



Dear all

At the time of writing I am hiding away in my study from the heatwave Last week I had to 'pop over' to Cyprus to pack up our house there as we had thought we had sold it but sadly that fell through so onwards and upwards. But taking off from Cyprus the country I had lived in for so many years I saw the usual scorched and brown landscape due to the high temperatures and very little, if not zero, rain since the spring, but when we arrived back over the UK I thought we had turned back as it was the same brown and scorched landscape I had left a few hours earlier.

Last year I wrote to you telling you of the new initiative happening in this diocese, which is now renamed a 'Time to Change Together' and this has been ongoing throughout the year. The description of what and why we are called to do this is summed up, 'A Time to Change Together (TTCT) is foundational to the Diocese of Lincoln's vision for our shared future. As a family of churches we are committed to serving our congregations and communities as together we seek to transform lives in Greater Lincolnshire. We pledge ourselves to collaborative partnerships, relationships of generosity and growth. We are drawing deeply from the wells of God's love, found in every type and size of faithful community. We know the Church in this Diocese will flourish when the churches flourish and in order to flourish we must work together. Our whole approach is to resource local churches to be the best they can possibly be as they seek to serve the people of their

As well as major changes in the diocese support structure there have been discussions, sometimes painful and hard, about what sort of church each is called to be today. There are five categories, Key Mission church, Local Mission church, Community church, Festival and closed and each of the five churches in this group have had to make tough decisions about which they are now and aspiring to be in five years. Clergy numbers in the diocese have been reduced by a third so those of us in the diocese need to identify how they can lead and work with each church and also look towards lay members doing more and doing things differently.

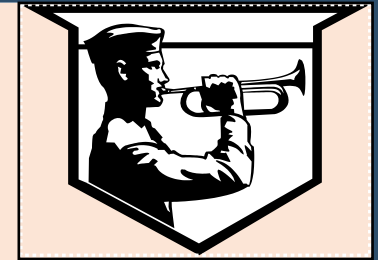
Each church is expected to give sacrificially towards the cost of ministry and we are hoping in each community to launch a 'friends of St...' for those of you who maybe don't attend regularly but would like to give towards their particular church and its upkeep etc so watch this space. A lot is happening to ensure we not just survive as a church but flourish and grow and we need your support, if you are able, to do this so please get in touch if you think you can help in anyway and if you are one that prays please pray for the churches and the people of God in Lincolnshire to be open to where God is calling us now!

Blessings

Rev Chris

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News of the Church Clock

Most people in the village will now have noticed that the church clock is going. At the time I write the work is not yet finished; the regulator is not yet fitted so the clock may not be exactly in time. Our clock restorer wants to check first that it is close to working properly so the regulator will not have too much to do to keep it in time. So far it seems that the 200 year old movement is keeping quite good time, so we can expect the regulator should maintain it spot-on.

Here are photographs of the restored clock movement arriving back at the church and of the movement before and after restoration.

Vic Rampton

NB Please note our special service in September:

11th Harvest service at 1030 in Leadenham

18th 4pm 'Pet service' – bring your pet for a blessing at St Chad's Welbourn

25th September 1030am – Harvest communion at Brant Broughton

Upcoming services:

1030am 4th September – 1030am Communion Welbourn

11th September 9am BCP at Brant Broughton/ **1030 Harvest Service at Leadenham**

18th September 1030am Beckingham/ **4pm Pet service Welbourn**

25th September 1030am **Harvest Communion Brant Broughton**

2nd October 1030am **Harvest All age service Welbourn/** 6pm Communion Welbourn



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Dear Mr Brown

ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS SCHEME: A17 THIN SURFACE REPLACEMENT PACKAGE

I am writing to inform you about upcoming major A17 improvements planned to start in September. These works will involve the reconstruction of the section of A17 between Beckingham and Leadenham.

The works will begin on Monday 12th September 2022 and are expected to last for up to three and half months, subject to weather. If the programme extends such that it encroaches upon the Christmas period, we will open the road, vacate site for this period and return in the new year to complete the work.

As part of the scheme, the A17 between Sleaford Road in Beckingham to Leadenham Low Fields, will be closed overnight from 7pm to 6am, weekday nights only.

Please note that some weekend working will be required from 7pm Friday night until 6am on the following Monday morning. The proposed weekends are 30 September to 3 October; 7-10 October; and 14-17 October.



Wanted

The Parish Council needs a reliable self employed person to carry out maintenance jobs around the Village.

A good rate of pay is offered.

If you know of anyone please contact either Lawrence Tatton (Parish Council Chairman 01636 629350 & 07900 104481) or the Clerk (01476 516366)

Hill Holt Wood, an overview

Hill Holt Wood is a 34 acre ancient woodland situated on the Lincs/Notts border and is the hub of one of the most successful Social Enterprises in the East Midlands. The project started in 1995 and has been a recognised Social Enterprise for 20 years. Hill Holt Wood is first and foremost a woodland; and approaches the management of this environment both in the traditional sense – as a habitat to be managed but also in utilising the natural resource in our main goals of training, education and return to purposeful living. It is also a Business with Charitable status and is a significant employer in a rural area with 45 full and part-time staff.



Finally, it is a holistic concept, a way of working with the local community to create a better environment and reach out to those in need.

The business works with local education and social services and to prepare disadvantaged young people or those with barriers to mainstream learning for employment through its education and training programmes.

It has several revenue streams; the manufacture and selling of woodland products, firewood sales and forestry management, consultancy services, imparting advice on sustainable living, practical eco-home construction, refurbishment and retrofit; hiring of its Woodland Hall for educational, corporate, and private events, the maintenance of litter picking and grass cutting contracts with the local council. It also runs a mental health recovery programme at Norton Disney Bigwood as well as providing a Natural burial service. Alongside these activities it facilitates a number of grant funded programmes aimed at educating and involving a wide range of people in natural building and environmental projects.

The woodland is used to generate income for the company and its charitable commitments, while conserving and enhancing the environment. Hill Holt Wood is a charity and a social business with both arms of the organisation controlled by a voluntary board of directors representing local communities, councils, and businesses.

All contributions for the next Beckingham Bugle welcome. The deadline for the next December 2022 issue is November 18th 2022

