

THE EDGE

Welcome to the May 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.

Our Deanery Churches - an update from Alisdair

Spring is definitely here—at last! Changes we have been waiting for are happening all around, and not just in the fields, hedgerows, and gardens.

As a sign that the changes in how the churches of the deanery work together is shifting from an idea to a reality I am being formally licensed by Bishop Eleanor as 'Interim Priest-in-Charge' to the fourteen village parishes, where I am not already licensed as vicar. This will take place at 7.30pm at St. Peter, Humbleton, on Wednesday, 10 May.

Please come and join in. If we think in terms of a 'traditional vicar' this is madness, but if we think in terms of working together, sharing ministry, and welcoming God's Spirit in helping Christian lives to grow and deepen in South Holderness, then let's get on with it and see what we can do.

Having had that as a warm up, we then have the licensing of Clive Hall to be 'Interim Minister' to Withernsea, at 7.30pm, at St. Matthew, on Monday, 22 May. This will make real the decision to have a full-time minister focussing their energy on a single parish for up to six years in the two main centres of population in the deanery—Hedon (Sue Pulko) and Withernsea (Clive).

Alongside that Janice Sharp has been given 'Permission to Officiate' (PTO), which means she will be able to offer very welcome assistance in leading some services and occasional funerals. And, on 1 July, Simon Clark will be ordained Deacon, as he works towards being priested in 2024. Simon will also be able to help lead various services and be gaining experience in other areas. Added to that there will be opportunities for lay members to develop their skills and experience in contributing in various ways to the life of our Christian family, through a new training program and the 'Authorised Lay Minister' (ALM) scheme. And, looking ahead, we hope that two 'House-for-Duty' posts will be advertised from this month, for further part-time clergy assistance across the village parishes.

There is genuine potential here, potential for new and maturing life. Please pray for us all, whatever part we play, and may God's Spirit be welcomed and received.

*'Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.'*

– Isaiah 43.19

**God's peace be with you,
Alisdair.**

BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

'Safeguarding' means the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture in all our churches and we all have a duty to comply fully with Safeguarding policy and practice guidance. Most importantly we must never put ourselves at risk and if we have a concern, we must never deal with it on our own, always get in touch with Alisdair or Sue, our benefice safeguarding officer, and they will advise how to deal with the situation. Safeguarding the church concerns all age groups including children, teenagers and vulnerable adults.

All authorised clergy, bishops, archdeacons, licensed readers and lay workers, churchwardens and PCCs must have "due regard" to safeguarding guidance issued by the House of Bishops (this will include both policy and practice guidance). A duty to have "due regard" to guidance means that the person under the duty is not free to disregard it but is required to follow it unless there are cogent reasons for not doing so. ('Cogent' for this purpose means clear, logical and convincing.) A "Church Officer" is anyone appointed/elected by or on behalf of the Church to a post or role, whether they are ordained or lay, paid or unpaid.

The Church of England is committed to the safeguarding, care and nurture of everyone within our community and will:

- Promote a safer environment and culture
- Safely recruit and support all those with any responsibility related to children and vulnerable adults within the Church
- Respond promptly to every safeguarding concern or allegation
- Care pastorally for victims/survivors of abuse and other affected persons
- Care pastorally for those who are the subject of concerns or allegations of abuse and other affected persons
- Respond to those that may pose a present risk to others

These policy commitments are based on our five foundations:

- Gospel
- Human rights and the law
- Core principles
- Good safeguarding practice
- Learning from the past

In recent months our benefice safeguarding officer has attended a PCC meeting in each parish to discuss safeguarding and reports that for the year ending December 2022 no issues have been raised.

9am Friday Morning Prayer venues:

- 5th May – Ottringham
- 12th May – Keyingham
- 19th May – Easington
- 26th May – Welwick

Anyone is welcome to join in. It lasts about twenty minutes, there is a psalm, a reading, sometimes a bit of a discussion, and we pray for the local church and community, and whatever else seems right.

CHURCH SERVICES IN MAY

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

Note – there will be a Holy Communion service to celebrate Ascension Day at St Augustine, Hedon, on 18 May at 6pm

St. Nicholas, Keyingham

Sunday 21st at 9:30am – Holy Communion service

St. Patrick, Patrington

Sunday 7th at 10:30am – Morning Prayer service

Sunday 14th at 11.00am – Holy Communion service

Sunday 21st at 10.30am – Morning Prayer service

Sunday 28th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer service

All Saints, Easington

Sunday 7th at 3pm – Tea Party Service

Sunday 14th at 9:30am – Holy Communion service

St. Wilfrid, Ottringham

Sunday 28th at 11:00am – Holy Communion service

St. Mary, Welwick

Sunday 7th at 11:00am – Holy Communion service

St. Germain, Winestead

Sunday 21st at 9:30am – Holy Communion service

St. Matthew, Withernsea

Monday 22nd at 7:30pm – Revd Clive Hall licensing

St. Peter, Humbleton

Wednesday 10th at 7:30pm – Revd Alisdair Laird licensing

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

All Saints, Easington – FareShare shop from 11am til 1pm every Friday with food available in the church, at reduced prices. Fundraising stalls available, at no cost, to other churches and local enterprises.

St Patrick's Church – on Monday 8th May from 2pm to 4pm – a warm invitation to afternoon tea in the church, with musical entertainment. This is a free event for the village.

Welwick pop-in – every Thursday in the village hall, call in for a cuppa, delicious cake and a chat from 10:00 til 12:00

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

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