

PARISH NEWS

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



MAY 2024

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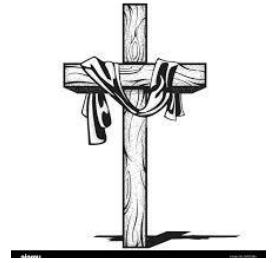
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Mary writes.....



Dear friends,

Throughout the year, and regardless of the season, Morning Prayer includes this prayer:

*The night has passed and the day lies open before us,
let us pray with one heart and mind....*

***As** we rejoice in this new day, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you.*

There is a saying 'familiarity breeds contempt', and sometimes the very familiarity of words in our prayers can cause, if not contempt, then a degree of disregard; we take the words for granted and fail to take them to heart.

I've been reflecting on this prayer for a while now, and found that the little word 'As' allows this prayer to be interpreted in more than one way.

What does 'As' mean? The dictionary gives a variety of ways to use this little word, I've picked four; 'Because' - 'When' - 'Whilst' and - 'In the same way, or to the same degree.'

Substituting any of these meanings into the prayer changes it slightly; so we might say **because** we rejoice, or, **when** we rejoice, or **whilst** we rejoice, or **to the same degree that** we rejoice; *the light of God's presence sets our hearts on fire....*; all of which mean something slightly different.

However, they all highlight the truth that prayer is a two way process – it involves both us and God; when we come close to God, God comes close to us.

Through my reflections, I've come up with this thought:- *'It is in rejoicing that the light of God's presence sets our hearts on fire with love'*.

Making a point of rejoicing in the gift and potential of each new day, opens our hearts and minds to know the reality of God's presence with us, causing our hearts to burn with love for Him, and for that love to overflow into all our other relationships.

'Rejoicing' also has different meanings, but each new day brings so many things into our lives that we can 'be glad about' or 'take delight in' or 'be blessed by' or 'celebrate'; just this morning I rejoiced in the early morning sunshine, in listening to the hens laying, the birds singing, and in spotting the tiny buds that hold the promise of apricots, plums and cherries on our trees in the summer.

As we continue our journey through this Easter season, we also rejoice in knowing that we are Easter People; Jesus **is** risen from the dead, he **did** conquer death, he **has** raised us to new and eternal life with him.

So, we look forward to Ascension Day, (9th May) and to Pentecost (19th May) when we rejoice in Jesus' return to the Father's side in heaven, and celebrate his breathing of the Holy Spirit on us.

The ten days between Ascension and Pentecost are set aside for a world-wide wave of prayer known as '*Thy kingdom Come*'. During those ten days we are encouraged to pray for five people who do not yet know Jesus, that their hearts and minds might be opened to God's love, forgiveness and peace.

I believe our prayer for them will be more effective if our own hearts are burning with love for God, so I encourage you all to '*rejoice in each new day*' and to allow '*the light of God's presence to set your hearts on fire with love*' - for Him and for his world.

With love to you all from your friend,

Mary

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 **JUNE** edition.

The deadline is **Friday, 17TH MAY, 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 14th May 24 St Peter's Avenue 2-4pm

Tuesday 28th May 24 St Peter's Avenue 2-4pm

We had a lovely meal at Caistor Lakes with delicious chips. I asked how they made them v shaped and so crisp and was laughingly told it was a trade secret.

Any ideas?

Chris

Baptisms – March

3 rd	Ada Florence Mitchell-Allard
10 th	Isla Sally Debbie Knott
24 th	Jacob Ashley Mitcheson, Cobie Arthur Clarke
31 st	Isaac William Joshua Bainbridge

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

- Tuesday 7th May** Coffee Morning at 24 St Peter's Ave to raise funds for St Paul's Centenary Flower Festival 10 -12.30£3
- Thursday 23rd May** Plant Sale St Paul's Church - 9-12 noon.
- Friday 21st June** An Evening with Frederick Gough Jazz Band and Affinity with Cheese and Wine at St Paul's Church Hall at 7.00pm. Tickets £8.00.
- Saturday 22nd June** 11am – 4pm
- Fun Day in St. Paul's Church grounds – Bouncy Castle, Stalls, games, Morris Dancers, Alpacas. Free entry
 - In St Paul's Church
Flower Festival by Scunthorpe Flower Club depicting aspects of Ashby life over the last 100 years.
A varied programme of music
Artwork by St. Peter and St. Paul's, and Oakfield, schools
Embroidery exhibition
 - In St Paul's Hall
Photographic exhibition "100 years of Ashby Life"
Lunches, Teas and Refreshments
7pm – Concert by Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir and Scunthorpe Co-op Junior Choir
- 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.
- 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

