

CHURCH News

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A Time for Everything

I wonder what wakes you up in the morning?

It might be the rising sun leaking round the edge of your curtains. It could be the bird song outside the windows. If you're fortunate perhaps it's someone bringing you a cup of coffee. Or maybe it's the sound of some relentlessly joyful DJ extolling the virtues of the latest single from a band you've never heard of when your clock radio reaches the appointed time.

Time can seem to be the thing that rules our lives .

I read recently how the rail companies in the UK were instrumental in introducing nationwide standardised time. As you move from east to west, the sun sets later. If your clock is a sundial, you would have the middle of the day before someone living in a town further west from you. This wasn't much good for running trains. So in 1840, the Great Western Railway Company synchronised local times and applied a single standard.

Although they might well have been unwittingly responsible for encouraging a greater awareness of punctuality in the general public, the railway companies didn't invent time.

Time is God's invention.

Open up a bible at page one, and read how God makes light to separate the day from the night, and time begins. The whole of creation marks the passage of time as the weather goes from cold to warm and then gets colder again. Crops are planted, grow and are harvested.

Read further on in the bible, and we find how one writer records that *'There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens'*, and a little bit later *'God has set eternity in the human heart.'*

Not only are we aware of the passing of time, we mark it with annual events, birthdays, anniversaries, Easter and Christmas, we are also aware that we are only play a short part in a much greater story.

As a Christian, that story is the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We should always have an eye on eternity, because God's promise for all those that love and follow him is that they can be there to share it with him. If you've never thought about it before, now is as good a time as any!

Love, Anna

June church services

Tuesday 2nd June

10.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. John's, Gunthorpe

Sunday 7th June

9.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Lowdham

11.00a.m Holy Communion, St. Helen's, Burton Joyce

Tuesday 9th June

10.00a.m. Holy Communion, Holy Trinity, Bulcote

Sunday, 14th June

9.00a.m. Morning Worship, St. Mary's, Lowdham

11.00 a.m Morning Worship, St. Helen's, Burton Joyce.

Tuesday 16th June

10.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Luke's, Stoke Bardolph

Sunday, 21st June

9.00a.m. Holy Communion, St. Mary's, Lowdham

11.00a.m Holy Communion, St. Helen's, Burton Joyce.

Sunday 28th June

9.00a.m. Worship for All, St. Mary's, Lowdham

11.00a.m. Worship for All, St. Helen's, Burton Joyce

The Holy Spirit is a healing spirit. When the Holy Spirit is present, anything is possible

Reinhard Bonnke

What's On...

Our churches are living communities at the centre of village life, offering help, fellowship and welcome to everyone. Do come and join us. We'd be delighted to see you.

Coffee Chit Chat

Mondays 9.15a.m—11.30a.m

St. Helen's Church Centre, Burton Joyce

Come and join us for a cuppa and a natter!

Parents & Toddlers

Monday 9.30 –11.00a.m. (term time only).

St. Helen's Church Centre, Burton Joyce.

Everyone is welcome. With refreshments

The Tea Shop at St. John's

Tuesdays 9.30a.m. –12 noon at St. John's,

Gunthorpe. *Join us for coffee, cake and chat.*

Churches Together' Baby & Toddler Group

Tuesday 9.15 –11.00a.m. (term time only)

Methodist Chapel, Lowdham. Coffee & snacks, crafts & songs.

