

Rural Round-up

The newsletter linking the parishes of Kirmington, Croxton, Brocklesby,
Great Limber, Melton Ross & New Barnetby

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Britain's parish churches need a miracle

That was the title of an article by Clive Aslet in the Daily Telegraph on Christmas Eve that caught my eye. Here are a few extracts:-

"Far from a money guzzling irrelevance, these places of worship are the beating hearts of our communities..... lockdown cut off one income stream – the Sunday collection. Church fetes have also been cancelled and fees for rites of passage, (baptisms, weddings, burials) have dried up..... You don't have to believe in God to recognise the the importance of a parish church to the ambience of the village and the consequent effect on property values..... Nothing symbolises community more than the parish church....."

Your financial help is desperately needed to keep your church afloat during this continuing pandemic. The marvellous response to Kirmington's December floodlighting appeal demonstrated that communities are willing to donate - if they know how to. In this issue, the unsung heroes of our churches, the churchwardens, have supplied contact details informing how you can help. Please do.

Croxton

St John the Evangelist Church. Subject to COVID regulations, the next two services at St John's will be Sunday 10th Jan, which is the first Sunday of Epiphany / The Baptism of Christ, and Sunday 14th Feb which is best known as St Valentine's Day. *Photo by Richard Croft.*



Legend of St Valentine. Valentine is reputed to have  prayed for a young blind girl, whose sight was restored. As he was being taken to be executed for being a Christian, he wrote her a last letter signed "from your Valentine."

Jack Bridges. A stalwart member of the church, Jack will be sadly missed at Croxton. He regularly attended services here but also the other churches in the group. We will particularly miss his strong singing voice.

Brenda Marritt was laid to rest in the churchyard on Friday 11th December. Croxton was a very special place to Brenda as she had many happy memories of

living in one of the cottages with her family. For many years, Brenda and her family have come from Barrow to support and attend services. In September 2018, she was very proud when Rosie was married at Croxton. She wore a suitable large hat befitting the Grandmother of the Bride. Brenda is buried next to her brother Eric and parents James and Margaret Hill.

Donations can be made to St John's by contacting me or Patrick Forman (Treasurer) on 01652 688799. *Wendy Forman, Churchwarden.*

Melton Ross

Church of the Holy Ascension. Hello friends - 2020



has been a memorable year! I can't remember one like this. It has brought out the best in people, making everyone aware of their

friends and neighbours, and the more vulnerable.

What I have noticed is how soon life falls apart when we can't do what we come to expect. I helped with shopping during the 1st lock down, and it was obvious that it doesn't take much for people who could cope, not be able to. Our church was just coping before lockdown but when we were excluded from the building, finances became a problem and still are. Unfortunately, we are ineligible for the Covid 19 relief grants. Our church is at the centre of the village; it is where you come to celebrate, but we will not have it for long if help isn't forthcoming. Please make a donation and, if you pay tax, sign a Gift Aid Form to help increase the monetary amount given. Either drop it in to me at the Old Schoolhouse or, if you prefer, do a bank transfer to The Church of the Ascension Melton Ross, Barclays Sort Code 20-98-98, Acc No. 53279057. I will supply a Gift Aid form. Thank you. *Christine Wood, Churchwarden.*

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Dates for your diary

 **Feb 14th – St Valentine's Day** recognized as a cultural, religious, and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world.

16th Feb - Shrove Tuesday which we traditionally celebrate with lots of lovely pancakes. Historically it is the last day of the liturgical season of Shrovetide.

"My grandfather once told me there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition." – Indira Gandhi



In some Christian countries, it is called Mardi Gras (french for Fat Tuesday) a carnival day, the last day of "fat eating" or "gorging" before the fasting period of Lent which begins the next day on Ash Wednesday.

(We all know that feeling! Tomorrow I will diet.)