Dates for May

Wed.1 st	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	LMP Prayertime	St Peter's
Thurs.2 nd	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Confirmation Group (7)	The Rectory
Tues.7 th	10.00-12.30pm	Centenary Coffee Morning	24 St Peter's Ave
Wed.8 th	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs.9 th	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Church Hall
	7.00pm	Deanery Ascension Day Service	St Andrew's - Kirton in Lindsey
Mon.13 th	2.00pm	Service	Sycamore Lodge
Tues.14 th	2.00pm	Service	Carisbrooke Manor
	2.00-4.00pm	Sewing Circle	24 St Peter's Ave
	3.30pm	Service	The Valleys
Wed.15 th	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs.16 th	8.00am	LMP Morning Prayer	St Paul's
	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Church Hall
	6.30pm	Confirmation Group (8)	The Rectory
Sat.18 th	9.00-10.00am	Men's Breakfast	St Paul's Hall
	10.30am	Baptism Preparation	St Paul's
Sun.19 th	3.30pm	Confirmation Service	St Lawrence, Frodingham
Wed.22 nd	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs.23 rd	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Church Hall
	9.00-12.00noon	Plant Sale	St Paul's Grounds
Thurs.25 th	7.00pm	Quiz Night	St Paul's Church Hall
Tues.28 th	2.00-4.00pm	Sewing Circle	24 St Peter's Ave
Wed.29 th	1.30-3.30pm	Wednesday Welcome	Holy Spirit
	4.00pm	Parish Prayertime	St Paul's
Thurs.30 th	10.00-1.00pm	Café St Paul	St Paul's Church Hall

19th May – Pentecost

We will be celebrating the birth of the Church and the Patronal Festival of the Church of the Holy Spirit on this day with a Parish Communion at the Church of the Holy Spirit. Do please take the opportunity to meet together as the church family in this parish on this special day.

Bible Readings for May 2024

Sunday 5th May (6th Sunday of Easter) – Acts 10: 44 – end,
1 John 5: 1 - 6, John 15: 9 – 17, Psalm 98

Sunday 12th May (7th Sunday of Easter) – Acts 1: 15 – 17, 21-end, 1
John 5: 9 – 13, John 17: 6 – 19, Psalm 1

Sunday 19th May (Pentecost) – Acts 2: 1 – 21, Romans 8: 22 – 27,
John 15: 26-27, 16: 4b-15, Psalm 104: 26 – end

Sunday 28th May (Trinity Sunday) – Isaiah 6: 1 – 8, Romans 8: 12 –
17, John 3: 1 – 17, Psalm 29

May Services

4th May	11am-1pm	Mossy Church	Holy Spirit
5th May	10.00am	Morning Worship	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Peter's
	6.30pm	Dwelling..... in the Word	St Peter's
12th May	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Morning Service (<i>Celtic style</i>)	St Peter's
	4.00pm	Church Rocks	St Peter's
	6.30pm	Dwelling in the Space	St Peter's
19th May	10.00am	Parish Communion	Holy Spirit
	6.30pm	Dwelling ... in Song	St Peter's
26th May	10.00am	Café Church	St Paul's
	10.00am	Morning Worship	St Peter's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Spirit
	2.30pm	Orchard Church	St Peter's Orchard
	6.30pm	Dwelling ... in Prayer	St Peter's

Results St Peter's Club Draw

March 2024

1 st Prize	No. 62	Mary Stonier	£21.75
2 nd Prize	No. 115	Tegan Everatt	£13.05
3 rd Prize	No. 99	Nick Cook	£8.50

Confirmation

On Sunday, 19th May at 3.30pm there will be a Service of Confirmation conducted by the Bishop of Grimsby at St Lawrence's Church, Frodingham. At this service there will be seven of our own members being confirmed. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this day and, if you can, do come along and support them as they make their public commitment of faith.