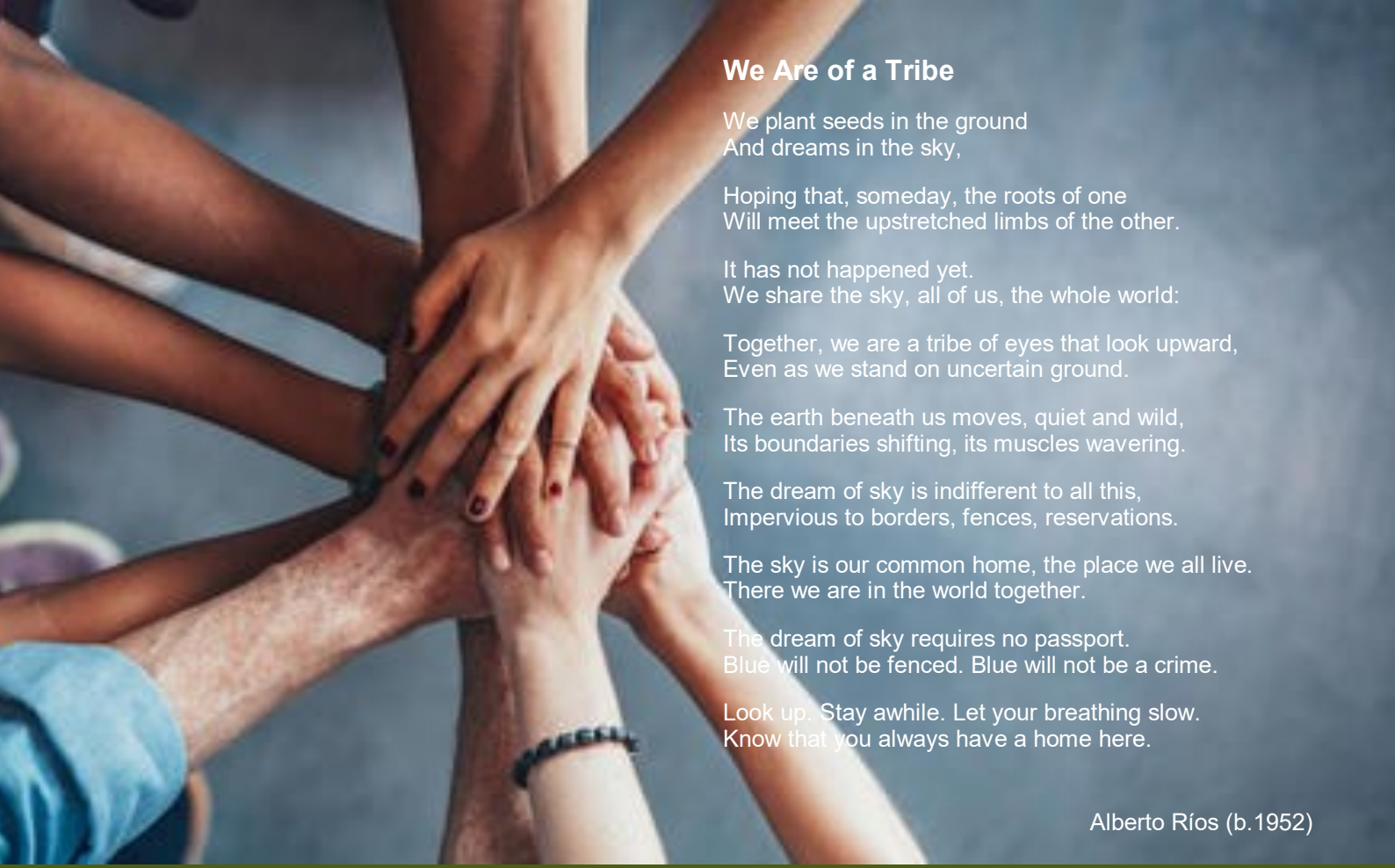
£2.50/ family to cover costs.

Home Groups

Come and join us as we share prayers,

explore the bible and grow together in faith and friendship .

For more details, please contact Tracey, the Vicar's P.A.



We Are of a Tribe

We plant seeds in the ground
And dreams in the sky,

Hoping that, someday, the roots of one
Will meet the upstretched limbs of the other.

It has not happened yet.
We share the sky, all of us, the whole world:

Together, we are a tribe of eyes that look upward,
Even as we stand on uncertain ground.

The earth beneath us moves, quiet and wild,
Its boundaries shifting, its muscles wavering.

The dream of sky is indifferent to all this,
Impervious to borders, fences, reservations.

The sky is our common home, the place we all live.
There we are in the world together.

The dream of sky requires no passport.
Blue will not be fenced. Blue will not be a crime.

Look up. Stay awhile. Let your breathing slow.
Know that you always have a home here.

Alberto Ríos (b.1952)

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*The Holy Spirit transforms
and renews us, creates
harmony and unity, and gives
us the courage and the joy for
mission*

Pope Francis