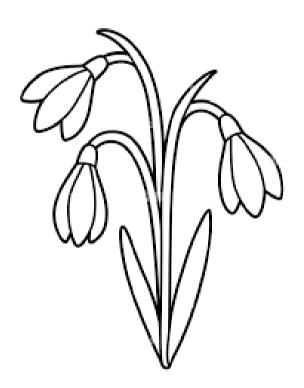
PARISH NEWS

The churches of St Paul, Ashby, The Holy Spirit, Riddings and St Peter, Bottesford



APRIL 2024

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Kate writes.....

Dear Friends,

As we bid farewell to Lent and welcome the vibrant hues of Spring, I pray we would all gain a sense of joy and renewal.

The 40 days of Lent, mirroring Jesus' wilderness experience, invited us to reflect, repent, and draw closer to our faith. In the communal spirit of our parish, we shed burdens, surrendered shortcomings, and embraced divine grace. The Lenten journey deepened our understanding of faith and strengthened our community bonds.

One of the joys of having such an early Easter is that we are emerging from the penitential season of Lent in time to welcome Spring. Spring is often used as a metaphor for spiritual resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, we too rise from our challenges, refreshed, and renewed. Spring's vibrant colours remind us of the promise of growth and renewal, symbolizing the possibility of a fresh start. Our launch of Orchard Church later this month will celebrate both the spiritual and environmental significance of Spring.

We'll be dead-hedging, and planting wildflower seeds to offer sanctuary and food to God's creatures, so that new lives can flourish.

The Gospel of John compares faith to a grain of wheat falling to the ground, dying to produce much fruit (12.24). During Lent, we offer sacrifices so that our lives can become fertile ground for spiritual growth, paving the way for the blossoms of hope and joy in our lives.

Let us see ourselves as seeds of faith, embracing vulnerabilities, and allowing God's grace to nurture our spiritual journey. How can we as Christian disciples in the parish, offer sanctuary and nourishment so that new lives of faith can flourish?

One way is to explore our faith in community. Our Confirmation candidates are mid-way through their transformative journey of learning and exploration. Their dedication to understanding Christian life is inspiring, and we are talking about ways of encouraging further growth as a learning community of faith. There may have been mention of pub meetings ...

Do you have any thoughts you would like to share with the ministry team?

Please do surround our Confirmation group with prayers as they deepen their connection with God and the community, and as they prepare for their Confirmations on 19th May.

In the spirit of Spring and new beginnings, I invite all members to explore their faith more deeply. Whether a seasoned traveller on the spiritual path or someone curious to learn, there is a place for you to grow and flourish further. Attend events, join study groups, or reach out for a conversation (- you should know by now that two of my most favouritist things are getting to know you better over coffee, and a good chat about God stuff!). Let this season be an opportunity for your faith to flourish, just like the Spring blossoms. Perhaps you want to explore something specific, but we haven't thought of it? Perhaps you fancy having a go at hosting, or leading a group? Or perhaps you wonder if you could serve the church in a different way – have you thought about having a go at reading, supporting baptisms, intercessing, pastoral visiting, mission, serving on a committee, or setting up the communion table? These are all signs of maturing in faith, not a sign of ego. If you think you are being nudged to grow but need some support, please tell us – we are faithful, prayerful Christians, not clairvoyants!

As we move into Easter, let's carry the lessons of Lent in our hearts. May the warmth of Spring remind us of the love surrounding us and God's gift of hope within. Our community is a source of strength, support, and celebration. Extend your hands to those in need, and let our parish be a beacon of love and compassion. This is how our congregations will grow and flourish. I pray that this month will be for you, a season filled with the joy of resurrection, the blessings of Spring, and that our journeys of faith will be full of adventure and new growth!

In peace and love,

Kate

Churches Open for Private Prayer

Sometimes we just want to meet with God in the peace and stillness that can be found in our church buildings. Our churches will be open as often as possible during daylight hours.

