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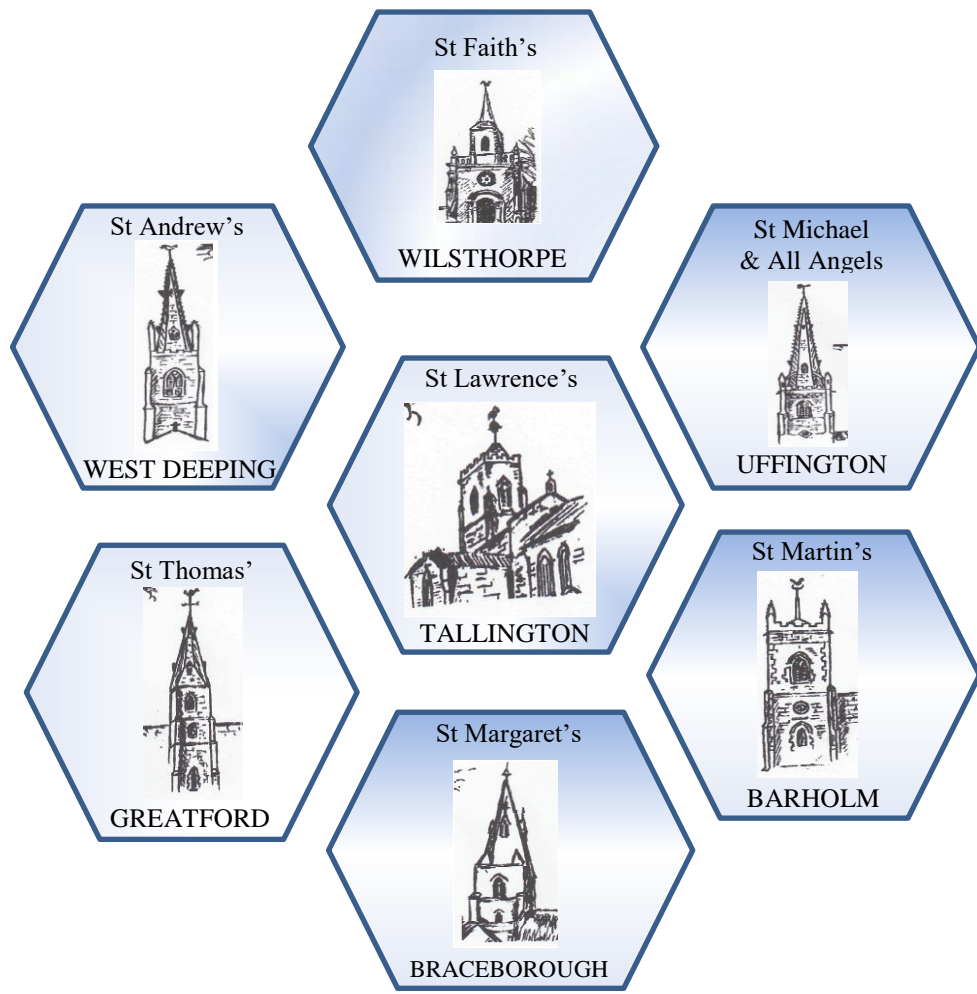
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## LETTER FROM BISHOP CHRISTOPHER

One of the many privileges of being Bishop of Lincoln is the joy of travelling round the beautiful counties of the diocese, discovering so many interesting places and meeting more inspirational and humbling people than I could ever number. During the month of July, I will be travelling much further than usual, however: to Fiji, to represent the Church of England at an international consultation. I will be one delegate among many from around the world, all of whom will be representing their part of the Anglican Communion. My fellow delegates and I will gather from dioceses and provinces as diverse as Brazil, The Philippines, Central Africa, The Indian Ocean, Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and Jerusalem and the Middle East, as well as from England.

