



MESSENGER



**For the Benefice of
Lockington, Lund and Scorsborough with Leconfield**

Lockington Open Gardens 12th July 2026

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to Lockington Open Gardens on Sunday 12th July. We raised almost £1260 to support our church and we are very grateful for all the help and donations. From garden owners to volunteers providing refreshments, ticket sellers and car park attendants, and not forgetting all those who visited our gardens, we hope everyone experienced some of the sentiments expressed in Dorothy Gurney's words below.

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,
the song of the birds for mirth,
one is nearer God's heart in a garden
than anywhere else on earth.*

From 'God's Garden' Dorothy Frances Gurney



Strimmers needed!

Wildflower areas in Lockington churchyard –

On Saturday 8th August from 10am onwards we are planning to strim all the wildflower areas in the churchyard at St Mary's Church, Lockington. We would be grateful for help from anybody who would like to bring along a strimmer and rake and help with this annual task. Refreshments will be provided and any help will be very gratefully received.

The job is made much easier with several volunteers!!



Notes of Leconfield Interfaith Group Meeting 9.7.26

Six of us met for our Interfaith Group this time. On one of the hottest days of the summer it was a delight to be in the cool sanctuary of St Catherine's church.

Last time we had resolved to give ourselves time to reflect on our experience of IFG. We have now been meeting for several years. Mention was made of the changes to the benefice boundaries which are planned for the autumn which may give us access to a wider group of people. This time, whilst we all agreed that we enjoyed and gained many benefits from our meetings, we felt that we could usefully address such further questions as ;

- Are we happy with the format, frequency and content of our meetings over recent times?
- Can we do more to widen our group by attracting others?

We agreed to continue our reflections next time

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday 14th September, 7.00pm**
at St Catherine's Church Leconfield.

For further information please contact Margaret Roberts, 01964552896
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We'd love you to join us.



A letter from Beverley Area Dean—Rev Dr. Tim Kelly

From the Ordinary to the Extraordinary

There are two television programmes that I enjoy watching. The first is the BBC series 'Amazing Hotels'. In one episode they showed the most amazing hotel called Mashpi Lodge situated in the heart of the Ecuadorian Rainforest. It was an amazing glass fronted building with breathtaking views across the rainforest. But I was struck by the sheer amount of effort it took to keep it clean. At one point the presenter commented it's as though they were in a constant battle with the rainforest itself – it relentlessly wanted to reclaim the space – trying to return the concrete, glass and metal structure back to nature. The other, perhaps slightly more obscure programme is called 'Abandoned Engineering' – covering some of the world's largest but now abandoned engineered structures, whether that be giant holiday camps in Germany, the entire town of Chernobyl, or north-sea oil platforms. What strikes me in many cases is that no matter how much concrete has been poured, no matter how much steel has been welded, when abandoned, nature always find a way to begin to reclaim and transform the space – that sheer power of nature.

Sometimes, it feels like we're engaged in a constant struggle against overwhelming forces, whether societal issues, personal challenges, or environmental changes. The transformation from the ordinary to the extraordinary can seem daunting, even impossible. Yet, in the face of these challenges, there is always hope for change and growth.

Jesus once talked about a humble mustard seed. Mustard seeds are tiny, unassuming, and ordinary. However, they can grow into plants of impressive size, far beyond what one might expect from such a small beginning. It speaks of powerful transformation – from something ordinary into something extraordinary. A mustard seed, though small, can become a tree offering shade and rest. This simple example shows the potential for incredible change starting from the smallest and most ordinary of actions.

Often, the actions we take may seem insignificant. Simple acts of kindness, community service, or small gestures of encouragement can feel like drops in an ocean of challenges. However, these ordinary actions have the potential to create extraordinary outcomes. Just as a mustard seed can grow in the cracks of concrete, creating new life and greenery in seemingly inhospitable places, our small actions can foster transformation in our community and beyond. Significant change often starts small. The combined effort of many small, ordinary actions can lead to remarkable transformations.

Ultimately, the story of the mustard seed is a reminder that growth and change often come in unexpected ways and from unexpected places. By embracing the potential within the ordinary, we can be part of the extraordinary transformations happening around us. So take heart and continue to nurture the small seeds of change in your life. Just as nature reclaims and transforms, so too can our actions bring about renewal, hope, and extraordinary outcomes.

Revd Dr Tim Kelly
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Bacon Butties at Lund

Thank you to all those who have supported Bacon Butties at All Saints Lund over the last year.



We will now be having a summer break.



Bacon Butties will begin again on **Saturday 19th September** between 9-30 and 11-30am

Coffee Mornings

10.30-11.30am

**Wednesdays
at St. Catherine's Church,
Leconfield**

**Thursdays
at Lockington Village Hall**

All are welcome



COPY DATE for articles and events - Friday 21st August



August 2026 Services

**Please note that during the Interregnum
all Services are subject to change**

	St. Mary's Lockington	All Saints Lund	St. Leonard's Scorbrough	St. Catherine's Leconfield
Sunday 2nd August Trinity 9 Proper 13	11.00a.m. Morning Worship		9.30a.m. Holy Communion	
Midweek				
Sunday 9th August Trinity 10 Proper 14		9.30a.m. Holy Communion		NO SERVICE
Midweek				
Sunday 16th August Trinity 11 Proper 15	9.30a.m. Holy Communion			
Midweek Services				Wed. 19 August 9.30a.m. Midweek healing prayers
Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12 Proper 16	11.00a.m. Contemporary Worship	9.30a.m. Holy Communion		NO SERVICE
Midweek Services				Thurs. 27 August 7.00p.m. Celtic Prayers
Sunday 30th August Trinity 13 Proper 17	10.00a.m. Benefice Holy Communion St. Leonard's, Scorbrough			

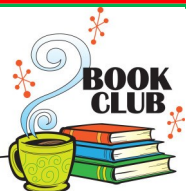
Care and Share Pastoral Care Group

Our meeting in August will be Wednesday 5th at 2pm (Sarah Gaydon ALM)



Celtic Evening Services

St. Catherine's Church, Leconfield
Celtic Communion Thursday August 27th 7.00pm



Celtic Book Club

at St Catherine's Church, Leconfield
August meetings are on Wednesday 12th & 26th at 2pm

Come and join us

Who's Who & Contact Details

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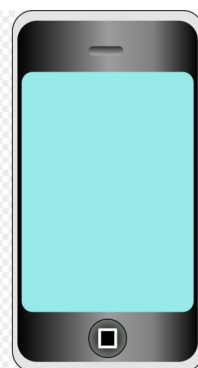
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With holidays in mind...

Where are we?

When Columbus started out, he didn't know where he was going. When he got there, he didn't know where he was. When he got back, he didn't know where he had been. And he did it all on other people's money. Can't help thinking that Columbus reminds me of some teenagers who go on family holidays...

Sky at night

The scientific theory that I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage.

Sky fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the reverend gently. "I'm in sales, not management."