St. Paul's Centenary Weekend 21st-23rd June

The date is getting nearer! Elsewhere in the magazine (under "Forthcoming Social Events") you can read the programme for the weekend. We still need help from our congregations in the form of

1. **Volunteers** - to help with the events on Saturday 22 June - running stalls, helping with refreshments, stewarding in the church, setting out tables and clearing up afterwards.

2. **Donations** towards the cost of the Flower Festival

If you are not already involved in some way, please come forward, and make your contribution to this memorable event.

Everyone is most welcome to come to a Coffee Morning on Tuesday 7th May, 10am-12noon - at 24 St Peters Avenue, the proceeds from which will go towards the Flower Festival.

John B.

Church Rocks

This month's Church Rocks, for young families, will be on 12th May at 4pm in St Peter's Church. We meet for about an hour, and enjoy a craft activity; a worship time including a song and story; stations of different activities, including prayer, labyrinth, lego, colouring and we end with a simple meal together. If you would like to know more about what we do then please speak to Kevin or Julie (852079)

Christian Aid Week 12th – 18th May

The annual event which is Christian Aid Week this year focuses on the inhumanity of poverty. As a church we will be providing the usual opportunity for people to make a donation to Christian Aid over this period. Please give what you can to enable Christian Aid to help people to transform their lives.

It's a Funny Old World!

In the April "Parish News" I made reference to the fact that there is an urgent need for a new central heating boiler for St. Paul's Hall.

The other day I was going through some old parish papers and I came across an appeal for funds dated October 1954 for – guess what – a new central heating boiler for St. Paul's Hall! The paper was urging people to donate "A Bob for the Boiler"; for those lucky readers of Parish News who are of an age not to remember "old money", a "Bob" was slang for a shilling, which is the equivalent of 5 pence. At that time, the estimated cost of a new boiler was £200, compared to £20,000 today. So, if we were to run a campaign today on similar lines, we would be asking not for 5p but 500p. 100 times more expensive. All fivers gratefully received!

John B.

Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast in May will be on Saturday 18th May, starting at 9am, in St Paul's Hall, Ashby. All men are welcome to come along and share in a cooked breakfast and spend time in conversation with each other. Please look out for the sign-up sheet which will appear in each church before this date and add your name if you would like to come along (or give Kevin a ring on 852079). Please invite friends and neighbours who you think might enjoy it with you.

Orchard Church

Come along to find God in nature and care for his creation. Meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month at St Peter's Orchard, Church Lane, Bottesford from 2.30pm-4pm, May's gathering will be on the 26th. Please wear sturdy shoes and come prepared for the weather.

Thy Kingdom Come

This will be the 9th year that the eleven days from Ascension Day to Pentecost have been set aside by the worldwide church as a time to pray intentionally for our friends, family members, neighbours and communities to know the love of Christ. Once again we are encouraged to choose 5 people to pray for over this period. Choose your 5 people and try and think of some creative ways to help you to remember to pray for them specifically during that period. Look out for some ideas in the forthcoming fortnightly news sheets.

Chris Bell, Pam Cook and Sue Rowbottom are having a tombola stall during the St Paul's Centenary Weekend in June, so please think of us when you are turning out your cupboards! We would love to take anything that would make a good prize off your hands and in turn make some money for the parish.

Ascension Day

Ascension Day this year falls on Thursday, 9th May. As well as our usual midweek service of Holy Communion at St Paul's there will be an **Ascension Day Service** at 7pm at St Andrew's in Kirton-in-Lindsey to which the churches in Manlake Deanery have been invited. This is an opportunity to share worship with the wider church and, in particular, with those in Kirton-in-Lindsey who are now part of our LMP. All are welcome to attend.



Manlake Deanery

Ascension Day Communion Service
St Andrew's Church, Kirton in Lindsey
Thursday, May 9th at 7:00pm



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PARISH OF BOTTESFORD WITH ASHBY

Plant Sale

THURSDAY 23RD MAY

AT

**ST PAUL'S CHURCH
ASHBY**



9.00 – 12.00 NOON

ANNUALS PERENNIALS SHRUBS

PRODUCE VEGETABLES ETC

Parish Plant Sale - Thursday 23rd May

Thank you for growing plants and seeds for the **Parish Plant Sale on Thursday 23rd May at St Paul's Church**. I hope they are flourishing. If you need any more trays or plant pots, please contact Chris Boddy or any other member of the Parish Social Committee.

