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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday after Ascension Day

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

The songs for this morning's All-age Service can be found on the separate Order and on the overhead screen.

Sunday, 17th May	10.00am	All Age Worship
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Ashby Puerorum
Tuesday, 19th May	7.00pm	Deanery Taizé service at Wickenby (see below)
Wednesday 20th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union meeting
Thursday 21st May	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 23rd May	10.00am	Coffee in Church

DEANERY TAIZÉ

We are invited to a Deanery Taizé service on Tuesday, 19th May at 7.00pm. The service is being hosted by St. Peter and St. Lawrence, Wickenby. There will be a 'Bring and Share' supper afterwards.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Mothers' Union meet at 2.15pm on Wednesday, 20th May. Please note that the speaker arranged for the day, from Lincolnshire County Council's Waste Department, is unfortunately now not able to attend. However, he hopes to be able to come on a future date. The meeting will still go ahead, and all are welcome, as always.

'HOLIDAY CLUB'

We look forward to the 'Holiday Club' taking place over half-term on Tuesday, 26th May from 1.00 - 3.00pm. Please spread the word to all Primary School age children. The theme is 'Who is my neighbour?'

SUMMER CONCERT

We look forward to a Summer Concert with the Banovallum Singers on Saturday, 30th May at 7.30pm. This will be a free concert, where donations are invited. Wine & shortbread will be served at the break.

CHAIR OF FINANCE

Paul Brewster, who is well known to many as a resident of the town, is the new Chair of the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance. Paul has kindly offered to join us for the service on Sunday 31st May, and then be available over coffee to chat and answer any questions we might have concerning diocesan finances and how they affect us.

IRIS OPEN WEEKEND

David Ashton Hill is hosting a National Collection of award winning Tall Bearded Irises over the weekend of the 6th and 7th June from 10.00am - 6.00pm at Manor Barn, Main Road, Greetham. Admission is £5.00, with proceeds going to All Saints' Church Repair Fund. There is also a display of art work by David. All are welcome.

WORLD CUP

Jo and Andrew Hyde are hosting a competition to run alongside the Men's World Cup 2026 Football tournament, which starts on the 11th June. Their competition supports the work of the 'Swallows Head and Neck Cancer Support' charity. If you would like to take part, please E-mail Jo & Andrew at swallowsfootball@btinternet.com

DAY OF PENTECOST

'Whit Sunday'

Sunday 24th May	10.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas
Tuesday 26th May	1.00 - 3.00pm	'Holiday Club'
Wednesday 27th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
	12.00 noon	Funeral Service for Christine Kerton
Thursday 28th May	2.00pm	Funeral for Norma Mawer
	2.30pm	Friends' of St. Mary's meet at the Manor House
	6.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 30th May	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	7.30pm	Summer Concert with the 'Banovallum Singers'

CHRISTIAN AID

Stephen and Tessa Holdaway thank all those who supported the Bread and Cheese lunch at their home last Sunday. £300 plus Gift Aid was raised for the work of Christian Aid. Thanks also to all those who have delivered envelopes across the town during the week.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 17th May: please pray for the residents & businesses of Accommodation Road and Achurch Close

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



Collect O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Acts 1, 6 - 14 p. 126

1 Peter 4, 12 - 14; 5, 6 - 11 p. 252

John 17, 1 - 11 After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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.