

St John the Evangelist

Manthorpe



Jottings – September 2026

News and views from church, village and estate

Minister's Letter

“O what a lovely sunny day!”

I guess most of us hope for fine weather when we go away on holiday, and this summer it almost seemed guaranteed. In fact, as I write this in mid-August, many of us would gladly settle for a little rain! Yet through most of last winter, it was rain, rain, and more rain.

Look at the climate science, and this pattern is entirely predictable. The dumping of combustion products into our atmosphere since the Industrial Revolution is causing Earth's temperature to rise, bringing real consequences. Some point out that carbon dioxide levels have been this high—or higher—at points in Earth's 4,500-million-year history. That is true, but those past changes occurred over thousands of years, allowing the natural world time to evolve and adapt. What humanity has done is drive a massive shift in just a couple of centuries, mostly within the last 50 years.

More carbon dioxide creates a greenhouse effect, trapping solar radiation and warming the planet. An average temperature rise of around 1.4°C over pre-industrial levels allows the atmosphere to hold significantly more water vapour, while sea levels rise through thermal expansion and melting ice. A 2°C rise by 2050 is likely, and possibly 3°C by the end of the century. This year's floods, droughts, and wildfires offer a sobering taste of what lies ahead, even as powerful interests and petrochemical industries continue to downplay the crisis.

It is easy to feel both despondent and helpless. Yet our faith calls us to a very different perspective—one rooted in stewardship, care, and enduring hope. As Christians, we are not called to be passive

Cheese and Wine

It was a balmy pleasant Sunday afternoon - perhaps a little too windy to hold the event outside. Joan and Linda had worked hard to prepare the spread of delicious cheese and biscuits and accompanying side dishes. Linda acted as barmaid and had also prepared a good picture quiz - the sort where you recognise most of the faces but can't quite put a name to them (until two days later!). The raffle was drawn and a good time was had by all.

However in the words of Delia Smith “where are ya”.....The event attracted only 16 people. I know that quite a few people were on holiday but come on, we can’t expect the Social Committee to keep coming up with events which are neither socially or financially viable. Here are the social events planned for the next few months, PLEASE make a note in your diary: Whist Drive, Friday 18th September 6.00pm; Harvest Supper, Saturday 3rd October 12.30pm; Quiz and chips, Friday, 6th November 5.30pm; and Christmas Fayre, Saturday 5th December at 10 00am.

Margaret Booles

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A Franciscan Benediction (for the comfortable)

May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships so that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creation so that we may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done: to bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our neighbours.



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A lament for Creation.

The Earth groans with the weight of humanity;
Creation sags in the face of greed.
The wealthy have despoiled Your world,
and the poor scavenge for crumbs.
The wise have discerned the crisis of nature,
but the foolish deny its signs.
Shall Your image perish to history;
shall we follow the fate of dinosaurs?
You have revealed the paths to preservation,
but scoundrels resist Earth's restoration
Shall we cease to exist?
Shall we return in chaos to the cosmos?
My mind loses all hope for our future,
but my spirit looks to my Creator for salvation.
You have created me in love,
and care for me like a mother.
Lord, turn our hearts to preserve Your generosity;
that all may live in prosperity.

Steve Potts (written at Launde Lay Ministry Retreat 2024)

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Ann's Transcripts. *When Ann Bramley was writing her book The Story of Manthorpe, she researched many primary and secondary sources and has given me some transcripts to use as 'page fillers'.*

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The earliest documents belong to the last but one year of the reign of Richard I. Roger of Howden states that in 1198 the King extracts and 'aid' or 'tallage' of 5s from every carucate of land in England. 1 carucate = 100 acres. At this time all official documents were in Latin. Here is an extract for Londonthorpe and Manthorpe.

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Where is your contribution??? As I'm sure you've noticed, Jottings is a bit thin on content this month. Please write about your activities. This is your magazine. I'd love to hear from you. Ed

St John's Community Hall

To book the hall please contact

Joan, Administrator 07434 516116

Regular bookings

2nd Mon. am New Layers of Stitch, Mary Bomphrey 07715 171808

3rd Mon. am U3A STEM, John Down 01746 576204

4th Mon. am Bobbin Lace Group, Jean Breckenridge 07929 990708

Mon pm weekly Daisy Chain Yoga, Rachel Metcalfe 07920 096439

Mon eve weekly Pilates, Kristina Hammond 01476 577796

Tues am weekly Exhale, Jette Rasmussen 07901 555499

Tues pm term time First Class Learning Steven Newman 07990 500111

2nd Tues eve Manthorpe W.I., Judy Payne 07913 536 698

Last Tues eve Grantham Sunflower W.I., Janis E-Dowling 07890 618640

1st Wed. pm National Trust, Paul Skelton 07818 435 808

Wed. pm weekly (except 1st) Parkinsons UK, Ian Askew 01400 282712

Wed eve weekly Exhale Therapy Jette Rasmussen 07901 555499

3rd Thurs pm National Trust, Paul Skelton 07818 435 808

Thurs pm School Tuition, Karen Shaw 07701 096842

Thurs. eve weekly Bridge Club, Peter Simpson 01949 842481

Friday am weekly Daisy Chain Yoga, Rachel Metcalfe 079200 96439

1st Fri pm Church Whist Drive, Joan Lincoln 07434 516116

4th Fri pm (Sept - Apr)U3A Gardening, Caroline Bowman 01476 566411

2nd Fri eve (Oct -Apr) Lincs Wildlife, John Chadwick 01476 561413

4th Fri eve Soundbath, Liz Langford 07971 400769

Sat am term time First Class Learning, Steven Newman 07990 500111

One-off hall bookings for September

19th – 6.00pm to 10.00pm Private Party

Parish Matters

Vicar: Father Stuart W. Cradduck 01202569582

Church warden: Linda Vincent

PCC secretary: Rob Vincent

Safeguarding officer: Fr. Stuart Cradduck

Parish Administrator: Joan Lincoln 07434516116

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Registers for July and August

Baptisms	None
Weddings	None
Funerals	Graham Burton
Ashes Burial	None

Cleaning rotas for September

Church	
14th	Mr & Mrs Hamlyn
28th	Mr & Mrs Storey
Brasses	Christine Gibson



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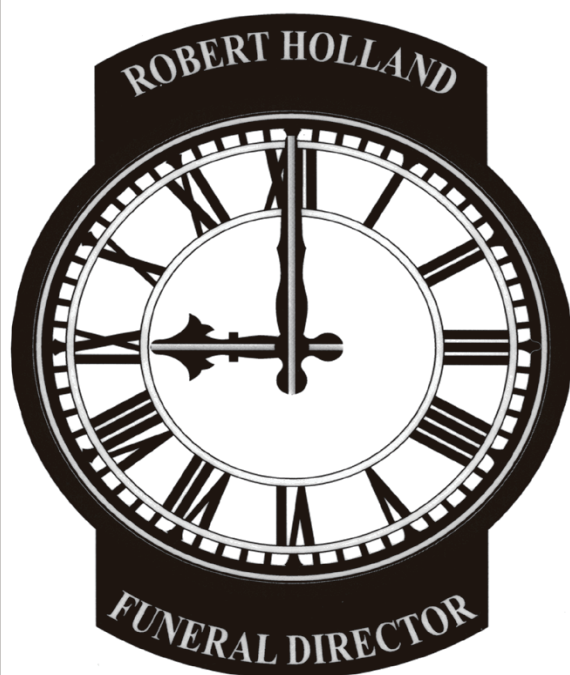
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