We meet as delegates of USPG, a mission agency that believes that every person and every community should be able to live a full life. I will be travelling right around the world to attend the consultation, and meeting partners who face very different challenges from our own. Many of them face daily struggles with the effects of climate (or climate change), geography, war, poverty or famine. Yet I am struck by how similar USPG's belief is to our own desire here in the diocese of Lincoln to see lives transformed through an encounter with the living God.

As members of the same human family across the world, all of us created and loved by God, we are united by so much more than the things that might divide us. I continue to pledge myself to do my part in the building up of God's kingdom in our diocese, so that all the members of this part of the human family have the opportunity of a full life, and to become the people that God has created them to be.

May God bless all his people, wherever they may be, and may the message of his love for the world continue to inspire us in the work of transformation to which he has called us.

Bishop Christopher

The Rectory

Dear Friends,

Are you feeling fit? By the time this comes through your door, Wimbledon will be in full swing, and most of us will be being put to shame by all those super-fit bodies bounding around, making the tennis courts look tiny as they dash all over the place. I know I was never going to be that fit - but then I go to the school or watch toddlers playing, and see the energy of the children, and I *can* remember the days when I, too, played outside for hours on end, cycled everywhere and didn't know what an aching muscle was.

I'll never recapture the boundless energy of childhood, but it does seem that the more exercise we do, the more we're capable of doing for longer. I took the funeral of a 94-year-old who had not only played tennis and golf as long as she was able, but had done her exercises every day almost to the end. Keeping active kept her going. And the same seems to apply to our minds - we're told that the more we use our brains, the longer we're *able* to use them, so doing puzzles and thinking about things can keep our minds active.

It's not good news for the lazy. If we want to stay active, we obviously have to put some effort in. Walking, swimming, gardening - reading, discussing, learning new skills - we need to use our bodies and our minds if we want to carry on using them for as long as possible.

And it's not only minds and bodies. Souls need exercise, too. We get out of practice at spiritual matters just as easily, then wonder why there seems to be something missing from our lives, why we feel somehow unfulfilled. We need prayer and worship, we need to appreciate the beauty around us - the beauty of creation, of art and music, of love - we need to explore the meaning of our lives. So let's hope that, even if we don't have the energy and enthusiasm of childhood, we can find enough energy to keep exploring the world around us, and exercising our bodies, minds and souls, so that we can be fulfilled in all we do for a long time to come.

Yours in Christ,

*Carolyn Kennedy*

## GREATFORD

**Church Flowers:** Lois Webb  
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**Church Services:** The services – which everyone is most welcome to attend – are: **12<sup>th</sup> June**, Holy Communion at 9am; and **26<sup>th</sup> June**, All Age Worship at 9am.

**Bell Ringing:** Greatford practice night Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 7:30 - 9pm. Anyone welcome to come along and watch, or have a go. A quarter peal was rung on 21<sup>st</sup> April to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and more bells will be rung in the group on June 12<sup>th</sup> for her official birthday!

**Marie Curie house to house collection** in March raised £83. 38, so thank you all very much for your generous offerings.

**Carlby & District WI:** At the meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> the speaker was Stephen Perry on 'The Peterborough Workhouse.' The next meeting is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Carlby Village Hall at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Pauline Crampin and her subject is 'Painting Flower Cards'. New Members and visitors are always welcome. For further information please telephone 01778 392838.

**Mobile Library:** The van will call at Greatford opposite the phone box on Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July from 12:00noon to 12:30pm.

**Flying the Flag:** Mark any special event by having the Union Flag or St George's Flag flown at the Village Hall (for a contribution to Village Hall Funds) or outside the Church (in aid of Church Funds). Please contact Cyril Webb on 560437 in either case.

## WELLAND MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm  
A garden party at Sylvia Alpe's home West Deeping  
Information from Elizabeth Noble 01778 344674 or Anne Batty 01780 740151

## WEST DEEPING

**St Andrews Church.** All Age Service Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July. 10.30am. If you have any ideas or requests, or would like a special prayer or hymn please tell Allen 01778 344208 or Ian 01778 380014.

