

THE MID-ELLOE VILLAGER



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THE FREE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE
FOR
FLEET, GEDNEY, HOLBEACH ST. MARKS
& HOLBEACH HURN
2021

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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.



For all enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals please contact the Deanery Administrator, Caz Dennis, on 01406 423460 (office hours Mon- Thurs 9.00-1.00)

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.



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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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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



SAFEGUARDING IN THE MID ELLOE GROUP

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07775 247031 – debbiesgilbert@outlook.com

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01406 363388 – tay58@btinternet.com

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01406 423934 – grove@gtfarms.co.uk

St Marks, Holbeach St Marks – Nick Worth
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life of our churches!

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Children's Bible Quiz – and maybe for adults too.

What was the first thing that God created?

Which day did God create plants?

What was the boat Noah built called?

How many of each type of animal did Noah have on the ark?

What is the symbol of God's promise to Noah?

Who received the 10 commandments from God?

What are we told to do in the fifth commandment?

What was the name of Moses' brother?

What food do we ask God to give us in the Lord's prayer?

People look on the outward appearance, but what does God look on?

His father gave him a coat of many colours.

Who was thrown into a lions' den by King Darius? This person prayed to God three times a day.

This young boy defeated a giant.

This prophet was swallowed by a fish.

What animal was often used for transportation in the Bible?

Who was the Son of God?

What was the name of Jesus' mother?

What did Jesus' father do for a job?

Jesus told a parable about a prodigal _____.

What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

How many disciples or apostles did Jesus have?

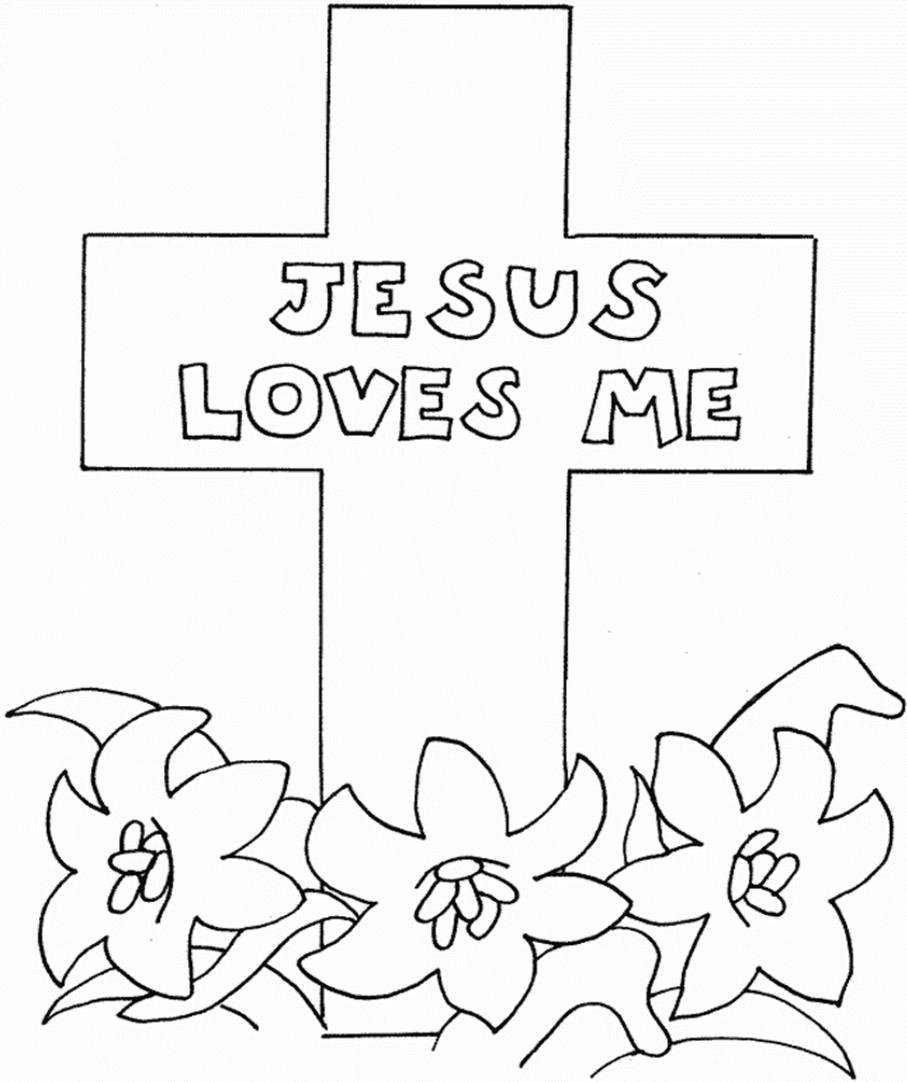
Which of the apostles betrayed Jesus?

