

THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

Welcome to our Service this morning. Please find below the Notices for the week, with new and amended ones underlined.

Hymns	268	I will enter His gates	S of F
	43	Bind us together	
	519	Take my life, and let it be	
	261	I want to walk with Jesus Christ	

Sunday 25th January	10.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing
	2.00pm	Pastoral Teas
Monday 26th January	10.30pm	Standing Committee meet
Wednesday 28th January	9.30am	Holy Communion
	9.30am	First Aid Course, W. Ashby
	2.30pm	South Wolds Partnership Rota meeting
Thursday 29th January	11.00am	Funeral for Tina Hassall
	11.00am	Safeguarding meeting
	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council meeting for the Group
Saturday 31st January	10.00am	Coffee in Church

'BIBLE READATHON'

The Bible Society Committee wish to thank all those who read at the 'Bible Readathon' yesterday. It was wonderful to hear whole books of the Bible read all the way through, where we often just hear short sections at a time. The Readathon tied in to the 'Week of Prayer for Christian Unity', which concludes today, Sunday 25th January.

ARCHDEACON OF STOW AND LINDSEY

The Welcome Service for the new Archdeacon of Stow & Lindsey, soon to be the Venerable Eleanor Robertshaw, will be held at All Saints' Church, Gainsborough on Monday 26th January at 7.00pm. There is an open invitation to the service. We are also invited to pray for Eleanor as we welcome her as our new Archdeacon.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Several members of the congregation collect money for the work of the Children's Society in the small plastic boxes. If you could kindly bring these in, they will be dedicated at the service next Sunday, 1st February, and the monies sent to the Society. Thank you.

HORNCASTLE MATTERS' AGM

This year's annual meeting for the 'Horncastle Matters' magazine will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday, 5th February at 7.30pm. All are welcome to receive the annual report and finances.

NEW CHAIRS

We have recently purchased some new chairs to be placed in the Chancel, where we hold many of our midweek services and occasional meetings. These have been part funded by the proceeds of the Bookstall, and we are extremely grateful for the generous donation that those who manage the stall have made. We hope you will agree that they are particularly smart and comfortable.

MISSION GIVING

Our Mission Committee are meeting on Tuesday, 3rd February. One thing that they will be considering is the half-yearly giving from St. Mary's to different charities. If you have any suggestions of good causes that you would like to see us supporting in this way, please have a word with Helen Marshall or another member of the team.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Sunday 1st February	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 3rd February	7.30pm	Missions' Committee meeting at the Vicarage
Wednesday 4th February	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.30pm	South Wolds Partnership meeting at Manor House
Thursday 5th February	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Horncastle Matters' Magazine AGM
Saturday 7th February	10.00am	Coffee in Church

ELECTORAL ROLL

You may like to be on the Church Electoral Roll. The roll is a useful way of assessing Church membership and it also gives those who are on it voting rights on the various synods of the Church. If you would like to be on the roll, please take a form from the back of church and fill in your details. The forms can then be given to Pam Crisp Beard, our Church Electoral Roll Officer, or Debbie in the Church Office. Thank you.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 25th January: please pray for the residents and businesses of The Becks and The Crescent

You may like to have your birthday remembered by the rest of the Church family? If so, please contact Neil and Shelagh Carter by E-mail or through the Parish Office. Please note that Neil and Shelagh have a new E-mail address, which is: Neil637carter@btinternet.com

At our Communion services, if you would like a gluten free wafer, please let the Stewards or Clergy know before the service starts.

Please note, if you wish to leave a gift by Bank Card, you can use the 'Goodbox' near the entrance. Also, to give via your 'phone, you can use the QR code on the cards in the pews. Thank you.

*Please look at our website for further details on these notes:
www.stmaryshorncastle.org.uk*



Collect: Almighty God, who caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul; grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; 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.

Jeremiah 1, 4 - 10 p. 723

Acts 9, 1 - 22 p. 136

Matthew 19, 27 - end Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Lord, please give us the confidence to live the love of Jesus Christ with the community here in Horncastle and in the surrounding villages. Amen.