**Coffee Mornin Saturday 16th July.** 10.30am-12noon at Joy and Roger's house 45 King Street. Call in for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Donations for St. Andrew's Church. Raffle, cake/produce stall. All are welcome.g.

**Bible Studies.** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. 2.45 for 3.00pm at Cromwell House followed by tea with our hosts Susanna and Ian. Then there will be a summer break until September 6<sup>th</sup>. Contact: Allen Calvert 01778 344208.

**West Deeping Walkers.** Sundays, 3rd July is led by Kevin and Shirley: 17<sup>th</sup> July is a local walk. Meet outside the Village Hall, 2pm. Contact Annie 346805, snewbigging@talktalk.net

**Carpet Bowls Club.** The group meets on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday evenings in the Village Hall. See centre pages. Chairperson: July Thomas 01778 343434.

**West Deeping Parish Council.** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm WDVH. Everyone is welcome to come to the open session at the beginning of the meeting and ask questions. After that they are welcome to observe but not join in for the rest of the agenda.

**Rambling Readers.** Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 7.45pm in the Village Hall. If you are interested in reading a new book each month supplied by Lincolnshire Libraries please touch base with Elizabeth at 01778 344674. Or just come along for a taster session.

**Queen's Birthday celebrations.** Despite the weather, more than 90 West Deeping villagers flocked to St Andrew's Church for a service to mark the Queen's 90th birthday, led by Mark Thomson. The celebrations were rung in by the local bell ringers. The children paraded their crown and coronet creations during the service and Paul Bragg took the customary village photograph. Members of the congregation were then invited to vote for the best-decorated cake before going out for the start of the West Deeping Mile races. Picnics in the Tinsley Playing Field started under umbrellas but luckily within half an hour the rain stopped and we were able to continue with childrens' races and the West Deeping favourite, Maypole dancing. Proceedings were brought to a close by a first-class performance of traditional folk songs by the Lincolnshire Poachers, before the rain started again! Results: West Deeping Mile Race - Junior Champion: Lucy Blackwell (7.27), Senior's Champion: Steve Cook (7.16), Women's Champion: Clare Pearce (7.01), Men's Champion: Graham Pearce (7.29), Overall Champion: Clare Pearce. Best decorated Cake - 1st Annie Newbigging, 2nd Linda Blagrove and 3rd Graham Magee.. Thanks go to all those involved in organising such a successful event.

**Classes in West Deeping Village Hall** are:

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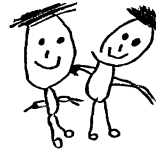
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## BRACEBOROUGH

**Holy Communion on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 9am St Margaret's Church.** Holy Communion service. Please come along and be part of the recent progress made with our increased attendances and involvement with St Margaret's and the village community. You will be made very welcome.

**Village BBQ held on 18<sup>th</sup> June.** Many thanks to all those who attended the BBQ and those who helped and/or donated towards this very successful event. Special thanks to Mike for the superb fresh produce, Keith & Pat, Linda & Liz and David for ticket sales. Huge thanks to James for running the bar, Dick for his expert bbq skills, Judy, Linda, Hazel, Pat & Lyn for all their work in food preparation & serving, setting up and tidying everything away. You are all stars! £509 was raised towards church funds. Thank you to Dave K.

Many thanks to Dave for all his time & effort in strimming a huge overgrown area of the churchyard.

Much appreciated, Dave.

**Farewell to Mark & Jo-Anne.** By the end of June we sadly say farewell to Mark and Jo-Anne. Mark's visibility and influence within the parish and wider village community has been considerable during his year with us. He has invigorated many areas of our church family and life and befriended many within Braceborough with his open style and ability to offer support and advice. We shall miss him, but must work hard to continue his legacy. Good luck Mark and Jo-Anne, and thank you.

**Fly The Flag.** It costs just £5 to fly the flag to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other memorable or special event. Please contact James or Hazel.