A Reflection from the Vicar

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan, earth



stood hard as iron, water like a stone. (Christina Rossetti 1830-1894)

Christmas may seem like a long time ago now, so why am I quoting this well-loved carol? So much of

Christmas is about the build up to the 25th of December. But Christmas goes on for much longer. In January Christmas turns into Epiphany and the great season of Light (Christmas) officially ends on Candlemas, the 2nd of February. In the Bleak Midwinter is a carol set in that time after the birth in Bethlehem, rather than being about the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. It is a calm tune, and we can imagine ourselves on a cold still day with little more to do than ponder the mysteries of the incarnation. However, we may only hope for such calm and stillness. After the experience of 2020 who knows what lies ahead in 2021? There is much anxiety in uncertainty, and we are all I am sure looking forward to some stability. Candlemas is the celebration of the Light of the world entering the temple/church for the first time. That light had been out in the world, travelling as a refugee without stability living in an uncertain world but at Candlemas some stability is brought into the world. The birth of the Saviour gives us hope and even in these bleak mid-winter times we are offered certainty in that saving power of Christ. I hope that in 2021 we can still find hope even in times of uncertainty and that we move forward together as a community and as a family in Christ. *Rev Lee*

Brocklesby Park Group with Croxton & The Wolds Services

Jan 2021

3 rd	Zoom	9.30	Family Service
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
6 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
10 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
13 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
17 th	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion

20 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
24 th	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service
27 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
31 st	Brocklesby	9.30	Holy Communion
	Somerby	11.00	Holy Communion

Feb 2021

3 rd	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
7 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
10 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
14 th	Croxton	9.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Elsham	11.00	Holy Communion
17 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion Ash Wednesday
21 st	Kirmington	9.30	Holy Communion
	Bigby	11.00	Holy Communion
24 th	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
28 th	Melton Ross	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion
	Elsham	11.00	Family Service

March 2021

3 rd	Zoom	9.30	Holy Communion
7 th	Limber	9.30	Holy Communion
	Barnetby	11.00	Holy Communion

Church services may be subject to change depending on any new pandemic restrictions.

Great Limber

St Peter's Church. There has been some sadness in our little village as more families had to face their first Christmas without a loved one. We remember:-

Kevin Pucey. 11/07/29 - 25/10/2020. Kevin was loving husband to Joyce who has faithfully served our church 'doing the

flowers' for longer than I know and still continues despite her sad loss.

Roger(Ricky) Woods, 12/01/45 - 09/11/2020. Ricky was loving husband to Sue who sadly passed away in 2017. She was an active member of our church council for many years

Jack Bridges. 01/05/35 - 11/12/2020 Jack was loving husband to Janet, both being regular members of our congregation with singing as an important part of their lives.

All were connected to our church. The love and support these fine gentlemen gave their wives must have helped enable them to do so much. Rest in peace Kev, Ricky and Jack.

Church life continues despite the pandemic. When in Lockdown we do Zoom services. When open we

follow Covid rules. Various on-line services support the spiritual needs of those who feel safer at home. On Wednesday mornings we have a regular Morning Prayer Service at 09.30 via Zoom. On Christmas Day we had a 'Live' service. It was the first time Limber had hosted a service on Christmas Day for many years and was well attended. We start the New Year with a Family Service on Jan 3rd at 09.30. We then continue with a service on the first Sunday of each month. For more details and invitations to on-line services please contact Rev. Lee Gabel

Donations may be made to St Peter's by dropping into me or Treasurer John Hoyle. Call John on 01469 561071 for banking information.

From all your church team in Limber, we wish you all a happy and Covid free 2021. *Maggie Whelpton, Churchwarden.*

Children's Corner

Congratulations to Kirmington School pupils and parents who set the village ablaze with poppies for Remembrance Day. Painted slate tiles featured in the Grimsby Evening Telegraph and the soldier, saluting the War Memorial in the churchyard, featured on BBC Look North. Over £250 was raised to be split between the British Legion and the school PTFA.



Quiz.

This issue's quiz is a test your local knowledge. Answers on last page.

1. To whom is the Memorial Arch to the east of Kirmington dedicated to?
2. What is the name of the hotel on the roundabout at the airport?
3. What is the alphanumeric (letter + number) name of the main road that runs through Great Limber, past Kirmington and through Melton Ross?
4. What is the shop at Limber called?
5. What is the speed limit on the main road though Limber?
6. What is the speed limit through Melton Ross?
7. What colours are the HM Coastguard Rescue Helicopters at Humberside Airport?
8. What is the company name on the board at the side of the road at Melton Ross chalk quarry?
9. Kirmington village signs inform it is twinned with which town and where is it?
10. Where is this bridge and what form of transport uses it?



Kirmington

St Helena's floodlighting appeal.

