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2020

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It is hoped to produce a magazine each month which will go on the website and be emailed to as many people as possible. We hope you will understand that in these difficult times it may not always appear at the beginning of a month and the content will be reduced. People who wish to submit items should still do so by 18th of the previous month.

SEE US ON THE WEB

The Magazine and details of services will be put on the new church website every month so please do check there for details of what is going on in your Parish and in the Benefice.

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For all other enquiries please contact the churchwardens - details are in the Mid Elloe Community magazine.



HELPLINES FOR SUPPORT

During these difficult times there are many reasons why people may need extra support: practical, emotional and spiritual. Many support agencies have existed for a long time, whilst in the past few weeks many other groups have been formed to support people through the present crisis. Not everyone has access to a computer or the internet, so the following may particularly be of use to those people for whom a phone call is their only means of communicating with the outside world.



PHONE: 116123

FREE HELPLINE FOR THOSE IN
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Particularly for those who are lonely, anxious or depressed, this is a 24/7 service. Samaritans are trained listeners and able to give comforting words, without offering advice or judging people. You can speak in confidence to someone at any time of the day or night.



This is a well known Lincolnshire charity that offers support for the terminally ill. Recently they have set up a helpline for those who are in isolation and have suffered bereavement, because of the death of a loved one during COVID 19.

The specific helpline number for this service is: 0300 303 1897

Available: Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

Monday and Wednesday also until 8.00 p.m.

Whilst churches are closed many are missing the comforting words and music that are so important, particularly at difficult times. There are many offerings on websites and on Facebook pages, but here is a direct phone line that has been set up to help people: 0800 804 8044



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PSALM 23 - for many people this is their favourite psalm and it is probably one of the most well known. This version is written in 21st century style, with certain legalistic jargon!

1. The Lord and I are in a Shepherd/sheep situation : I am in a position of negative need.
2. He prostrates me in a green belt grazing area: he conducts me directionally parallel to non-torrential aqueous liquid.
3. He returns to original satisfaction levels my psychological make-up: he switches me on to a positive behavioural format for maximal prestige of his identity.
4. It should indeed be said that, notwithstanding the fact that I make ambulatory progress through the umbrageous inter-hill mortality slot, terror-sensations will not be instantiated within me due to para-ethical phenomena: your pastoral walking aid and quadraped pickup unit introduce me into a pleasurific mood-rate.
5. You design and produce a nutriment-bearing furniture-type structure in the context of non-co-operative elements: you act out a hand-related folk ritual employing vegetable extract, and my beverage utensil experiences a volume crisis.
6. It is an ongoing deductible fact that your inter-relational empathical and non-vengeance capabilities will retain me as their target focus for the duration of my non-death period: and I will possess tenant rights in the housing unit of the Lord on a permanently open-ended time basis.

I am sure that many readers will agree that the version in the King James Bible is preferable.

And now a few funnies from some answers in school exam papers

An Oratorio is a ‘scared’ opera. Wagner wrote ‘The Flying Dachshund’.

Thou shalt not commit adultery – because it was just pure politeness not to.

Thou shalt not have false eyeballs.

Mohammed would not allow artists to put human fingers in their work.

FLEET CHURCH

Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for this year. To date 137 numbers are in the pot!

Fleet Church 50/50 Club

July Winners

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|------------------|-----|-----|
| 1. Fiona Martin | 4 | £25 |
| 2. Ron Cutler | 45 | £15 |
| 3. Martin Butler | 117 | £5 |

Thank you to all the people who support this method of raising funds for the church



CHURCH CLOSURE

Fleet Church remains closed, as do so many rural churches nationally. The restrictions, cleaning and risk assessments required to reopen are sadly prohibitive. We are very grateful to Trevor for keeping the churchyard tidy and well maintained and to Daryn who winds the Bell Tower clock up every week.

No priest for the Mid Elloe Benefice has been appointed yet, but we are grateful to our Rural Dean, Revd Rosamund Seal, for guiding us through these difficult times.

REROOFING AND KISSING GATE UPDATES

Progress may seem slow, but there are many forms to complete, many permissions to be sought, many processes to go through both locally, at Diocese level and at national level.

Both projects will be largely paid for by insurance, although some extras are inevitable, such as providing adequate security whilst work on the roof takes place.

One of the final links in the chain, as far as the roof is concerned, is allowing a Bat Preservation Officer access to the church to write a report, but Natural England is still not allowing its officers to visit churches. All these processes have been far more difficult because of COVID 19, lockdown and church closures.

