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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Hymns	599	When we walk with the Lord	S of F
	499	Sing Hallelujah to the Lord	
	42	Be thou my vision O Lord of my hear	
	44	Blessed assurance	
Sunday, 3rd May	10.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Thimbleby	
	6.00pm	Taizé Service	
Wednesday 6th May	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	

ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Town Church Council meeting last Sunday, Jo Hyde and Dean Darbon were newly elected to the TCC, and Russell Walshaw and Michael Hieatt were elected for a further term. Helen Marshall and Fiona Martin were re-elected as our Churchwardens; Janet Leedham as our Treasurer; and Debra Aitkenhead as our Secretary. We are very grateful to all those who hold office in this way and ask God's rich blessing upon them through the year.

SAD NEWS

During the course of last week we heard the news that two of our congregation have sadly died, Christine Kerton and Valerie Mirams. Our condolence to their families and friends at this tender time.

ST. MARY'S 'OPEN DAY'

Thank you for all those who helped in any way with the Open Day yesterday. It was lovely to welcome so many people through the day and to enjoy fine music and fascinating history tours throughout. Our particular thanks to Sue Hopper, Stefan Urbanowicz and Fiona Martin, our Cornerstone Finance Team, for organizing the day.

CHRISTIAN AID

There will be a joint service next Sunday, 10th May to mark the start of 'Christian Aid Week' and Godfrey Meynell will be the speaker. Also, Tessa and Stephen Holdaway invite us to lunch at 36, Wesley Way, LN9 6RY from 12.00noon saying '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 also look forward to celebrating the restoration of their Church building next 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, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Acts 7, 55 - end p. 134 1 Peter 2, 2 - 10 p. 250

John 14, 1 - 14 Jesus said: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christian Aid Week 10 - 17th May

Sunday 10th May	10.00am	Joint Christian Aid Service, Sunday Club, Youth Alpha
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas
	3.00pm	High Toynton Rededication
Wednesday 13th May	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Pastoral Committee meet
Thursday 14th May	6.00pm	Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Ascension Day, see below
Saturday 16th May	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast at Costa
	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	11.00 - 4.00pm	'Geo Day' - see below

ASCENSION DAY

We look forward to the Deanery Ascension Day Service at All Saints' Church, Wragby at 7.00pm on Thursday, 14th May. All are welcome.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 3rd May: please pray for the residents & businesses of Woodcock Lane and the village of Woodhall Spa

BIRTHDAYS

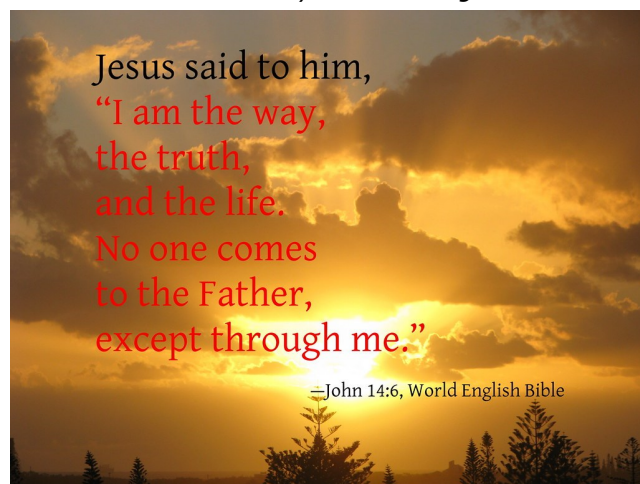
Tuesday, 5th May - Helen Marshall
Thursday, 7th May - Dorothy Platt

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.