What is another name for the sermon on the mount?

What did Jesus feed to 5,000 people

What was the name of the Sea where Jesus calmed a storm.

A PAGE TO COLOUR



Wedding Bells at Quadring

It was Saturday, July 3rd and six enthusiastic ringers promptly arrived, 12 noon at St Margarets church to ring for the wedding of Chloe Jones and Ryan Collier. I always enjoy these occasions particularly where, as at Quadring, the ringing room is at the base of the tower and affords an extensive view of nave and chancel so one is able to enjoy the happy ceremony, perhaps recalling one's own, now a distant memory. I think our well struck Bob Minor did these fine toned bells justice despite the stretchy ropes of No's 2 and 3 bells as on leaving the church we received compliments from several of the guests which are always appreciated. But what are these six bells and what do we know about their history?

Writing in 1882 North tells us there were four bells inscribed as follows

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|---|-------------------------|------|
| 1 | Thomas Norris Made Mee, | 1638 |
| 2 | T. Osborn Fecit | 1788 |
| 3 | In anno oni | 1619 |
| 4 | In noc ihu rpi | 1619 |

No's 3 and 4 were both cast by Henry 11 Oldfield at his Long Row Foundry, Nottingham and are surprisingly good toned bells. No 1 is, of course a product of the Stamford Foundry, its site commemorated today by the excellent Tobie Norris Pub, much appreciated on one of our summer outings, while No 2 was cast at Osborn's Downham Market Foundry, also long gone but it's site recalled by the narrow passageway close to the centre of town aptly named "Soundings Alley".

North also mentions what appear to be four earlier bells, the largest of these carrying the inscription "Virgo Coronato dvc nos ad Regna Beata" which translates "O crowned virgin lead us to the blessed realms" Perhaps this refers to Queen Elizabeth 1, but what became of these bells is at present unknown.

The next major work here was in 1946 when the firm of John Taylor & Co of Loughborough added two smaller bells completing the six bells now in the tower, the largest weighing $9 \frac{3}{4}$ cwts and sounding the note F sharp. Interestingly a modern bell of this note would weigh 12 to 13 cwts, considerably heavier than the Oldfield bell, which although light for its note, does sound well.



Years ago the village had a butcher, fishmonger, blacksmith and several pig farms, but unusually is completely separated from the church which apart from the Primary School stands completely alone in fields. Rev. Ian Walters, who I met at the wedding thought the road had been realigned, leaving the church in its isolated position. Another reference indicates that the village moved away from the church during the 14th century to escape the black death. I imagine we shall never know the truth behind this apparent move. However it is a lovely church and well worth a visit, as are, to we bell ringers its six bells and long may they continue to ring.

In conclusion the band who rang for their wedding would like to convey to the happy couple our best wishes and good luck in the future. We were Janet Young, Greg Harrison, John Bennett, Brian Plummer, Luke Tobin and Tony Walker who organised the ringing. Unfortunately in our benefice this summer weddings have been few, but happily we have one this coming Saturday, July 18th at Fleet, when Angela, Tony, Malcolm, Terry, Doug and myself will be ringing the bride into the church followed by a second wedding at Gedney on July 31st. We wish both couples happiness and the best of luck in their future lives together.

J. B. Bennett



FLEET CHURCH NEWS



[50/50Club Winners JULY]

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| 1. | £30 | David King |
| 2. | £20 | Jill McDonald |
| 3. | £10 | Kian Chapman |

NEWS

SERVICES AT ST MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH, FLEET



Sunday, 1st August	9.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday, 5th September	9.00 a.m.	Eucharist
Sunday, 3rd October	9.00 a.m.	Eucharist

The church will also be open every week on the following days for Private Prayer:

Wednesdays

Saturdays

Sundays

10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Although at present the church may remain closed on other weekdays, our Churchwarden, Sue Taylor, may be contacted to open it by special request: 01406 423538



WEDDING

Our very good wishes go to Oliver Booth and Elizabeth Thaddeus who are to be married in Fleet Church on Saturday 4th September.



FLEET CHURCH NEWS

NEWS FROM PCC

It felt like a great step forward to have our first PCC meeting in July after about 18 months of being unable to have face to face meetings. We were delighted to welcome back Sue Taylor as our Churchwarden and Chair of the PCC. The meeting focused on what had taken place since our last meeting and our plans for the future.

