

LIGHT *at the* DOOR

Welcome to the weekly newsletter for the Bain Valley and Woodhall Spa Group of Churches

Services this week

Sunday 27th July

- **9.15am:** Eucharist at St. Margaret's, Langton
- **9.30am:** Eucharist at St. Margaret's, Roughton
- **11am:** Eucharist at St. Peter's, Woodhall Spa
- **6pm:** Evensong at St. Leonard's, Kirkstead

Wednesday

- **9.30am:** Morning Prayer at St. Peter's, Woodhall Spa

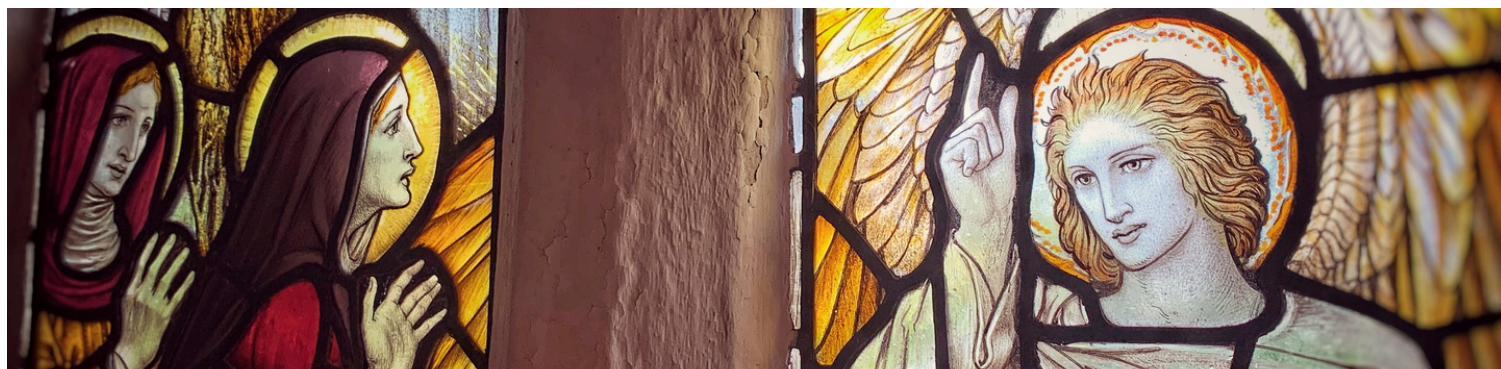
Friday

- **11am:** Sheila Mullenger's 'weekly slot', live broadcast on Facebook.

The Collect for this Sunday

Hang on, what is the Collect? Collects are short prayers designed to focus the minds of worshippers on a specific theme, or are related to the day's readings, designed to gather, or 'collect' the minds of those who are worshipping at Eucharist services. When used in Morning Prayer services, they are added near the end and designed to gather all the prayers and praises together, acting as a final, or end prayer.

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Spotlight on Holy Trinity Church, Tattershall

This week's Light at the Door will look at the majestic Holy Trinity Church at Tattershall. The church needs our help to keep the Heritage Centre open, which serves many visitors each year, as well as raising funds to help keep the church open, and maintained. Could you spare a few hours a month to help staff the Heritage Centre, or become a 'Friend' of the church?

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News and events

St. Peter's, Woodhall Spa midweek service will be Morning Prayer, instead of Holy Communion this Wednesday (23rd), led by the amazing Sheila Mullenger. All are welcome, as always!

The Heritage Centre at Holy Trinity, Tattershall will be open this Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. More details on Page 2!

All our churches have dedicated websites on 'A Church Near You'. Simply Google 'ACNY'. Service, news and event information is added weekly - including this newsletter.

Holy Trinity Tattershall

Lincolnshire's hidden gem

As you drive along the A153 through Tattershall, you probably often get a quick glance at the fantastic castle there, now in the care of the National Trust. It's imposing height and red brick make it hard to miss.

What is often missed by many is the spectacular Grade I listed Holy Trinity Church, located just behind the castle.

The church was built between 1440 and 1480 by Ralph Lord Cromwell, Lord Treasurer to King Henry VI. He was also commissioned to build Tattershall castle.

In its heyday, the church had seven (yes, seven!) priests.

