

THE NINTH 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>	127	Glorious things of thee are spoken	S of F
	330	Let us break bread together	
	40	Be still for the presence of the Lord	
	147	Great is thy faithfulness	

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)

HORSE FAIR

We look forward to the annual Horncastle Horse Fair taking place next Saturday, 8th August between 10.00am and 4.00pm. Please see the leaflets and posters for details of the programme, which include a tour of the Church at 11.00am. 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 lists 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.

ASHBY PUERORUM

Please note that the August Communion service at Ashby Puerorum will be on the second Sunday of the month and not, as is usual, the third Sunday. So, it 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.

SERVERS/SACRISTANS

We are very grateful to those who Serve and those who act as Sacristans preparing for our Communion Services. We are looking for volunteers to help with these roles. If you are interested in knowing more, please have a word with the Clergy or Churchwardens.

GIVING

We are very grateful for all those who give financially, in whatever way, to St. Mary's. Recently we have seen a considerable uptick in giving and we are pleased to report that we now have forty individuals/couples who give on a regular basis. Thank you. This allows us to plan for the future and to pledge more towards our Parish Share commitment to the diocese. We hope this continues so that we are able to fulfil our complete commitments in due course.

Collect Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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, 1 - 5 p. 712

Romans 9, 1 - 5 p. 169

Matthew 14, 13 - 21 Now when Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday, 9th August	10.00am	Holy Communion with the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the MU
	10.00am	Holy Communion at Ashby Puerorum
	2.30pm	Pastoral Teas
Wednesday 12th August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday 13th August	10.00am	Mothers' Union
		Coffee Morning
	5.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 15th August	9.00am	'Prayer Breakfast' at Costa Coffee
	10.00am	Coffee in Church
	1.30pm	Wedding of Rachel King & Sebastian Conway-Jarrett

REV. JOHN PARKIN

We give thanks for John's faithful ministry over many years. He is finally hanging up his cassock and retiring from ordained ministry. John is presiding and preaching at St. Margaret's, Thimbleby this morning. We wish him and his family every blessing into the future.

PRAYER FOR THE TOWN

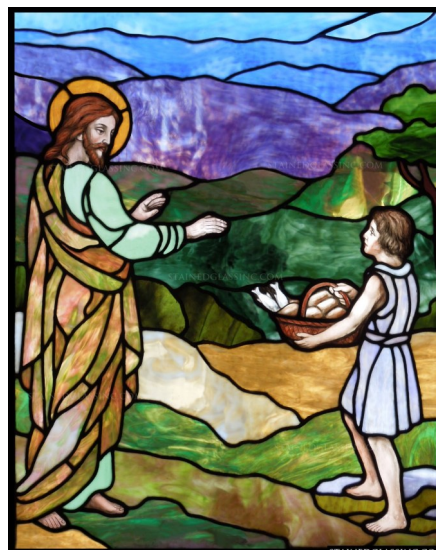
Week beginning the 2nd August: please pray for the residents & businesses of Bowl Alley Lane and Brackenbury Close

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.