Contributors to "Parish News"

The next "Parish News" will be the **MAY** edition. The deadline is **Friday**, **19**TH **APRIL**, **2024**

Many thanks for your co-operation.

My email address is: cathryn.hewes@ntlworld.com if you would like to email anything directly to me or, deliver to me at 15 Emmanuel Drive, Bottesford.

SEWING CIRCLE

The sewing circle meets fortnightly on Tuesdays. All are welcome even if you don't sew just come for a chat. If it's your birthday [and we know] there might be a special cake.

Tuesday 2nd April 63 Yaddlethorpe High Street Tuesday 16th April 24 St Peter's Avenue 2-4pm Tuesday 30th April 24 St Peter's Avenue 2-4pm

We also meet regularly for a meal out at a local eatery, always an enjoyable experience in good company.

Chris

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH DURING FEBRUARY

4th	Connie Louise Walker, Harry James Render,
	Mia Luna Whitehand, Noah Stanley Webster
11th	Ezra Michael Coyle, Rafe Alexander Coyle,
	Charlie Michael Sykes, Oliver John Greaves
18th	Xavier David-Michael Capp
25th	Maya-Jade Cook

Baptism is a first step on the Christian journey of life, and we are pleased to have welcomed these new members into the family of the Church.

We pray for them and their parents and godparents and for their growth in faith.

FORTHCOMING PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY - 2024

Saturday 27th April Murder Mystery Evening at St Paul's Church Hall 7.00pm.

Thursday 23rd May Plant Sale St Paul's Church Hall 9-12 noon.

Friday 21st June An Evening with Frederick Gough Jazz Band and Affinity

Saturday 22nd June Fun Day in St Paul's church grounds.

Sunday 23rd June 10.00am Celebration Eucharist at St Paul's

12.30pm Lunch in the Hall.

3.00pm Concert by The Lydian Choir.

6.00pm A service of Celebration, Praise and Thanksgiving.

(See page 15 for full details)

Thursday 19th -21st Sept Beer Festival at St Peter's Church.

Saturday 5th October Harvest Supper in St Paul's Church Hall

Saturday 14th December Candlelight Supper 7.00pm at St Paul's Church Hall.

In St Paul's Hall, Ashby - Every Thursday

CAFÉ ST PAUL

10.00am - 1.00pm

Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Toasted Teacakes,

Luscious Cakes

1st Thursday - Bacon Butties

2nd Thursday – Jacket Potatoes

3rd Thursday - Bacon Butties

4th Thursday - Jacket Potatoes

Please note

There will be no Wednesday Welcome on 3rd or 17th April.

There will be no midweek communions on 17th & 18th April.



Come and see if you can solve the Crime

St Paul's Church Hall Saturday 27th April 7.00pm

Bring your own drinks..... snacks provided

Tickets - £5.00

from St Paul's, St Peter's or Holy Spirit Churches or St Paul's Café or ring 868487

St Paul's Hall Saturday April 27th - 7pm

We hope you will come along to this evening of sleuthing. First of all a couple of acts in which a murder is committed.

Then a break when **you** the audience try to solve the mystery and write down who you think the murderer is and the reason or evidence for your choice.

Then will come the denouement and all will be revealed. Then if your table made the right conclusion you may win a small prize.

Tickets £5 -available from Cathryn Hewes, Carol Readhead, Chris Boddy

or Tel: 01724 868487. Bring your own drinks, snacks will be provided. Prompt start at 7.00

