO YOU EVER LOOK AT ST. MARGARET'S AND WONDER ABOUT ALL THE GENERATIONS THAT HAVE PASSED THROUGH OR AROUND IT?**

There has been a church on the site since Saxon times and the present building has stood there for nearly 1,000 years. It is open 365 days a year for anyone to admire the architecture or spend a few moments away from the bustle of everyday life. The churchyard, as well as its obvious purpose, is a haven for wildlife and gives a chance to ponder on some of the old Crick families and their lives – some, sadly, very short.

St. Margaret's is at the heart of the village in the heart of England. Even if you're not "religious", but care about our heritage, you can help, either by becoming a Friend of St. Margaret's or supporting the Hundred Club or our other events

**Ring Sue Milne on (01788) 824670 for details.**



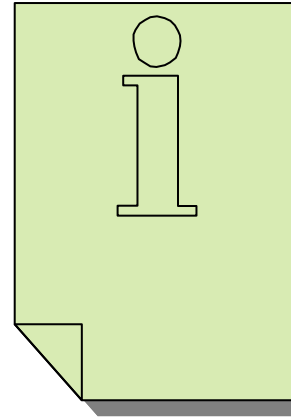
**FOSM NEWS**

After our successful flower arranging demonstration and Scarecrow Weekend activities, we were extremely grateful for the donations of £1,000 each from Wendy and Peter Jordan, these donations to be used for exterior stonework repairs at the appropriate time.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Crick Feast**

**Dates to be confirmed**



**St Margaret's Crick**

Little Saints pre school group  
Monday 2.15 –3.15 in the church.

Bible Study, 2nd and 4th  
Thursdays 7.30 at 4 Bury Dyke.

**Holy Communion**

Wednesday 10.30.



**Weekly and Monthly Activities**

**All Saints' Yelvertoft**

Toddler Church Wednesday 2pm-3pm in the Reading Room.

Contact Sheila 822794

Tuesday Chat , first Tuesday of month at 25 High St. Yelvertoft.

**Prayer meeting:**

**Last Wednesday of Month**

Contact Lorna Taylor

25th May :Yelvertoft

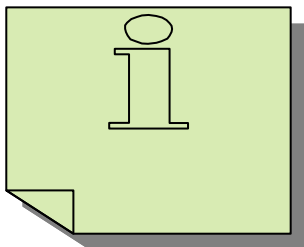
29th June :Crick

27th July :Yelvertoft

31st August :Crick

28th September :Yelvertoft

26th October :Crick



## Special Events

All Saint's Lilbourne

8th October

1pm

Village Hall

Jumble sale

Contact Jan. 860742

jkalexander@gmail.com

Calling all primary aged  
young people

Summer Holiday Club

8th –12th August

Mornings

St. Margaret of Antioch

Crick



10th September 2016

10am to 4pm

Northants Historic  
Churches

Sponsored ride and  
stride

## FRIENDS OF ST. MARGARET'S

May 2nd was the 10th anniversary of FOSM's inaugural meeting. In those 10 years we have helped to fund a major restoration and provided the church with new heating and lighting.

We have reached out to everyone who wishes to keep a part of our country's heritage and, in so doing, have done all sorts of things, eg, baked, cooked countless curries, decorated Christmas trees, organised concerts, done sponsored walks and even made a dragon for Crick's first Scarecrow Weekend. **Thank you to all the people who have helped us so generously over the years.**

Naturally, there is more to be done with the fabric of the building but, meanwhile, we are in the process of applying to enlarge and update our woefully inadequate kitchen to help when catering at services or community events.

Our big concern is that, with the passage of time, some of the committee (and I include myself in this) are not quite as energetic or fit as we were. We desperately need some new members. I would remind you that FOSM welcomes anyone who wishes to preserve one of England's ancient buildings, of any religious persuasion or none. If you know someone who might be willing to help, please talk to them. We are not stuffy, we have fun **and we eat cake!**

Sue Milne

## **Books for Summer ?**

In addition to Ian's Recommendation.

'The Church Jesus prayed for'

*How about*

Silence and Honey cakes by Rowan Williams

The Jesus I never knew by Philip Yancey

or

Life Conquers Death by John Arnold

*If anyone has read a book they would recommend as a 'good read' send me a short review and I will include it in the Harvest or Advent edition.*

### HOPE IN OUR VILLAGES

Crick – Lilbourne – Yelvertoft



#### QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS STREET PARTIES:

HOPE in our villages planning group, are seeking to organise separate Street Parties in each of the three villages to Celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup>. Birthday on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2016. Communities across the country are planning to give thanks & celebrate, including a large Party in the Mall, London. We are hoping to set up working parties in each of the three villages, the first of these is planned for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>. February, at the Old School Crick at 7-30pm. Details for the other villages to be announced.