## UFFINGTON

### Church Flowers

3<sup>rd</sup> Jul – Jackie Rawden

10<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> Jul – Alison Dodsworth

24<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> Jul – Jane Heap

**Uffington WI.** Some aspects of Wimbledon the public may not be aware of were divulged by Alan Gray in his 'Tales of a Wimbledon Umpire' at Uffington WI's June meeting. Who knew that the umpire's kit included a checklist of swear words cross-referenced in numerous languages, that the tournament has its own Poet Laureate, or that the youngest winner of the women's title was aged only 15? (The last answer being the almost-forgotten five-times Wimbledon champion Lottie Dod in 1887). Alan Gray's wry humour and sharp eye for detail made his insights into the world-famous tournament a delight to listen to (even for tennis-avoiders). He was thanked by Alison Dodsworth. Members turned out in their best whites to celebrate this much-loved summer event – and, thanks to Pauline Earley and Sheila Croft, there were strawberry tarts too. Another much-loved event is the branch's own annual July barbecue, whose theme this year will be 'Europe'. Members are asked to dress to represent any aspect of the continent, its culture or its sporting events. President Gillian Johns welcomed members and two guests to the meeting. Subjects discussed at the business meeting included the WI's donation to the Scarecrow Festival from its successful cake stall, mileage charges to and from WI events, South Lincs WI Federation matters, and the opportunity for a second member to represent the branch (alongside Vanessa Kimberley) at the village hall committee meetings. A number of outings are being arranged for the summer months, among them a trip to Peterborough greyhound racing stadium, a visit to the Wittering Heritage Museum and a day cruise on the Rutland Belle. A competition for a white china ornament was won by 1 equal Marion Francis and Joan Hickman, and 2 equal Vanessa Kimberley and Sue Naden.

**Queen's 90th Birthday Picnic in Uffington.** Thank you to everyone who joined in Uffington's party to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The joyful day was filled with towering tables, silly hats, beautiful voices, delightful entertainment, expert baking, miles of bunting, flags a flying and YOU. HM The Queen, on the subject of her 90th Birthday Party on The Mall, spoke these words: "I hope these happy celebrations will remind us of the many benefits that can flow when people come together for a common purpose as families, friends or neighbours." Enough said.

Vanessa Kimberley, Organiser

**Uffington continued elsewhere:**

Uffington continued:

**Flying the Flag.** Either the Union Jack or St George's Flag was flown as follows:

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11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> June	The Queen's official birthday weekend	PCC

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Tim Grace wishes to thank everyone involved in the celebration of his 40-year milestone as organist of Uffington Church. He is still waiting to sign the contract! The wine and chocolates are much appreciated, along with kind messages and comments expressed in his card. "*Special Thanks*" go to Charlotte Bender for baking a very tasty cake to share and enjoy after the Holy Communion Service on 17th April.

### OPEN THE BOOK – COME AND JOIN US!

Over the last year a small group of us has been entertaining the youngest children of Uffington School each week with short, very (very!) informal dramatisations of the greatest Bible stories. We have followed a national scheme called Open the Book which is run by the Bible Society. It has been obvious that the children really enjoy the experience and we have so enjoyed working with them, it has been tremendous fun. Next year we are going to continue with the project and we are looking for some additional volunteers. Absolutely no acting skill or learning of lines is required and the time commitment is around 1 hour per week in term time, from approximately 8.30-9.30 on a Wednesday morning. Please give me a ring on 01780 765908 if you are interested to be involved in any way, and I can tell you more! Many thanks, Les Baillie

## READINGS FOR JULY

Usually, the readings for communion services are the NT and Gospel, and for Morning or Evening Prayer the Psalm, OT and NT.