Lych Gate – a consultancy company has been brought in to help ensure the Lych Gate will pass the planning application to rebuild it

The plans to refurbish the kitchen area and build an inside toilet need to be put on hold at the present time

The Rectory is the responsibility of the Diocese and we have done everything to remind and encourage them to rent it out, whilst there is no need for a priest to live there

There is a concern about funding the grass cutting in the churchyard

All Parishes have an obligation to support the work of the Diocese and Fleet PCC has agreed to initially send £1500. We would like to be designated a Community Church so that we can remain open and offer some regularity of services, but this will depend on how far we can raise funds to keep the church open. Some churches in the Diocese are taking the decision to become Festival churches, so that normally they will remain closed except for a few specific services in the year and could be used for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Debbie Gilbert (PCC member) has been appointed as our Safeguarding Officer, and once formally adopted, our Safeguarding Policy will be available for everyone to view in the Church Porch

An unsafe tree, near the Portaloo, has been cut down

Problems regarding swarms of bees and wasps have been reported and will be dealt with

The flagpole has been stolen but it is hoped to acquire another one

It was agreed to hold an **ADVENT FAYRE, on Saturday and Sunday 11th and 12th December, with a Carol Service at the end of the event.** Please put these dates in your diary and further details will follow each month.

It is hoped to re-establish our good links with Fleetwood Lane Primary School and hold a Christingle Service again.

We will be welcoming the new Deanery Children's Worker, Micki, to our service on Sunday 1st August, in the hopes that we can reintroduce some children's activities this year.

CARDS FOR RECYCLING Please leave any cards that could be recycled, either in the porch or inside the church. All cards gratefully accepted – except Christmas cards! There are recycled cards for sale in the church.

NEWS

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN OUR DEANERY

SATURDAY, 11h SEPTEMBER

SPONSORED RIDE AND STRIDE event for the Lincolnshire Churches Trust. Would you be interested in taking part in a sponsored bike ride or walk to different churches in our Deanery? Many churches are also left open, with volunteers ready to welcome the participants, sign their forms and offer hospitality and refreshment. Perhaps you might be willing to volunteer for this.



Our Deanery organiser is Kim Biggs and she would be delighted to hear from you and give you further information about the event:

kbiggs840@btinternet.com

SATURDAY, 9th OCTOBER 4.00 p.m.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLBEACH

Celebration Organ Concert given by the World Renowned Organist, DANIEL MOULT.

Tickets @ £10 will be available soon from the Deanery Office or Barry Lancaster:

barry.lancaster51@gmail.com



Further details in the September magazine

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH NEWS

A very successful family Summer Celebration service was held on Sunday 27th June at 5pm. This was taken by Rev Rosamund Seal, with Micki Carey-Slater providing an interesting ,& entertaining address.

Micki is the newly appointed Youth & Child Worker for Elloe East. Her husband, Paul, is the new vicar at Sutton Bridge church. He provided recorded music for the occasion as our organist Jenny was unable to be there.

Readings were given by Jane Thompson plus the two youngest members of the congregation, Emily & Edith Rudman. Very well done to Emily & Edith.

A very special presentation was made by Jane Thompson on behalf of the PCC to Kay Jenkinson & David Baker who are stepping down as church wardens after many years of service . They received National Garden vouchers plus cards. Thankfully they will remain on the committee .

Following the service ,refreshments were served to everyone in their pews. The hotdogs & brownies were very well received along with a glass of rose wine or elderflower cordial.

Thanks to all involved in planning & conducting the service. Thanks also to representatives from Gedney,Fleet & St Mark's churches for supporting this special service , the first in over a year .

Special thanks also to the bride & groom who were married the day before & left all their flowers & decorations for us to add to the occasion.

Lastly, very best wishes to Rosamund who retires on July 31st. Any further church related emails after then to be sent to Deanery Administration.

Email Address is eedeanery@lincoln.anglican.org

N.B. Next service at St .Luke's is expected to be the Harvest Festival on Oct.3rd. at 5pm

ST MARY MAGDALENE NEWS

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. We are sincerely hoping that the lunches can resume in a couple of months' time. 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

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



GEDNEY CHURCH FETE

At the time of writing, it is sincerely hoped that Gedney Church will be able to hold a Church Fete on **Saturday 4th September**. Plans are very much in their infancy. A PCC Meeting is being held on Wednesday 21st July when more information will be available. It is thought that following that, a further meeting of all interested parties will be arranged to finalise details etc. Carolyn is very keen to run a cake stall and would be grateful for home-made cakes, jams, etc. If you would like more information as it becomes available then please email Jane and William at – janeandwilliamwebb@hotmail.com



ST MARY MAGDALENE NEWS

CHURCH SERVICES AT GEDNEY

The services at Gedney Church for August will be as per the table below. The second and fourth Sundays will be Communion Services led by Rev Julie Willingham with Morning Prayer on the third Sunday led by David Smith.

