

# The MID-ELLOE VILLAGER



**Community Magazine**  
**Fleet, Gedney, Holbeach St.**  
**Marks**  
**& Holbeach Hurn**  
**2020**

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# SEPTEMBER 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.

- Fleet:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14562/>
- Gedney:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14564/>
- Holbeach Hurn:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/14569/>
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For urgent pastoral issues please contact the Rural Dean – Rosamund Seal – 01406 424989

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

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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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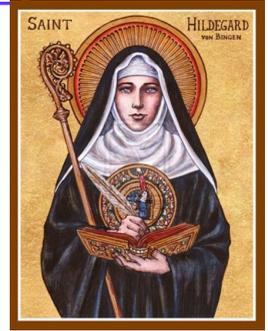
## SAINT HILDEGARD 17th SEPTEMBER

Hildegard of Bingen was a German Benedictine abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, Christian mystic, visionary, and polymath. She is one of the best-known composers of sacred monophony, as well as the most-recorded in modern history. She has been considered by many in Europe to be the founder of scientific natural history in Germany.

Hildegard came from an upper-class German family, the youngest of ten children. She was often ill as a child, afflicted with headaches which accompanied her visions, from around the age of three. Whether her parents consulted physicians about her health issues is unknown, but at the age of seven, they sent her to be enrolled as a novice in the convent of Disibodenberg.

Hildegard believed that, prior to the Fall of Man, God was worshipped by celestial song which, after the Fall, was approximated by music as humans now heard and understood it. Music, then, was the best expression of one's love for, devotion to, and worship of God.

The significance of her life and work was recognised by the Church and she was singled out as a woman of note. Four attempts to canonize her were mounted and, although she is often referred to as Saint Hildegard of Bingen, none succeeded. She was only beatified, not canonized, in 2012, although regarded by many as fitting the criterion of a saint.



## SAINT MATTHEW 21<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Matthew the Apostle**, also known as Levi, was, according to the New Testament, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. According to Christian tradition, he was also one of the four Evangelists and thus is also known as Matthew the Evangelist.

The New Testament records that as a disciple, he followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Ascension of Jesus. Later Church fathers such as Irenaeus and Clement of Alexandria claim that Matthew preached the Gospel to the Jewish community in Judea, before going to other countries.

After his call, Matthew invited Jesus home for a feast. On seeing this, the Scribes and the Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with tax collectors and sinners. This prompted Jesus to answer, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

# 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

### August Winners

- |                   |     |     |
|-------------------|-----|-----|
| 1. Fred Millard   | 72  | £25 |
| 2. Miranda Morris | 100 | £15 |
| 3. A Crane        | 84  | £5  |

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



APCM A joint APCM, for the four churches in the Mid Elloe group, will be held on WEDNESDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, in Gedney Church at 7.30 p.m.

## 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.



## FLEET YARD SALE

Many thanks to Eileen Gilliatt for organising a stall by the church, at the event on 1st August. We are grateful to everyone who contributed, either by donating items or serving on the stall. About £140 was raised for the church. It was a very successful and enjoyable event for the village.

## REROOFING UPDATE

The Faculty has been submitted to Westminster and official notices have been posted at the church. The Churchwardens and PCC hope that the go ahead will be given for the work to begin to reroof the section that was stolen at the end of January. The church will remain closed until the work has been completed and a deep clean of the inside of the building carried out.

## 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.

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### Oh what a lovely day

Fleet held its first yard sale on the 1st. August. The event should have taken place at the beginning of May. Alas Covid 19 invaded our shores and lockdown began, this saw communities come to together and new friendships. People spent time cleaning and clearing cupboards and sheds which gave great variety of goods on sale.

So on a very sunny Saturday, all of Fleet came alive for the day. Stall holders paid £10 to register their stalls and there were 21 stalls kept busy from 11am-3pm. This included the Coffee Van for refreshments. The Van is welcomed in the village every Monday morning, when villagers come for coffee and chat with other villagers (self- distancing of course). Sorry no ice cream available. I have never seen the village so full of life, people arriving in cars, bikes and walking. People everywhere in a steady flow seeking a bargain or two.

Proceeds from the registration raised £225 which is being ring fenced for the big improvements planned for the park. This will need more fund raising, applying for grants and donations.

I have already been asked if we can do this again, I would like to thank

Kevin and those who helped with the publicity of the event and all the stall holders for their support.

# ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

## **GEDNEY CHURCH – CHURCH OPENING**

The Church is now open for private prayer twice a week, on Saturdays from 10.00 – 12.00 and on Wednesdays from 14.00 – 16.00. The Lady Chapel is open with the remainder closed in order 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 to ensure the Church is safe for our visitors.

At the time of writing it is planned to resume Sunday Services at Gedney on Sunday 13th September. Initially, there will be two services a month, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The 2nd Sunday will be a shortened Communion Service and the 4th will be a Morning Prayer. The services will be at 11.00 as normal. Both services will be shorter than usual as no singing is allowed at present. Because the situation can change, these plans may have to alter if circumstances dictate otherwise.

As always, the safety and well-being of everyone is our highest priority.