Wow, what a response! Donations topped the £600 mark. Dec 2nd saw the blessing of the crib by Rev Lee and the countdown to switch on that was



right on cue
Thanks to those who put in the hard work to make it happen each year and thank you Kirmington for your help



in making it happen this year.

The funeral of Jack Bridges 01/05/35 - 11/12/2020 is being held @ 12 noon on Jan 11th 2021 at St Helena's. The pandemic dictates it will be private but our thoughts will be with Janet and sons Martin, John, Graham and their families.

Donations online can be made to Santander business account St Helen's Church, Kirmington Sort code 090155 Acc. No. 59126700. (**Note: Helen's not Helena's.**) Alternatively, drop into me at 15, East End, Kirmington. Wishing you a prosperous and healthy 2021 – *Nicky L'Angellier, Churchwarden*

William Edward Lancaster born 18/12/2020 to Richard & Jess Lancaster - a brother for Emily. Welcome to our crazy world William!

Anita Green, Kirmington's Mother Christmas, and her



Elves once again organised for Santa to visit the children. Great fun was had as he toured the village on a trailer pulled by a suitably decorated Land Rover (thanks Phil) handing out presents and chatting to the children. Anita also organised a torchlit Christmas Eve procession through the

village which was a lovely way to celebrate the last day of Advent. Thanks Anita – you are a star.

Smile!

1. There must be classic rock lovers at this Baptist church in the U.S.A. For the uninitiated: Highway to Hell - AC/DC 1979, Stairway to Heaven – Led Zeppelin 1971.



Photo source Instagram completely_marshall.

2. When I told the people of Northern Ireland that I

was an atheist, a woman in the audience stood up and said, 'Yes, but is it the God of the Catholics or the God of the Protestants in whom you don't believe?' *Quentin Crisp*

The Artistry of Stained Glass.



For many of us stained glass is one of the most colourful & beautiful features of our churches. St Peter’s Church, Limber is lucky to have some remnants of medieval glass in the nave windows south aisle but much of the rest is 19th century. The stained-glass east windows, in memory of George Nelson, are lancets with glass added in 1855 by William Wailes (1808–1881) who was head of one of the largest stained-glass workshops in the 19th century. He grew up in Newcastle upon Tyne, then a centre for glass & bottle making, and studied stained glass design production in Germany. Most famously he worked for Augustus Pugin for a short time. Examples of his work can be found in many northern churches as well as Gloucester & Chichester Cathedrals. The design for the windows is believed to be by William Butterfield, an important gothic revival architect responsible for much of the re-ordering of the church between 1854 and 1864 (ref:William Pevsner, The Buildings of Lincolnshire). The other window of note is in the North Aisle. By Charles Eamer Kempe (1837 – 1907) it was installed in 1890. Kempe was also a successful 19th century, stained glass designer and manufacturer who interestingly studied with William Morris the famous and leading member of the Arts and Crafts Movement. Kempe’s work is in many churches across the country including Winchester, Bristol and Chester Cathedrals. *Text and Photo Rosemary Hoyle.*

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Covid-19 Vaccinations

Over 80 readers may already have had their first vaccination but some readers may be wondering when and where this happens. Your local council has charge of this programme and their message is “.....please do not call your practice to ask about the vaccine, as we are all working through a priority list. Your practice will let you know when it’s your turn” Hoping 2020 really is hindsight!



**HAPPY & HEALTHY
NEW YEAR**

Kirmington St Helena’s Church 100 Club Lottery.

Only £12 per year. You can join at any time and even buy a subscription as a gift. Contact Mike & Nicky L’Angellier, 15 East End Kirmington or Angela Thomas, 34, East End, Kirmington.

Month	1 st Prize £10	2 nd Prize £8	3 rd Prize £7	4 th Prize £6	5 th Prize £5.50
November 2020	M. Willis	C. Turner	C. Woods	B. Johnson	J. Nicholls
December 2020	J. Jackson	F. A. Hackford	M. Joyce	M. Pul[pher	N. Page

Quiz Answers 1. Charles Anderson Worsley the 2nd Earl of Yarborough (1809-62). 2. Hampton (by Hiton). 3. A18. 4. The Village Stores. 5. 40mph. 6. 30mph. 7. Red & white. 8. Sandstop Quarries. 9. Terbregge, Holland 10. Croxton – Trains.

I had my patience tested. I'm negative.