PCC members are kept informed either by email or letter about progress. This is essential to ensure that all the legal requirements are met. Even at the best of times Faculties and building work can take 2 or 3 years to reach completion, but we hope the work will be done by the end of 2020.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

This year's Festival, planned for the end of September, has had to be cancelled. The PCC very much regrets this inevitable decision but hopes there may be an opportunity to offer some event in late November.

PEOPLE TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST



MARY SUMNER Died on 9th August, 1921 Founder of the Mothers' Union

Mary Sumner's mother was a woman of personal piety who held mothers' meetings in her home in Herefordshire, England. Her mother's faith, women's meetings and the loss of her infant son at six weeks may have all inspired Mary Sumner decades later to begin the Mothers' Union.

In 1876, when her eldest daughter Margaret gave birth, she felt it would be beneficial for young mothers in the parish to be offered support. She reflected on the importance of motherhood and envisaged calling women of all social classes to support one another.

The Mothers' Union was limited to her parish until 1885, when she was asked to address the Portsmouth Church Congress. She spoke passionately of national morality and the importance of women's vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. She focused on the two ideas central to her Mothers' Union group: being a good example to children and keeping prayer central to the life of the family. This led to a number of women going on to found mothers' meetings in their own parishes.

The Mothers' Union concept spread rapidly to Dioceses throughout the United Kingdom, and as women migrated to different parts of the Commonwealth it was established overseas. By 1892, after just seven years, the movement had spread to India, Canada, Gibraltar, Malta, South Africa, West Indies, New Zealand, and Australia, operating in 28 Dioceses, with 60,000 members.

Mothers' Union has survived for more than 140 years, and grown especially in developing countries, adapting to a changing world without losing sight of Mary Sumner's vision.

On 9 August 1921 Mary died at the age of 92. She is buried with her husband in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer: All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen

ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

TABLETALK LUNCH

Tabletalk Lunches are cancelled until further notice but we do hope you all stay safe and keep well. We look forward to welcoming you all back once this worrying time is past.

You can contact us either by phone or email on-:

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Jill Duffey – 01406 365586 jillduffy@argonet.co.uk

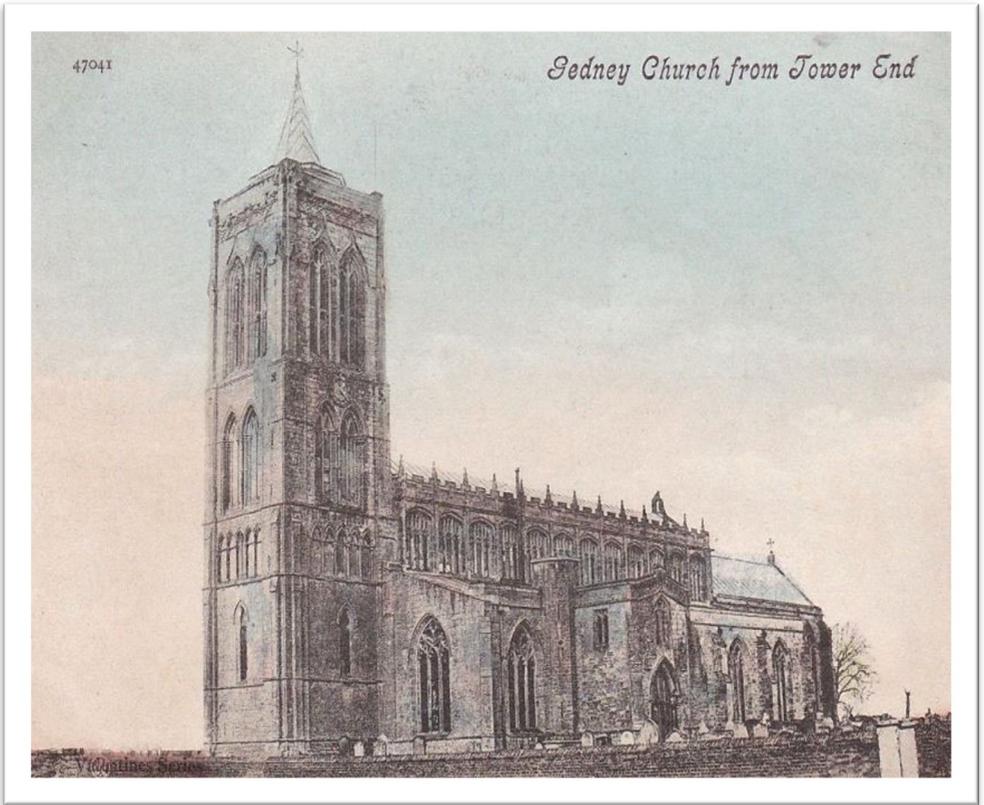


GEDNEY CHURCH FLOWER FESTIVAL

As reported in the June magazine, our Flower Festival this year is cancelled. We look forward to welcoming everybody to our 2021 Festival.



ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH



GEDNEY CHURCH – CHURCH OPENING

We are sincerely hoping that the Church may be open for Private Prayer from early August. Initially, only the Lady Chapel will be open because the configuration of our Church makes it very difficult to implement the safety measures required by the Diocese and to comply with the Risk Assessment regulations. We are most grateful to Sue and David Smith for the work they are doing in readiness for this.

We are continually reviewing the situation with the Rural Dean with a view to restarting Sunday services as soon as we can.

Please bear with us, it is very complicated and the safety of all is our highest priority.

William and Jill



FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE – Died on 13th August, 1910

Born in Florence, in 1820, she was baptized into the Church of England, and she made no secret of an explicit calling from God – a call to service. God, for Florence in the words of a Psalm, was her refuge and fortress to save. She believed that God wanted to change the world.

In the face of the opposition of her family, she insisted that she wished to train in nursing. In 1853, she finally achieved her wish and headed her own private nursing institute in London. Her efforts at improving conditions for the wounded during the Crimean War won her great acclaim..

After she returned to Britain and began collecting evidence before the Royal Commission on the Health of the Army, she came to believe that most of the soldiers at the hospital were killed by poor living conditions. This experience influenced her later career, when she advocated sanitary living conditions as of great importance. Consequently, she reduced peacetime deaths in the army and turned her attention to the sanitary design of hospitals and the introduction of sanitation in working-class homes.

She devoted the rest of her life to reforming nursing care. Her school at St Thomas's Hospital became significant in helping to elevate nursing into a profession.

The seven critical-care COVID Hospitals have been named after Florence Nightingale and this year is the 200th anniversary of her death.

WILLIAM & CATHERINE BOOTH – Founders of the Salvation Army. Remembered on 20th August, as William died on that day in 1912



The following single quotation sums up the vision of William and Catherine Booth and the ideals of the Salvation Army today.

“While women weep, as they do now, I’ll fight. While little children go hungry, as they do now, I’ll fight. While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I’ll fight. While there is a drunkard left, while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets, while there remains one dark soul without the light of God, I’ll fight. I’ll fight to the very end!”

FLEET BAPTIST CHURCH

Mid Elloe Villager Fleet Baptist Church August 2020

Pastor: Ross A Dean. Phone: 424556

'The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer, my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.' Psalm 18:2.

Here we have a powerful affirmation of David's faith in his almighty God to protect him. The whole of Psalm 18 is a duplicate of David's song recorded in 2 Samuel 22, when the Lord had saved him from Saul and his other enemies.

With the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit which we referred to in the June and July issues, Christians can have the same confidence and assurance for difficult and uncertain times such as the one we are currently living through.

We don't deny the problems but look for the Lord's enabling to give us the strength to face them and see us through them.

Currently our only meetings, following social-distancing guidelines, are for worship on Sundays between 2.30 and 3.30pm. These services are open to all.

We are aware that other churches round about are still not able to hold services on their premises for various reasons. We do hope that anyone affected by these measures who wishes to join in worship will feel able to do so. We assure you of a warm welcome.

The funerals of two of the elderly members of our congregation, Edna Wall and Derek Galer, were held recently in accordance with lockdown regulations. A memorial service for them will be held when circumstances permit.

If you feel that we can be of help in any way, in the first instance, please contact the pastor.

ST LUKE'S CHURCH

St Luke's Church , Holbeach Hurn

The church will sadly remain closed until further notice in line with government policy over the Corona virus.

Our thoughts are with all those individuals and families directly affected by this virus and who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

The residents of Holbeach Hurn have shown their thanks and support for all NHS staff ,Carers & all other key workers by stepping outside every Thursday evening at 8 and clapping as loudly as possible. The sounds of 'Over the rainbow' could even be heard across the fields emanating from Low Road.... .

Well done everyone and stay safe & well. Look out for anyone who may need a kind word or practical help.



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Saracens Head	Saracens Head Public House	12:45	13:30
<u>Gedney</u>	Church	13:45	14:30
Holbeach St Marks	Laurels Cottage St Marks Road	15:00	15:45

Every effort is made to ensure the mobile library arrives at each stop on time.

For the latest news on this route, enquiries or renewals please contact the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782010

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11am - 3pm



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