

# THE EDGE

Welcome to the August edition of The Edge, the Newsletter for the Benefice of Easington with Skeffling, Keyingham, Ottringham, Patrington, Welwick and Winestead parishes.

If you have anything that you would like to share with us all through the newsletter, then please get in touch with any of the Church contacts or let Alisdair know about it.

## Thoughts from Alisdair

There are lots of pressures on us at the moment—local, national, and global.

Human beings find all sorts of ways of handling the pressures. Christians are human beings, should we expect Christian responses to the pressures we face to be just like everybody else's?

The people who wrote the letters that are preserved in the New Testament give a very clear answer: 'No, our response is to be Christlike!'

Over and over again Paul, Peter, James, and the others, call 'Christians' to 'love each other', and the model of 'love' they look to is Jesus.

The call is made over and over again, because we actually find it really hard to 'love each other'—consistently, and with maturity, and with understanding of what 'love' actually means in practice.

The Christians of the early Church clearly often struggled to understand and be faithful. The modern Church is no different—we are all 'human beings'.

In some form or another the people of the local churches—not just the six of the benefice, but the twenty three of South Holderness Deanery—are going to have to build on what we have already learned about supporting each other, and working together.

On 7 July, after considerable discussion, the Deanery Synod voted very positively (there were three abstentions and no votes against) to support the proposal for how the Deanery churches will work together to live in the light of these guiding principles: + putting into practice Christ's call to 'love one another as I have loved you' + seeking to allow our practice of 'church' to offer a resilient, adaptable, hospitable, and lively practice of Christ's call to 'follow me' + building a prayerful, collaborative, and witnessing understanding of 'church' in the light of Christ's journey to the cross.

And to help enable this through supporting three full-time clergy, plus two part-time 'House-for Duty' clergy, to work in the deanery over the coming years.

Everyone recognises that it is not a 'perfect' solution. There are details to be finalised, but it is workable, it requires us all to up our game financially (but not massively), and the proposal invites churches to support each other, so that no one is left isolated and trying to cope alone. Copies of the proposal will be available in the form that is submitted to the Diocese, which should happen around the time this edition of 'The Edge' is published.

In the autumn we should learn in what actual shape things may take, when the Diocese reports back, having taken into consideration the proposals of all the Deaneries.

Practising Christ's trust and love is the heart of our faith; without it we are no different to everybody else, as people struggle and fight to survive, often at the expense and hurt of others.

Ephesians 4:14-16 – *'We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.'*

May we practice Christ's peace and love; to our growth, to the hope of others, and to the glory of God.

***In Christ's love, Alisdair.***

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## **A new Pilgrimage route planned for South Holderness**

### **Join in on the weekend of 20th/21st August**

Pilgrimages were all the rage in times gone past, walking miles to a sacred site such as Rome or in the UK to Bardsey Island off the Welsh Lleyon peninsula. They have come back in popularity: the 500 mile route from the Pyrenees to St. James Compostela in Spain is packed with pilgrims, young and old, and routes are springing up all over this country.

There is something about walking. It can calm you, give you space to work out a problem, prepare you for a new challenge or new phase of your life. The churches recommend it, and I am working to help local people take part. I'm planning a series of pilgrimages in South Holderness, and you won't need to travel to it, or walk mile and miles, or even to walk.

The first of these will be over the weekend of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> August this year. It will be a walking route, but you can also join in part of it by cycle, car, or wheelchair. We shall start on the Saturday at St. Augustine's Hedon, walk to St. Andrew's Paull, where some will stay at the nearby B&B while others return home for the night, and on the Sunday walk from Paull to St. Mary's Thorngumbald and then to St. Nicholas Keyingham. There will space to be quiet and reflect in the churches and on route. Anyone is welcome to join in all your part; you don't have to be a church member or believe anything at all. Contact me for more information.



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## **CHURCH SERVICES IN AUGUST**

***Please check your church notice board, the South Holderness Deanery Facebook page & newsletters, etc. for other services and updates***

### **St. Nicholas, Keyingham**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:30 – Holy Communion

### **St. Patrick, Patrington**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 – Morning Prayer

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 10.30 – Morning Prayer

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – 10.30 – Morning Prayer

### **All Saints, Easington**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm – Service and tea party

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> – 9.30 – Holy Communion

### **St. Wilfrid, Ottringham**

No services

### **St. Mary, Welwick**

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 – Holy Communion

### **St. Germain, Winestead**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> – 9.30 – Holy Communion

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## **OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE**

### ***St Patrick's Church are holding their Open Weekend on 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August.***

The church will be open each day from 10am to 4pm and tower tours will be available, bookable on the day. It is hoped to have a Choral Evensong courtesy of All Saints Pavement, York at 4:30pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> although this has yet to be confirmed.

### ***St Mary's Welwick – SAVE THE DATE – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September***

Members of the Electro-acoustic Ensemble will perform a concert of electronic music entitled:

#### ***THE NATURAL WORLD***

Part 1: 13:30 – 14:30

Part 2: 19:00 – 20:00

Tickets at the door - £7.00 both parts - £3.50 each part

***All Saints, Easington – FareShare shop*** from 11am onwards every Friday with food available in the church, at reduced prices. The plan is to introduce bake sales, produce, etc. to turn the Friday FareShare into a market.

***Wednesday group*** - this group currently meets in the conservatory at 5 South Churchside at 9.30am. Everyone welcome, to ask what it means to be a Christian, to explore a simple Bible reading, to find a structure that works for group prayer, and to sing a couple of songs. Babies and toddlers welcome. Snacks, juice and coffee.

***Welwick pop-in*** – every Thursday in the village hall from 10:00 til 12:00

***Ottringham Community Lunch*** – first Wednesday of each month at 1pm in the Watts Arms.

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