Dates for April

Tues 2 nd	2.00-4.00pm	Sewing Circle	63 Yaddlethorpe High St.
Wed 3 rd	4.00pm	Parish Prayer Time	St Peter's, Scotter
	6.30pm	Baptism Preparation	St Paul's
Thurs 4 th	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Hall
Mon 8 th	2.00pm	Service	Sycamore Lodge
Tues 9 th	2.00pm	Service	Carisbrooke Manor
	3.30pm	Service	The Valleys
Wed 10 th	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	e Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs 11th	¹ 6.30pm	Confirmation (5)	The Rectory
	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Hall
Sat 13 th	10.30am	Baptism Preparation	St Paul's
Tues 16 th	2.00-4-00pm	Sewing Circle	24 St Peter's Ave
Wed 17 th	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs 18th	¹ 8.00am	LMP Morning Prayer	St Paul's
	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Hall
Sat 20 th	9.00-10.00am	Men's Breakfast	St Paul's Hall
Wed 24 th	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	e Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs 25 th	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Hall
Mon 29 th	7.00pm	Annual Parochial Med	eting St Paul's Hall
Tues 30 th	2.00-4.00pm	Sewing Circle	24 St Peter's Ave

Results St Peter's Club Draw February 2024			
2 nd Prize	No. 70	Karen Twells Helen Adderley Vaughn Wilson	£21.75 £13.05 £8.70

Annual Parochial Meeting

DCC AGMs have now been held. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), where wardens and PCC members will be appointed, the parish accounts for the year presented and reports from all aspects of our parish life received, will take place on Monday 29th April at 7pm in St Paul's Hall.

Now is also a good time to check whether or not you are on the Electoral Roll and whether your details are correct (This is a list of people who are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting and also acts as a 'membership' list – those who consider themselves to be part of this church)

Please inform Chris Boddy of any amendments or if you want to be added. This should be done by 7th April.

It is hoped that everybody will take the opportunity to come along on the 29th and to find out more about what has been happening in the parish.

Bible Readings for April 2024

7th April (2nd Sunday of Easter) — Acts 4: 32 - 35, 1 John 1: 1 — 2: 2, John 20: 19 - end of 27, Psalm 133

14th April (3rd Sunday of Easter) – Acts 3: 12 - 19, 1 John 3: 1 – 7, Luke 24: 36b - 48, Psalm 4

21st April (4th Sunday of Easter) – Acts 4: 5 - 12, 1 John 3: 16 – end, John 10: 11 - 18, Psalm 23

28th April (5th Sunday of Easter) – Acts 8: 26 – end, 1 John 4: 7 – end, John 15: 1 – 8, Psalm 22: 25 - end

St Paul's Church Hall

In 2023 we were fortunate to attract additional lettings, resulting in income being some 20% higher than in 2022. The Scunthorpe branch of u3a now hold their main monthly meetings in the hall, and the u3a Yoga group (Qi Gong) twice a month.

The Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir rehearse each Thursday evening in the small hall.

Unfortunately, we had some heavy expenditure in the form of extensive repairs to the kitchen roof which had been leaking badly during heavy rain. Despite this, however, we managed to break even financially.

Further expenditure is looming due to the need for a new central heating boiler. This is going to cost the best part of £20,000. We intend to apply for grant funding for the major part of the cost.

We urgently need more people on the Hall Committee! We are now down to 4 people, so if you like to get involved in the running of the hall please put your name forward at the forthcoming APCM elections. The hall is a vital part of the local community, with a good reputation as a comfortable and well-equipped location, and it is the responsibility of the hall committee to ensure that it stays that way.

There are further major tasks to tackle once we have sorted out the boiler – enhancement of the kitchen, energy conservation – and we need people who have the skills and knowledge to help with the planning and design of these projects.

If you are interested in joining the committee, but would like more information, please contact me.

