

THE EDGE

Welcome to the September 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.

"Stop, think, and understand" - a reflection from Alisdair

Jesus said to a man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." – Luke 9.59-60

'Let the dead bury their own dead' – Jesus words are deliberately provocative, even shocking. Jesus challenges us to stop, think, and understand what we are doing with our lives, and why. Many people aren't interested in taking notice of the 'Kingdom of God', they are preoccupied with things that ultimately lead nowhere. But for others: 'you go and proclaim the kingdom of God' strikes a chord, and that command and allegiance becomes their heart and their goal.

Here are one or two things to be aware of as we begin the Autumn season. Some are personal to others, and we can pray for them; others we might have a more direct part to play in, alongside our prayers:

- Revitalise – Over the coming months representatives from across the deanery will be taking part in a programme run by the Diocese. It's called 'Revitalise' and it's aim is to offer resources and support to churches in exploring ways of worship and ministry that are helpful to them and to the communities they are part of. The representatives are drawn from each benefice and will be able to feed back to their particular churches. It is up to us how we use the resources and ideas.
- Diane Berry – Please keep Diane Berry in your prayers. Diane has been working in Coast Benefice for a number of years as a 'Distinctive Deacon*', and has recently been invited to consider taking the extra step to being priested. Over 26-27 of September she meets with the discernment panel to reach a final decision. Whether the decision is 'Yes' or 'No' Diane will be taking a more active role across all the Village Churches, which is very welcome.

* In York Diocese Deacons ('distinctive' or otherwise) can carry out most clergy duties, but are not authorised to officiate at weddings, or to preside at Holy Communion, and one or two other details.

- ‘Authorised Lay Minister (ALM)’ – Scattered across the churches of the Deanery are people who are authorised to be ‘Recognised Parish Assistants’. These have been invited to transfer to hold ‘ALM’ status—the Diocese is working to provide a more supportive and sustainable framework than the RPA scheme provided. There may still be people who hold RPA status who are unaware of the invitation to transfer. If you know someone with RPA status please check with them, they can contact Denise Wilson (Dean of Laity, 01482 817 887) or myself (01964 630 327) if they wish to find out more.
- South Holderness’ ‘Celebration of Ministry Day’ – Denise Wilson (Dean of Laity) writes: ‘Like small seedlings, leaves gradually unfurling and reaching out to the light, so our new pattern of ministry is breaking new ground and springing up shoots all around. Whilst times may seem hard, we have a lot to celebrate and look forward to as we work together, pray together, and seek to spread the Gospel together. We are planning a Celebration of Ministry Day on Saturday 7 October at Ottringham Village Hall from 10.30am to 3.30pm with Bring and Share lunch. This will be a great opportunity to meet those from the opposite end of the Deanery from where you are (and many more in between!) There will also be opportunity to reflect on our generosity and how we can support our ordained ministry going forward. Do please come and join in – and encourage each one of our church family to come too.’

In Christ's love, Alisdair.

NEWS AND EVENTS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

Hollym Crossroads Garden Centre Charity Shop - The churches of Easington, Hollym and Holmpton are working together to raise funds to further support ministry across our Deanery. They have a small charity shop in the Crossroads Garden Centre at Hollym. Please pop in, if you have time, and support them by donating second hand items. There is a coffee shop at the centre and it is a delightful venue for meeting up with friends.

St Patrick, Patrington – are holding a Country & Western evening including supper on Friday 22nd September. Contact Maureen for further details

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

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

St Nicholas’ Keyingham – we have commenced a monthly tea and cake pop-in – to be held in Church on the last Sunday of each month from 2pm to 3:30pm. Save the dates in your diary – 24th September for the next pop-in

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

9am Friday Morning Prayer venues:

- 1st September – Winestead
- 8th September – Ottringham
- 15th September – Keyingham
- 22nd September – Easington
- 29th September – 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 SEPTEMBER

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

St. Nicholas, Keyingham

Sunday 24th at 9:30am – Holy Communion service

St. Patrick, Patrington

Sunday 3rd at 10.30am – Morning Prayer service

Sunday 10th at 11.00am – Holy Communion service

Sunday 17th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer service

Sunday 24th at 10.30am – Morning Prayer service

All Saints, Easington

Sunday 24th at 3pm – Tea Party Service with a Harvest theme

St. Wilfrid, Ottringham

Sunday 17th at 11:00am – Holy Communion service

St. Mary, Welwick

Sunday 3rd at 11.00am – Holy Communion service

St. Germain, Winestead

Wednesday 27th at 7pm – Harvest Festival service with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

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