Sunday 8th August – Trinity 10 – 11.00 Communion Service

Sunday 15th August – Trinity 11 – 11.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd August – Trinity 12 – 11.00 Communion Service

Church continues to be open every day for private prayer, and hand sanitizer etc. is available in the porch. If you would like to be included with those who receive the pew sheet electronically then please send an email to janeandwilliam-webb@hotmail.com

GEDNEY CHURCH END SCHOOL

PEBBLES

Puffins and Jaguars class at Gedney Church End Primary School have been working hard in designing and painting their own kindness rocks. The children would like to spread some joy and kindness around our village to put a smile on people's faces through difficult times. If you wish to collect a rock, and spread the joy elsewhere, then please feel free! We would love to see our kindness spread throughout the village. (I believe some of the rocks have been placed around church. JW)

TREASURE HUNT ACTIVITY

Gedney Church End Primary School very much enjoys the engaging activities that take place with Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Duffey from the Church. Unfortunately due to the ongoing pandemic this hasn't happened for nearly two years! On Tuesday 13th July we finally managed to get together in the church grounds for some fun. Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Duffey kindly set out a treasure hunt for the children. The children had to work in pairs trying to find all the tubs of treasure scattered around the grounds. They all had an excellent time and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon, despite a few showers of rain! They are looking forward to the next activities that are planned for the next academic year. Once again we would like to thank Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Duffey for their hard work and involving our school in the local community.

Mrs. Natasha Parnell, Bursar, Gedney Church End Primary School

FLEET BAPTIST NEWS

If you are reading this, you have survived the lock-down, May God be praised. We have been through some torrid times over the past months, and now we have the chance to look forward to the various activities that we are able to do now.

For some that will mean trying to get back to tried and tested things, from cooking and flower arranging to walking and running and even going on holiday. What about inviting our neighbours to come to a church service?

We are now given the opportunity to embrace new things, that's frightening. In our hymnbook is the hymn "New every morning is the love" an old hymn written by John Keble before 1866, and it remind us of the various facets of our Lord.

Some of the thoughts expressed are: v1. New every morning is the love. v2. New Mercies each returning day. v3. New treasure still God will provide. v4. The daily tasks that bring us daily nearer God.

And the very last verse (v.5.): Prepare us Lord, in your dear love for perfect rest with You above, and help us this and every day, to grow more like you as we pray.

We need to remember that we need to grow more like Jesus every day, not get Jesus to grow more like us. And the best way to grow like Jesus is to learn all we can about him in the Bible, and ask the Holy Spirit in our prayers to show us the real Jesus. Not the one we want to see, but the perfect Jesus, who God created and sent to live as one of us.

Fleet Baptist Church are meeting every Sunday at 3.00PM and we hope to be restarting Coffee Mornings when we are allowed.

God bless & keep safe

Ross

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6 th	3 rd	1 st 29 th	26 th	23 rd	23 rd

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Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
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	12:15	13:00
<u>Gedney</u>	Church	13:45	14:30
Holbeach St Marks	Laurels Cottage St Marks Road	15:00	15:45

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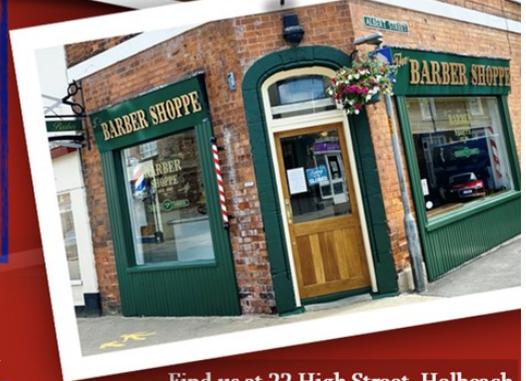


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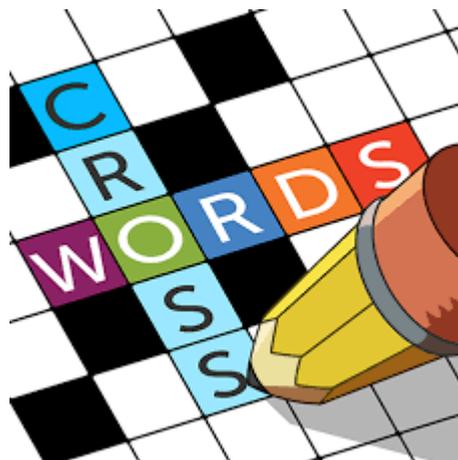
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Thursday. Keep fit 9.30-10.25
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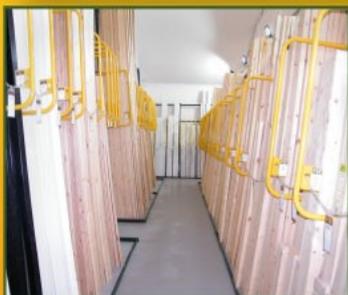
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