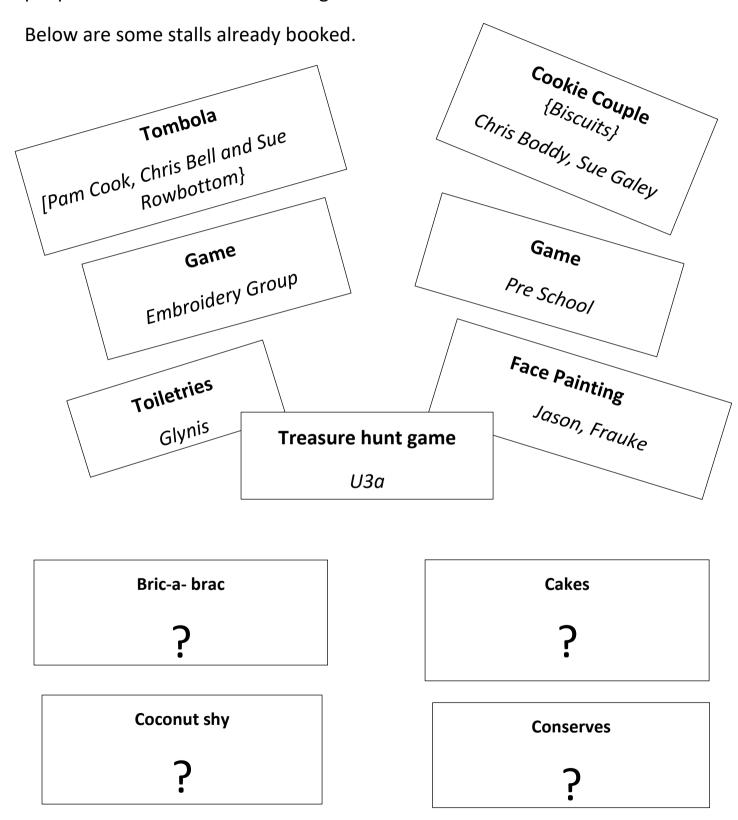
John Boddy (07730 978006, email john.boddy@ntlworld.com)

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast will take place on **Saturday**, **20th April** in the Parish Hall from 9am to 10am. Please look out for the sign-up sheet which will appear in each church before this date and add your name (or give Kevin a ring on 852079) if you would like to come along. Don't forget to invite a friend!

STALLS FOR CENTENARY FUN DAY

Do you remember the Garden Party in the good old days? This year you have the opportunity to invent the event on Sat 22nd June. Would you like to contribute by manning a stall at the FUN DAY or donating items for other people's stalls or even better doing both.



Plant Sale

THURSDAY 23RD MAY

AT

ST PAUL'S CHURCH ASHBY



9.00 - 12.00 Noon

ANNUALS PERENNIALS SHRUBS

PRODUCE VEGETABLES ETC

PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS

I hope that you are well underway with growing your plants for the

PARISH PLANT SALE on THURSDAY 23rd MAY.

Don't forget the labels, I found pencil was as good as anything as a marker. I found some lolly sticks at the Range and am using them this year.

Don't forget us if you have an allotment as many gardeners like to grow a vegetable or two in part of their border. Any spare seedlings would be appreciated.

As you know John has taken over the long window sill in the conservatory for his model railway – he is building it up from scratch. The whole room is a shambles as we also have documents from the church office in there. These are for us to browse through to try to find items of interest for the centenary nostalgia timeline of Ashby and St Paul's Church.

Obviously, the model railway is pure relaxation. Bramble watches the train as it passes back and forth, she can hear it and it is also at her eye level. I can see a potential disaster happening there.

What has this to do with plants? Well, it does mean I have less and less space on my window sills to grow seedlings...so I am relying on you to do your bit.

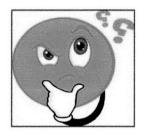
Don't forget there will also be produce for sale like plum bread, cakes, marmalade and may be seasonal vegetables. Do come and buy at the plant sale.

Happy gardening!

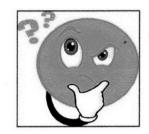
Chris Boddy

Church Rocks

Our monthly Church Rocks will take place on **14th April** at 4pm at St Peter's. Young families are invited to come along and join in worship and activities followed by sharing some food together.







What's that?? Never heard of it!

SOME say it's a youth club for recycled teenagers OTHERS say it's a lifeline for the lonely or bored MANY say it's the best thing since retirement

CURIOUS??

U3a is a national organisation that provides the opportunity for those no longer in work to come together and learn for fun. We meet once a month for our general meeting with a speaker, whilst our Interest groups provide an opportunity for members to share knowledge and skills.

