

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

It is very good to welcome the Rev. Peter King as the President and Preacher for our service this morning.

Hymns	336	All my hope on God is founded	A & M
	312	Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult	
	115	Dear Lord and Father of mankind	
	207	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty	
Sunday 7th June	10.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at St. Margaret's, Thimbleby	
	6.00pm	Taizé service at St. Mary's	
Tuesday 9th June	2.30pm	Bible Society meeting	
	7.30pm	Horncastle Matters' magazine meeting	
Wednesday 10th June	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	11.00am	Deanery Standing Committee meeting	
Thursday 11th June	10.00am	Funeral Service for Keith Burton at Alford Crem.	
	5.30pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday 13th June	10.00am	Coffee in Church	
	10.00am	Mothers' Union Summer Council meeting	

IRIS OPEN WEEKEND

David Ashton Hill is hosting a collection of award winning Tall Bearded Irises until 6.00pm this evening, Sunday, 7th June at Manor Barn, Main Road, Greatham. Admission is £5.00. All 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

CAKE BAKING

We are hosting a Deanery Synod meeting on Wednesday, 17th June and also the Archdeacon's Visitation Service on Thursday, 18th June.

If you are kindly able to bake a cake for either of these events, please add your name to the list at the back of church. Thank you.

CONFIRMATION

We look forward to hosting a Confirmation Service for the deanery at St. Mary's on Sunday, 5th July at 3.00pm, when we will be joined by the new Bishop of Grimsby, the Rt. Rev. Jean Burgess. We have five candidates who have been preparing for Confirmation from our Group, and we will be joined by others from the wider Local Mission Partnership. Please pray for those who are preparing to be Baptised and Confirmed. All are welcome to join the celebration on the day.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Unfortunately, we have had several instances of antisocial behaviour, from some young people, which has spiked over the last couple of weeks. As a result for a short time we will be closing the church at the end of the school day, and are working with the police to resolve the issue. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Collect O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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.

Hosea 5, 15 - 6, 6 p. 871

Romans 4, 13 - 25 p. 165

Matthew 9, 9 - 13, 18 - 26 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread throughout that district.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 14th June	10.00am	Holy Communion, Sunday Club and Youth Alpha
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas
Monday, 15th June	6.00pm	Music Review Group meet
Tuesday, 16th June	7.30pm	TCC meeting
Wednesday 17th June	9.30am	Holy Communion
	2.15pm	Mothers' Union meeting
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting
Thursday 18th June	5.30pm	Choir Practice
	7.00pm	Visitation Service
Saturday 20th June	9.00pm	Prayer Breakfast at Costa
	10.00am	Coffee in Church

GARDEN PARTY

We look forward to the annual Garden Party on Saturday, 27th June kindly hosted by Michael and Marilyn Hieatt at the Manor House from 2.00 - 4.30pm. The Friends of St. Mary's, who are organizing the event, are seeking volunteers to help set up beforehand, look after the stalls and serve teas during the afternoon. If you are able to help in this way, please have a word with Michael Hieatt (01507 525071) or Stefan Urbanowicz. The Friends are also appealing for items for the Tombola Stall and for Cakes, which you might kindly leave at the Church Office on the Friday morning, 26th June, or at the Manor House on the Saturday morning. Thank you, and we look forward to another glorious afternoon. Please spread the word.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 7th June: please pray for the residents & businesses of the village of Ashby Puerorum and Ashwood 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



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.