William and Jill

## **TABLETALK LUNCH**

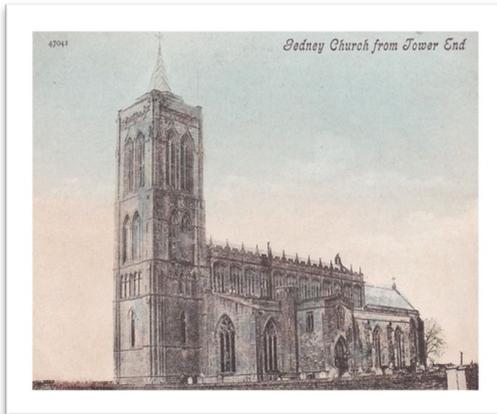
Tabletalk Lunches are cancelled until further notice but we do hope you all stay safe and keep well. We look forward to welcoming you all back once this worrying time is past. Please let us know of anyone who might be feeling isolated and appreciate a phone call.

You can contact us either by phone or email on:- Jane Webb – 01406 363673 [janeandwilliamwebb@hotmail.com](mailto:janeandwilliamwebb@hotmail.com) Jill Duffey – 01406 365586 [jillduffey@argonet.co.uk](mailto:jillduffey@argonet.co.uk)



# ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

## GEDNEY CHURCH ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING



As required by the Diocese, the Annual Parish Church meeting will take place on Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30 pm in Church. It is intended that all the Churches in the benefice will hold their meeting at the same time, here at Gedney, as there is sufficient space for social distancing. Rev Canon Rosamund Seal will talk to all the parishes before they break into their individual groups to hold their own part of the meeting. Each Parochial Church Council will take a corner of the Church.

### **DEACON & FAIRFAX EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE**

Applications for EDUCATIONAL GRANTS are invited from students resident within the parish of FLEET, who are below the age of 25 years and who are continuing in FURTHER EDUCATION, including Teacher Training or Nursing Training after reaching the school leaving age of 18 years.

Application forms can be obtained from the address or email below and must reach the undersigned no later than Friday 18th September 2020. Any received after this date cannot be considered.

Chris Seymour, Secretary, Deacon & Fairfax Education  
49 East Elloe Avenue, Holbeach, Lincs, PE12 7NB  
(please note change of address from previous years)  
[cjs1953@outlook.com](mailto:cjs1953@outlook.com)

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## ***SAINT MICHAEL 29th SEPTEMBER***

In the fifth century a basilica near Rome was dedicated in honour of Saint Michael the Archangel on 30 September, beginning with celebrations on the eve of that day. 29 September is now kept in honour of Saint Michael and all Angels throughout some western churches.

Saint Michael is referenced in the Old Testament and has been part of Christian teachings since the earliest times. In Catholic writings and traditions he acts as the defender of the Church, and chief opponent of Satan; and assists souls at the hour of death. In late medieval Christianity, Michael, together with Saint George, became the patron saint of chivalry and is now also considered the patron saint of police officers, paramedics and the military.

Because it falls near the equinox, this holy day is associated in the northern hemisphere with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days. It was also one of the English, Welsh, and Irish quarter days, when accounts had to be settled. Michaelmas hiring fairs were held at the end of September or beginning of October.



# FLEET BAPTIST CHURCH

Mid Elloe Villager Fleet Baptist Church September 2020

Pastor: Ross A Dean. Phone: 424556

‘Jesus saw the crowds and went up a hill, where he sat down. His disciples gathered round him and he began to teach them.’ Matt 5 vs.1-2.

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Happiness is achieved, not by what we do but by the kind of people we are. Adopting these right attitudes in our daily circumstances will lead to healthy outcomes in body, soul and spirit. In this way we function more effectively as individuals, family members and as citizens.

For the foreseeable future, we shall continue to meet on **Sundays between 2.30 and 3.30pm.** for quiet worship, following current government guidelines. All other meetings remain suspended.

We are asked to continue remembering in prayer our nation, community and friends during these difficult times and to give such practical help and support as we are able, where there is a need.

# 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.



# Welcome to your Mobile Library Service

The timetable below shows when the mobile library will be in your area from

**April 2020 – March 2021**

**Wednesday Route 1 (Click & Pick South)**

<b>April</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>May</b> 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>June</b> 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>July</b> 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>August</b> 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>September</b> 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>October</b> 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>November</b> 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>December</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>January</b> 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>February</b> 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>March</b> 24 <sup>th</sup>

The mobile library stops at the following places|

<b>Community</b>	<b>Stop</b>	<b>Arrive</b>	<b>Depart</b>
Moulton Seas End	Village Hall Seas End Road	10:15	11:00
Weston	Village Shop Car Park	11:15	12:00
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

# Fleet village yard sale

**Saturday 1st August 2020**

**11am - 3pm**



**Come and grab a bargain or two**

**Collect a map from any stall or  
Ssirrom, Old Main Road, Fleet**



**Wearing a mask is advisable, please abide by current  
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St Mary Magdalene Church, Fleet will have a stall at the Fleet Yard Sale on SATURDAY 1st AUGUST from 11.00 - 3.00. Funds raised at the church stall will be given to the church.



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# NEWS



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However, if you need urgent dental care, help is at hand:



### CALL your dental practice:

They will give you advice over the telephone and make arrangements for you **if you need to be seen.**



If you don't have a dentist, find your nearest dentist and CALL them. You can search for your nearest dentist at: <https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/find-a-dentist>



**You can also contact NHS 111:**



online  
[111.nhs.uk](https://111.nhs.uk)

OR



You can ask for a translator if you need one.  
NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

### **If you're deaf, you can:**

- use the NHS 111 British Sign Language service:  
[interpreternow.co.uk/nhs111](https://interpreternow.co.uk/nhs111)  
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