Why not have a look at our websites and see. Google – 'Scunthorpe and District u3a' and once on the website, you can contact us for more information on how to join and become involved with like-minded people.

There are interest groups to suit every taste from:

Languages to History
Art to Eating out
Photography to Walking
Aviation to Current Affairs and many more

The motto for u3a is: Learn, Laugh, Live and the members certainly do all of those!

There are two local u3as -

North Lindsey meeting at Scawby Village Hall, Scawby and Scunthorpe and District meeting at St Paul's Church Hall, Ashby

St. Paul's Church Centenary: Celebration Weekend 21st-23rd June 2024

Firstly, a big thank to those of you who have promised to run a stall at the Fun Day, or offered to help, or made a donation to the cost of flowers for the Flower Festival. Of course, more stalls and donations are still needed so please contact me or any member of the planning group if you can help.

Here is a reminder of the events:

Friday 21st June

7pm Pop & Jazz concert with cheese and wine

Saturday 22nd June

11am – 4pm

- Flower Festival in the Church
- Music in the Church
- Exhibitions
 - o *Embroidery*
 - o Ashby through the last 100 years
 - o Artwork from local schools
 - o Wedding photographs
- Fun Day stalls, bouncy castle, entertainment
- Food throughout the day

7pm Concert by Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir and Scunthorpe Co-op Junior Choir

Sunday 23rd June

10am Centenary Celebration Eucharist 12.30pm Lunch in the Church Hall 3pm Concert by Lydian Choir 6pm Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Monday 24th June

pm (time tba) Concert by the pupils of Oakfield School and St. Peter and St. Paul's School

The Venerable Mark Steadman, who many of us remember with affection when he was Archdeacon of Stow, has kindly agreed to preach at the 10 a.m. service. This will be followed by a lunch in St. Paul's Hall for parishioners and guests. Sign-up sheets for the lunch will be available in due course.

Thank you!

John Boddy (on behalf of the planning group - Julie Dyke, Mary Stonier, Sue and Dave Rowbottom, Joan Whitley, Carol Readhead, Alan Lees, David Parrott, Michael Galey, Chris Boddy.)

What's on in the Church Hall

Group	Day(s)	Time(s)	Details	Contact
St Paul's Preschool	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	9.00 - 1.00pm	High quality care and education for Children aged 2-5 years	Jenny Smith 07941 359992
Art Group	Monday	2.00pm to 5.00pm	Art Group for beginners and experts	Jon Dent 07525 034201
Kick Back Academy	Sunday and Monday	5.30pm to 8.00pm	Kick Boxing 7 years - adult	Will Hendry 07935 193484
Line Dancing	Tuesday	2.00pm to 4.00pm	Line Dancing for mature adults	Marlene Kitchen 01724 863430 07834 408853
SEATA Scunthorpe (Embroidery)	Normally the last Saturday in the month	10.00am – 4.00pm	For beginners and experts	Julie (01724 341176) or Sandra (01427 873483
GKR Karate	Tuesday	6.30pm to 7.30pm	Karate for all ages	Apply in person
Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir	Thursday	7.00pm to 9.00pm	Rehearsals in preparation for concerts	John Caborn 01724 860924
Scunthorpe Airgun Club	Friday	6.30pm to 9.30pm	Shooting for pleasure and competition with airgun rifles and pistols	Scott Mitchell 07739 960251
Men's Breakfast	Normally the 3 rd Saturday in the month	9.00am- 10.00am	Enjoy fellowship over a full English breakfast	Rev Kevin Dyke 01724 852079

Group	Days	Times	Details	Contact
Scunthorpe &	4th Friday of	2.15 start -	Quality	Email:
District u3a	Month (2 nd	hall	Speakers once	ashbyscunu3a@
	Fri. in	opens at 1.30	a month in a	gmail.com
	December		friendly	
			environment	

NEED AN EXPERT?

