

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Hymns	104	For the beauty of the earth	A & M
	202	Let all the world	
	247	I heard the voice of Jesus say	
	192	Praise, my soul, the King of heaven	
Sunday, 12th July	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday Club & Youth Alpha	
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas	
Monday, 13th July	7.30pm	Thimbleby VCC meeting	
Tuesday, 14th July	11.00am	Funeral Service for Ann Blakey	
Wednesday 15th July	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	10.30am	Chapter Meeting	
	1.00pm	Mothers' Union Lunch	
	7.30pm	'Seeking God, Seeking Growth' course	
Thursday 16th July	10.00am	Wolds and Coast Churches' Conference	
	5.30pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday 18th July	9.00am	Prayer Breakfast at Costa	
	10.00am	Coffee in Church	

VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

We are holding a 'Bucket Collection' to support the people of Venezuela following the recent earthquake there. All monies that are collected will go to the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' who work with partner charities across the region. The bucket will be out at services over the course of the week. Thank you for your support.

'SEEKING GOD: SEEKING GROWTH'

We are running a short course during July based on the diocesan resource 'Seeking God: Seeking Growth'. This is a reflective course with Bible passages designed to help us consider what we do well as a Church, what we may need to put aside, and to encourage areas of growth. It promises to be a useful way of helping us to discern where we might best put our efforts under God going forward. The course continues on Wednesday evening from 7.30 – 9.00pm, with coffee and biscuits served from 7.15pm. All are welcome.

WOLDS AND COAST CHURCHES FESTIVAL

We are hosting the Wolds & Coast Churches' Festival Conference on Thursday morning. There is an appeal for anyone you might help provide refreshments to please have a word with Helen Marshall.

THORNTON SUMMER SERVICE

We look forward to a summer service at St. Wilfrid's, Thornton on Sunday, 26th July at 3.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments, courtesy of Rev. Peter & Lizzie King at the Old Rectory. All welcome.

SPRING CLEAN

'Cleanliness is next to Godliness!' A big 'thank you' to all those who helped with yesterday morning's 'Spring Clean' of the church building. We are grateful to all the volunteers who kindly turned out to help, with their efforts making a big impression. Thank you.

Collect Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.

Isaiah 55, 10 - 13 p. 712

Romans 8, 1 - 11 p. 168

Matthew 13, 1 - 9, 18 - 23 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 19th July	10.00am	All Age Worship
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Ashby Puerorum
Wednesday 22nd July	9.30am	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	'Seeking God, Seeking Growth' course
Thursday 23rd July	5.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 24th July	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	1.30pm	Wedding of Connor Smith and Eloise Biggin

MOTHERS' UNION

This year the Mothers' Union are celebrating 150th years since their foundation by Mary Sumner in 1876. We look forward to welcoming the Diocesan President, Isabel Glenister, for a special service here at St. Mary's on Sunday, 9th August at 10.00am. There will also be a Coffee Morning on Thursday, 13th August from 10.00am, to which all are welcome. All funds raised will be in support of MU charities.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 12th July: please pray for the residents & businesses of Bell's Yard Close and Betts Yard

BIRTHDAYS

Friday, 17th July - Phil Smith

Saturday, 18th July - Rev. Charles Patrick

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.