If you would like to be involved in planning these parties, please come to one of the open meetings

MAKE A NOTE ON THE DATE TO CELEBRATE: 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016

### ***All Saint's Lilbourne***

25th September

6pm

Service and harvest supper



### ***All Saint's Yelvertoft***

25th September

Details to be confirmed



### ***St. Margaret of Antioch***

11th September

9.45am

Little Saints Harvest Service

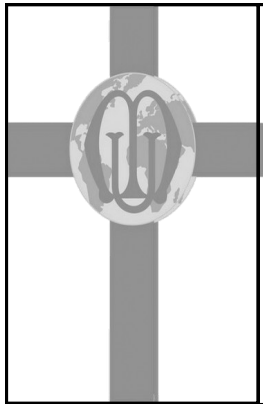
### ***St. Margaret of Antioch***

18th September

6pm

Service followed by harvest Supper





Mothers Union Care for families.

The Yelvertoft branch serves members of the benefice and meets monthly in the reading room on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (except December)

The Mothers Union is a charity based in the Church of England to support Christian care for families both home and abroad. Members are not only Mothers: it is family orientated.

### Leukaemia Research Fund

Coin Appeal

*Ever wondered what to do with old foreign coins or notes and old UK coinage?*

The leukaemia research fund collects and sells them to raise funds for medical equipment or research.

Any contributions to

Mrs B Windsor

Leukaemia Research fund Appeal

29 High St

Yelvertoft

NN6 6LF

### Mothers' Union

All Saints' Yelvertoft

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month

Reading Room

Yelvertoft

## The Holiness Tradition

During Reader training in February I attended a residential weekend at Ely which focused on the six streams/traditions of spirituality within Christianity: Contemplative, Charismatic, Incarnational, Evangelical, Holiness and Social Justice. On reflection I felt most aligned to the Holiness tradition.

I became a Christian in 2011 after attending an Alpha course at St. Margaret's and I noticed that several of the key themes that I found compelling in the Alpha course literature seemed common to the Holiness tradition; specifically:

Becoming the person God created us to be

Changing from the 'inside out'

The transformation of character through a relationship with Jesus

Not rules or regulations, but more 'freedom' through Christ and attention to the heart

After reading some of the work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer on suffering I also felt my experience of spirituality was closely aligned to this tradition. The three main features of Christian suffering, according to Bonhoeffer, are that it is voluntary, it bears the burdens of others, and it is done for the sake of Christ. In my bereavement ministry and voluntary work, and one which I feel is my calling, I feel I identify strongly with these aspects. The Holiness tradition expresses my feelings and experience succinctly in that offering my support to the

bereaved seems nothing more than answering the demands of Christian discipleship and is not offered through some 'heroic' impulse, but rather through the 'prompting of the Spirit of Christ'. I also feel that since becoming a Christian I have tried to remain disciplined in my study of the Bible and in worship and as such I have experienced a transformation in character in so many ways, and these have led to a change in many of my behaviour toward others.

The Holiness tradition emphasises that Jesus emerged from the forty days in the desert having overcome the temptation of an easy way. Jesus brought a radical alternative, bringing about God's Kingdom of justice and compassion. Jesus points to an inner life with God that transforms the heart and builds deeply ingrained habits of virtue and discipline. It is through spiritual discipline that God is able to do his work in and through us.

These holy habits stand at the heart of the Sermon on the Mount in the beatitudes. Fundamentally, holiness is about becoming the person God created us to be and in whom God delights (1 John 3.2). References to discipline/obedience and the heart are also widespread in the Bible. I particularly like Proverbs 27:19, 'As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart'. The New Testament letter of James is also seen as a great resource for the Holiness tradition as it focuses on the formation of moral character.

The strengths of the Holiness tradition is that it provides a practical understanding on how to grow in God's grace through spiritual disciplines and gives us hope for genuine progress in charac-



With thanks to Sue Milne.

