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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Hymns 673 *Blessed be the name - S of F*
134 *Loving Shepherd of thy sheep - A & M*
640 *You shall go out with joy - S of F*

Sunday 26th April	10.00am	Holy Communion and Prayer for Healing
	11.30am	Annual Town Church meeting (see below)
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas
	3.45pm	Bishop Jean's welcome at Lincoln Cathedral
Monday 27th April	10.30am	Standing Committee meeting on Zoom
Tuesday 28th April	7.30pm	Annual Group Church meeting at St. Mary's
Wednesday 29th April	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.00pm	Confirmation Group meet
Thursday 30th April	11.00am	Funeral for Arthur Lovely
	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 2nd May	10.00 - 3.00pm	St. Mary's Open Day - see below for details

ANNUAL MEETING

All are welcome to attend this year's Annual Town Church Meeting which takes place shortly after the morning service.

BISHOP JEAN'S WELCOME

The Rt. Rev. Jean Burgess, the new Bishop of Grimsby, will be formally welcomed into the diocese at a service in Lincoln Cathedral this afternoon at 3.45pm. All are welcome to join for the service.

ST. MARY'S 'OPEN DAY'

We look forward to hosting an 'Open Day' to showcase the activities of St. Mary's to the wider community on Saturday, 2nd May from 10.00 - 3.00pm. We are looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments, bake cakes and offer a welcome to visitors on the day. If you are able to help in any of these ways, please add your name to the lists at the back of the Church. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID

There will be a joint service on Sunday, 10th May to mark the start of 'Christian Aid Week' when Godfrey Meynell will be the speaker. Tessa and Stephen Holdaway also invite us to a lunch at 36, Wesley Way, LN9 6RY from 12noon. They write: "This is a bread and cheese lunch in exchange for a donation to Christian Aid. Please put your name on the list at the back of church so that we know how much to buy!"

HIGH TOYNTON

High Toynton look forward to celebrating the restoration of their Church building on Sunday, 10th May. The day will start with a Rogation walk around the village, followed by a Shared Lunch, leading to the re-dedication service at 3.00pm. This will be led by the Rt. Rev. Jean Burgess, the Bishop of Grimsby. All are welcome.

ROCKING IT!

We look forward to another 'Geo Day' on Saturday, 16th May from 11.00 - 4.00pm, when there will be the opportunity to look at the various different stones that make up the church building. The day will include two tours around the church led by local geologists.

Collect Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Acts 2, 42 - end p. 128 1 Peter 2, 19 - end p. 250

John 10, 1 - 10 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, 3rd May	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Thimbleby
Wednesday 6th May	6.00pm	Taizé Service
	9.30am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Coffee + group meet
	2.00pm	South Wolds Partnership rota planning group meet
Thursday 7th May	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 9th May	10.00am	Coffee in Church

WEST LINDSEY OPEN CHURCHES FESTIVAL

This year's West Lindsey Open Churches Festival takes place over the weekends of the 9-10th and then the 16-17th May. Details of the Churches taking part can be found at: www.churchesfestival.info

DEANERY TAIZÉ

We are invited to 'worship in the style of the Taizé Community' in a deanery service on Tuesday, 19th May at 7.00p.m. The service is being hosted by St. Peter and St. Lawrence, Wickenby LN3 5AB and is a chance to 'sing accompanied by a varied selection of musical instruments', alongside 'prayer, candlelight, chants and Scripture readings'. There will be a 'Bring and Share' supper afterwards.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 26th April: please pray for the residents & businesses of Winceby Fields and Winceby Gardens

BIRTHDAYS

Thursday, 30th April - Tina Goddard

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 at: Neil637carter@btinternet.com or through the Parish Office.

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



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.