FUNERAL DIRECTORS:

Jason Threadgold - 01724 865865 or 01652 656100

J. Naylor - 01724 280082

HOME HELP:

Helping Hands – 07888 727530

CHIROPODISTS:

Foremost Feet - 07895 736332

HAIRDRESSERS:

Denise Mitchell - 07738 464682

CHRISTIAN SUPPLIES:

The Well – www.thewellscunthorpe.moonfruit.com

SOCIETIES:

Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists

Russell Boyce - 01724 337895

Prayer Diary

APRIL 2024

1st	for those who have come to our town as refugees
2nd	for those who live with the challenges of autism
3rd	for those caught up in human trafficking and exploitation
4th	for Café St Paul and those who volunteer there
5th	for our brothers and sisters in the other churches in our community
6th	for those who have recently moved into our community
Sunda	ay 7th for all those who have come to know Jesus as Lord
8th	for those who care for our environment by litter picking
9th	for young people who act as carer for a parent
10th	for Wednesday Welcome and those who live on the Riddings
11th	for those who work in our parks and green spaces
12th	for families going through the pain of a breakdown in relationships
13th	for ambulance crews and paramedics
Sunda	ay 14th for hearts and minds to be open to the scriptures
15th	for staff and pupils as they begin a new term
16th	for our local funeral directors and their work with bereaved families
17th	for Sean and the Church Army Centre of Mission
18th	for our shopkeepers and market stall holders
19th	for the homeless and those living on our streets
20th	for those trying to overcome addiction and those supporting them
Sunda	ay 21st for us all to know the voice of the Good Shepherd
22nd	for those who feel they don't have a voice in our community
23rd .	St George for our MP, Holly Mumby-Croft, and all who serve in parliament
24th	for Orchard Church and the preparations for the first gathering
25th	Mark the Evangelist for those gifted with sharing the Good News
26th	for those in our community who are exploited
27th	for our clergy, Kevin, Mary and Kate
Sunda	ay 28th for us to bear good fruit in the things we say and do
29th	for our Annual Parochial Meeting and all who will be elected
30th	for those who serve as governors in our schools

BOTTESFORD, ASHBY AND RIDDINGS TEAM MINISTRY

Rector	Revd Kevin Dyke	852079
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PCC Secretary	Cathryn Hewes	348129
PCC Treasurer	Vacant	
Parish Warden	Christine Bell	331564
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St Paul's	David Parrott	07980 813566
St Peter's	Christine Bell	331564
	Pam Cook	860988
Church of the Holy Spirit	Sean Andrews	07789 913869
Covenanting Officer	Michael Galey	847882
Safeguarding Officer	Jane Ward	629557
Electoral Roll Officer	Chris Boddy	868487
St Paul's Hall	John Boddy	868487
Café St Paul	Carol Readhead	345046
Social Committee	Chris Boddy	868487
Parish News Editor	Cathryn Hewes	348129
Sewing Circle	Chris Boddy	868487
	Sue Galey	847882
Church Flowers:		
St Paul's	Sue Galey	847882
St Peter's	Pam Cook	860988

Our Monthly Service Pattern

St Paul's	St Peter's	Church of the Holy Spirit
 10am	10am Holy Communion	Saturday
	Tourn 101/ Communicities	11am – 1pm
6	6.30pm	Mossy Church
	Dwell in the Word	,
10am	10am Morning Service	
Holy Communion	Celtic Style	
	4pm: Church Rocks	
	6.30pm	
	Dwellin the Space	
10am	10am Holy Communion	10am Encounter
Morning Service		
(Lay-led)	6.30pm	
	Dwell in Song	
10am	10am Morning Service	10am – Holy
Café Church		Communion
(Church Hall)	6.30pm	
	Dwell in Prayer	
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Week 5

10am – Joint Parish Communion at one of the three churches (See inside for details)

Our services are subject to change: please check inside the magazine for more information.

Baptisms

Sundays: Normally 12.30pm and 2.15pm (by prior arrangement)

Weekday Services

Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Communion at St Peter's Thursdays 9.30am Holy Communion at St Paul's