Braunston

## PEACE, PERFECT PEACE

**In 1875 Edward H. Bick-er-steth, Jr. was on holiday in Har-ro-gate, where he heard a ser-mon on Isaiah 26:3 by Canon Gibbon. The min-is-ter re-lat-ed that the He-brew text used the word peace twice to in-di-cate ab-so-lute per-fect-ion. The idea was still on Bick-er-steth's mind when he vis-it-ed a dy-ing rel-a-tive that af-ter-noon. To soothe the man's emo-tion-al tur-moil, Bick-er-steth opened his Bible to read from Isaiah 26:3. He wrote down these lyr-ics, just as they ap-pear today, and read them to the man: per-haps the last thing he heard before Jesus called him "to Hea-ven's per-fect peace."**

**Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.**

**Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?  
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.**

**Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?  
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.**

**Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?  
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.**

**Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.**

**Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.**

**It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
And Jesus call us to Heaven's perfect peace.**

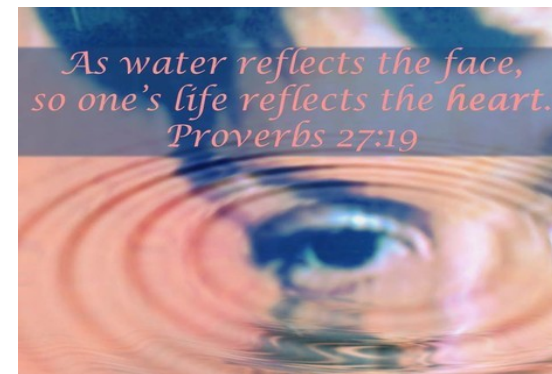
I love this hymn and share here two photos from our cruising days, where the tranquillity made me feel very close to God.

ter transformation. This tradition also calls each of us to purity of inner heart, which in turn creates a virtuous life and outer habits.

Unfortunately, the Holiness tradition is often misunderstood because people may have developed a distorted sense of the meaning of 'holiness'. Perhaps related to this, the Holiness tradition can sometimes lead to a 'holier than thou' attitude. Another weakness may be it can lead us to deny our humanity and sinfulness, and also lead us to erroneously believe we can attempt to 'make ourselves right' with God by the life we lead and our actions/good works alone.

I believe this tradition is present in our church through the genuine care for others in pastoral work. There is a recognition that this care is offered not just as a means of doing good works, but rather in offering care it allows for 'every member' ministry and lets God work in and through us all. I do not sense a 'holier than thou' attitude amongst our congregation though I am aware that we have to be continually mindful of this.

Brian Hemmings



# CELEBRATION

'A party, a social gathering, and a festival or a community gathering to celebrate something in particular'. These are some of the definitions in Wikipedia for the word celebration

As I write this, it's during the week when Leicester City Football Club won the Premier League. The headlines on the news the following morning were "The City of Leicester celebrates a remarkable victory"

We celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries. I remember when Carole and I had a 110 year Celebration, in the year during December when we were together 50 and 60! This year there is a 90 year Celebration, when across the country, we will be celebrating the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. There are many different celebrations taking place, including locally in our three villages. There will be 'Street Parties' in Crick, Yelvertoft and in Lilbourne, a village fete. Watch for local details.

The Bible contains many references to celebration; to give thanks for God's goodness, faithfulness and provision to us. Most frequently, it is used to remind the children of Israel to remember the Passover, which is the time just before Pharaoh finally agreed to let the Children of Israel leave Egypt. It was at the time of the Passover, that Jesus desired to celebrate the Passover meal with His disciples. During this, he spoke with them about His death and introduced the communion meal of bread and wine. The bread He said speaks of His body given for us and the wine of the new covenant in His blood, which was poured out for us. He asked them as His disciples to this in remembrance of him.

So we continue to remember the Lord's death, but also celebrate the glorious Easter Day resurrection, each time we share communion and worship together.

In the words of the song we often sing :-

'Come on and celebrate, His gift of love, we will celebrate the Son of God who loved us and gave us life. We'll shout your praise O King, You give us joy, nothing else can bring. We'll give you our offering in celebration praise.

Come and celebrate, celebrate celebrate and sing,

Celebrate and sing to the King'. (Words and music by Trish Morgan)

Ray Smith.

I found this in a book of poetry and thought it linked with

George Herbert's 'Love bade me welcome'

## The Power of Love

*it can alter things;*

*The stormy scowl can become*

*Suddenly a smile.*

The knuckly bunched fist

May like a flower,

Tender a caress.

*Beneath its warmth*

*Black ice of suspicion melts;*

*Danger is dazzled.*

A plain and dull face

Astounds with its radiance

And sudden beauty.

*Ordinary things-*

*Teacups, spoons and sugar lumps-*

*Become magical.*

The locked door opens;

Inside are leaves and moonlight;

You are welcomed in.

*Its delicate strength*

*Can lift the heart*

*And snap hostile steel.*

It gives eloquence

To the dumb tongue, makes plain speech

Blaze like poetry.

*Vernon Scannell*

*A very interesting 20th Century poet with an interesting life story.*