

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

<i>Hymns</i>	<i>975 Over the mountains and the sea S of F</i>	
	<i>434 O, love that will not let me go</i>	
	<i>493 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God</i>	
	<i>892 Lord, for the years</i>	
Sunday, 26th July	10.00am	Holy Communion with Prayer for Healing
	12.00noon	Korean Veterans' service at Hamerton Gdns.
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas
	3.00pm	Summer service at St. Wilfrid's, Thornton
Monday, 27th July	10.30am	Safeguarding Meeting
	2.00pm	Pastoral Committee meet
Tuesday, 28th July	1.00pm	'Holiday Club'
Wednesday 29th July	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.00am	Standing Committee meet
	7.30pm	'Seeking God, Seeking Growth' course
Thursday 30th July	5.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 1st August	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	12.30pm	Wedding of Rachel Bell and David Dixon at High Toynton Church

THORNTON SUMMER SERVICE

We are warmly invited to join the summer service at St. Wilfrid's, Thornton this afternoon at 3.00pm. The service will be followed by refreshments courtesy of Rev Peter & Lizzie King at the Old Vicarage.

'HOLIDAY CLUB'

We look forward to the 'Holiday Club' taking place on Tuesday from 1.00 - 3.00pm. Please spread the word to all Primary School age children. The theme is 'God made horses with strength and beauty'.

HORSE FAIR

We look forward to the annual Horncastle Horse Fair taking place on Saturday, 8th August. Please see the leaflets and posters for full details of the programme. If you are able to help by offering a welcome, baking cakes or serving refreshments on the day, that will be much appreciated. Please add your name to the list at the back.

MOTHERS' UNION

This year the Mothers' Union are celebrating 150 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.

REV. JOHN PARKIN

We give thanks for John's faithful ministry over many years. He is finally hanging up his cassock and retiring from ministry. In recognition of this, John will be preaching and presiding a final time at our mid-week Communion service on the 29th July and similarly presiding and preaching at Thimbleby on Sunday, 2nd August.

Collect Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; 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.

1 Kings 3, 5 - 12 p. 327

Romans 8, 26 - end p. 168

Matthew 13, 31 - 33, 44 - 52 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 2nd August	10.00am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Thimbleby
	6.00pm	Taizé Service
Wednesday 5th August	9.30am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Funeral for John D. Elliott
Thursday 6th August	10.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	5.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 8th August	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	10.00am	'Horse Fair' (see below)

ASHBY PUERORUM

Please note that the August service at Ashby Puerorum will be on the second Sunday of the month and not the third, as is usual. So, the service will be held at 10.00am on Sunday, 9th August.

HIGH TOYNTON

High Toynton Church are hosting a 'Music Festival and BBQ' on Sunday, 16th August in the Church and the Churchyard. There will be activities from 11.00am, with Live Bands playing from 12.30pm. Admission is £5.00, with children under ten admitted free. Please see the posters and flyers for further information. All are welcome.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

Week beginning the 26th July: please pray for the residents & businesses of Bonnetable Road and Boston Road

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.