Please deliver your plants for the sale to St Paul's Church on Wednesday 22nd May. The church will be open between 6-7pm. It helps if we can pre-price them. Could you label them and also indicate whether they are house plants, perennials, shrubs, annuals or herbs. We're good but we're not that good!

Please come on Thursday 23rd May from 9.00 onwards to buy something for your garden and do tell your friends. We are always desperate for helpers to man the stall even if only for an hour or so. All offers to Chris Boddy.

Chris Boddy

QUIZ NIGHT

AT

ST PAUL'S HALL, ASHBY

ON

SATURDAY MAY 25TH

FROM 7PM

ENTRY £2 PER PERSON

(MAX 6/TEAM)

**TEA OR COFFEE AVAILABLE BUT PLEASE
BRING OTHER DRINKS**



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT
ST PAUL'S CHURCH
CENTENARY EVENTS
(JUNE 21 - 24)**

St Paul's Church Centenary Celebration

Coffee Morning

proceeds for St Paul's Centenary Flower Festival



Tuesday 7th May

10-12.30

24 St Peter's Ave Bottesford

Raffle

£3

Bring and Buy

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	Kevin Wilkinson 07986 137276
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 & District u3a	4 th Friday of Month (2 nd Fri. in December)	2.15 start - hall opens at 1.30	Quality Speakers once a month in a friendly environment	Email: ashbyscunu3a@gmail.com

NEED AN EXPERT?

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HAIRDRESSERS:

Denise Mitchell – 07738 464682

CHRISTIAN SUPPLIES:

The Well – www.thewellscunthorpe.moonfruit.com

SOCIETIES:

Fellowship of Christian Motorcyclists

Russell Boyce – 01724 337895

Prayer Diary

May 2024

- 1st Phillip and James - Apostles for the early Christians
- 2nd for those suffering in Gaza and the West Bank
- 3rd for those who bring shelter, food and medicine to Gaza
- 4th for English saints, martyrs, at the time of the Reformation
- 5th for the lonely and isolated in our community
- 6th for those preparing for Confirmation
- 7th for our Church Wardens, Chris, Pam, David and Sean
- 8th for members of our PCC
- 9th Ascension Day – Jesus returns to God the Father
- 10th for those who provide hospitality in our churches
- 11th for those who arrange flowers in our churches
- Sunday 12th** for Alan, our organist
- 13th for the staff and students in local schools and colleges
- 14th St Matthias – Apostle, for the early followers of Jesus
- 15th for the homeless in our society
- 16th for those addicted to drugs, gambling and crime
- 17th for our pets and the work of local vets
- 18th for our friends and neighbours
- Sunday 19th Pentecost – Whit Sunday** – for the gift of the Holy Spirit
- 20th for the beauty of the earth
- 21st for our bishops – Stephen, David & Nicholas
- 22nd for those who are depressed
- 23rd for farmers dealing with flooded land
- 24th for refugees seeking a better life
- 25th for children living in poverty
- 26th Trinity Sunday** – we worship Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- 27th for those who lead our intercessions
- 28th for those who clean our churches
- 29th for those who assist at Baptisms
- 30th Corpus Christi – thanksgiving for the Eucharist
- 31st visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin, Elizabeth

BOTTESFORD, ASHBY AND RIDDINGS TEAM MINISTRY

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Church Flowers: St Paul's St Peter's	Sue Galey Pam Cook	847882 860988

Our Monthly Service Pattern

	St Paul's	St Peter's	Church of the Holy Spirit
Week 1	10am Morning Service	10am Holy Communion 6.30pm Dwell ... in the Word	<u>Saturday</u> 11am – 1pm Mossy Church
Week 2	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Service Celtic Style 4pm: Church Rocks 6.30pm Dwell...in the Space	
Week 3	10am Morning Service (Lay-led)	10am Holy Communion 6.30pm Dwell in Song	10am Encounter
Week 4	10am Café Church (Church Hall)	10am Morning Service 6.30pm Dwell in Prayer	10am – Holy Communion
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