

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Hymns	54	The Servant song	S of F
	22	A new commandment	
	519	Take my life, and let it be	
	299	Jesus put this song in to our hearts	
Sunday 5th July	10.00am	Holy Communion	
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Thimbleby	
	3.00pm	Confirmation Service	
	6.00pm	Taizé Service	
Monday 6th July	11.00am	Funeral Service for Joyce Rennie	
	2.00pm	Churches Together Ministers' meeting	
Tuesday 7th July	7.00pm	Manor House Road School Trust meeting	
Wednesday 8th July	9.30am	Holy Communion	
	7.30pm	'Seeking God, Seeking Growth' course	
Thursday 9th July	7.30pm	PCC meeting	
	5.30pm	Choir Practice	
Saturday 11th July	10.00am	Coffee in Church	
	10.00am	Spring Clean of the Church building	

CONFIRMATION

We look forward to hosting a Confirmation Service for the deanery at St. Mary's this afternoon at 3.00pm, led 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, and all are, of course, very welcome to join the service of celebration.

'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. The course continues on Wednesday evening from 7.30 – 9.00pm, with coffee and biscuits served at 7.15pm. All are welcome.

SPRING CLEAN

We are planning a 'Spring Clean' of the church building on Saturday, from 10.00am. Any help you can give will be much appreciated.

'COFFEE +'

We pay tribute to Dorothy, Maxine and Rose who have faithfully looked after the 'Coffee +' Group, providing games and entertainment for the residents of Clarence House, on the first Wednesday of the month for over 20 years. As they step back from this work we give thanks for their amazing dedication and love. If anyone would like to help with this activity when it restarts in September, please have a word with Helen or Fiona. Thank you.

Collect Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Zechariah 9, 9 - 12 p. 920

Romans 7, 15 - 25a p. 167

Matthew 11, 16 - 19, 25 - end

Jesus said, 'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn."

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 the 'Disasters Emergency Committee' who work with partner charities across the region. The bucket will be out at services over the next two weeks. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

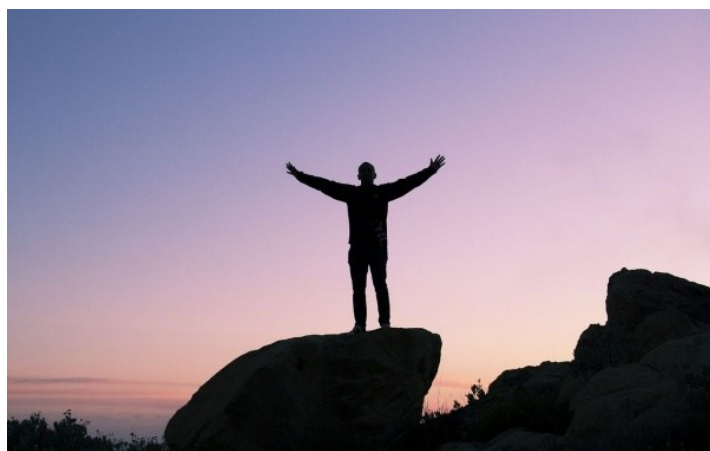
Week beginning the 5th July: please pray for the residents & businesses of Barley Way and the village of Belchford

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.