When it was completed, it had some of the finest stained glass in England. Sadly the windows were mostly later removed, but the magnificent East Window is a reminder of the standard of glass that was previously installed.

As many know, the church is also home to some special residents, with a wide variety of bats which roost in the building, some of which are very rare. The church is known to have Natterer's, Nathusius', Daubenton's, soprano pipistrelle, brown long-eared, and Brandt's bats. The team at the church work closely with the Bat Conservation Trust. If you aren't a fan of bats, don't worry as they only come out at night when the church isn't occupied.

It takes a lot of time, effort and money to keep Holy Trinity open; the church needs significant repairs carrying out over the years ahead. If you would like to become part of the team to help with its care, please do get in touch.

The 'Friends of Holy Trinity' group was set up in the 1970s, and continues to work to preserve the church, as well as strive to protect the nature and wildlife that surround it.

The patron of the group is Julian Fellows (of Downton Abbey fame). You can read more about the Friends of Holy Trinity on their website: www.tattershallchurch.wordpress.com



The Heritage Centre

Visitor attraction faces tough times

Thanks to a dedicated team of volunteers, a Heritage Centre is open in Holy Trinity Church every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between 10.30am and 2.30pm. For just £3, visitors can have a hot drink and piece of cake, with younger visitors also catered for. The centre also provides visitors with information about the history of the church, as well as having a small shop selling a wide variety of things you never know you needed, until you see them!

The Heritage Centre has proved to be very popular over the years, and it also helps fund the upkeep of the church. Funds raised are also shared with other churches in the group to help with their upkeep too, a truly wonderful gesture.

The team at Holy Trinity desperately need help to staff the Heritage Centre. Could you spare a few hours a month to help out? It's a great opportunity to meet new people, interact with visitors, and keep the magnificent church open for our future generations to enjoy.

If you would like to help, please contact David or Sheila via htt.tatt@gmail.com, or telephone 01526 352322.

Did you know?

John Smith (of Pocahontas fame) learnt his swordsmanship in the grounds of Tattershall Castle?

On this day in history

1901: On the 27th of July 1901, the Horncastle News reported the return of Trooper Sidney Short from the front (the Boer War) to Tattershall. Over 1,000 people turned out to welcome him home, attending a service at Holy Trinity Church. There was a procession, a band, and the streets had been decorated. What a welcome!

1949: The first jet powered airliner, the de Havilland Comet, takes to the air for its test flight out of Hatfield Aerodrome. It wouldn't be until the 2nd of May 1952 that the Comet would take its first flight with fare-paying passengers.

1953: The Korean War comes to an end after over 3 years of fighting. The conflict leaves over 1,100 British soldiers killed, and nearly 2,700 wounded. The USA suffers the loss of over 36,500 men, and nearly 103,300 more wounded. The conflict is later portrayed in the USA hit show M*A*S*H*.

From the archives...

The Lincolnshire Chronicle newspaper of the 11th of July 1845 reported about the 'melancholy state of the church of the most Holy Trinity, Tattershall! It reported: 'All the stained glass, which was removed in 1754, is now in St. Martin's, Stamford. The windows were then left unglazed for many years, and the fabric suffered in consequence. The brasses, which even the Puritans spared, are nailed to the walls so carelessly that the head of one has the body of another. This church ought to be in a better state, for it has claims on two wealthy noblemen.'

In other news in the same edition... The awful sudden death of Mr Martin Burrows - who dropped down suddenly in the Fortesque Arms inn, Tattershall, instantly expiring - was given the verdict at inquest as having died by 'the visitation of God. He had come that day to obtain his pension, and in the course of another hour would probably have received it.'

Genesis 18, 20-32: Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

Colossians 2, 6-15: As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Psalms 138

Luke 11, 1-13: He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Tattershall Bede House available

A Bede House at Tattershall has become available, open to applications which must be received by the 20th of August. The houses are for single occupancy, open to anyone who currently lives in the parish of Tattershall or Tattershall Thorpe (for a minimum of 12 months). An application process is in place, involving obtaining references and an interview. More information about the charity is available on the Tattershall with Thorpe Parish Council website - but details can also be emailed out. The contact email is: tattershall.bedehouses@gmail.com.