	Psalm	OT	NT	Gospel
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> July</b> St Thomas the Apostle	31:1-6	Habakkuk 2:1-4	Ephesians 2:19- 22	John 20:24-29
<b>10<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 7 <i>Proper 10</i>	25:1-10	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 8 <i>Proper 11</i>	15	Genesis 18:1-10a	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b> Trinity 9 <i>Proper 12</i>	138	Genesis 18:20-32	Colossians 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13
<b>7<sup>th</sup> August</b> Trinity 11 <b>Proper 14</b>	33:12-22	Genesis 15:1-6	Hebrews 11:1-3 + 8-16	Luke 12:32-40

*The 'proper' number is given for people picking hymns - some books list suggestions for a particular Sunday under that heading. The colour this month is green (ordinary time), except for St Thomas on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, which is red. There will be special readings for the group service on the 31<sup>st</sup> July.*



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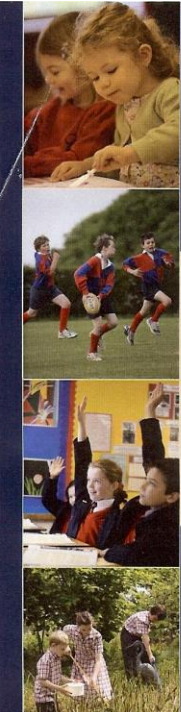
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## GARDENING & WILDLIFE IN JULY

Bee Orchids can pop up almost anywhere, although they tend to prefer grasslands, dunes, gardens, disturbed ground and quarries on chalk- or limestone-rich soils. They are found in England and Wales, especially in south and east England, but are rare in Ireland and absent from Scotland.

In any one place, their numbers can vary hugely from year to year: sometimes producing hundreds of flowers in one year, then none the next! They have been seen in several of our villages over the years, and one or two have just recently been spotted in West Deeping!

They are so-called because each flower appears to have a bumble bee resting on it and drinking nectar. But in fact the flower is so marked to mimic a bee, in order to attract another bee intent on mating. The flower's pollen gets transferred on to the real bee, which eventually flies off to try its luck on another flower, thus transferring pollen from one flower to another!

Each orchid has a single flower-stem produced in June and July (6-24ins / 15-60cm high), with oval unspotted leaves that decrease in size up the stem. The outer petals of each flower are pale pink, with the inner ones pinkish-green.

Bee orchids have been named because of their resemblance to bees, and other orchids have been similarly named because we humans see a likeness to other creatures, such as: Fly Orchid, Frog Orchid, Butterfly Orchid, Lizard Orchid, Monkey and Man Orchids. Most of these are rare plants, only growing in special and protected places. But if you are lucky enough to see any or all of them, you will see that the more common Bee Orchid is equally beautiful and amazing in its own special way, and to be equally treasured!

If you are interested in seeing some of these wonderful plants, the Wildlife Trust have produced a publication "40 Places to See Orchids: a guide to some of the UK's best orchid reserves" – see

[http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/40\\_places\\_to\\_see\\_orchids.pdf](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/sites/default/files/40_places_to_see_orchids.pdf)

**Donna Radley & Tim Barfield**

**Driver Thomas Dennis** of the Army Service Corps died on 11 June 1916.

Thomas Dennis was born in 1889 in Wilsthorpe, the son of Thomas and Sarah Dennis. Thomas senior worked for the railway, and Thomas junior appears to have followed his father into working for the railway. He then enlisted in the army and served in the Army Service Corps – first in France (from July 1915) and subsequently with the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) in Mesopotamia (now Iraq and neighbouring countries), where he was attached to the 39th Field Ambulance. Thomas died on 11 June 1916 and is buried in Amara Cemetery, Iraq. The city of Amara had been occupied by the BEF in June 1915 and had become a major hospital centre – so Thomas was probably wounded in action but died of his wounds in one of the hospitals. Thomas was 27 years old when he died, and as a son of Wilsthorpe, is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Faith's Church.

**Private George Decimus Neal** of the 7th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment died on 22 June 1916.

George Decimus Neal was born in West Deeping in late 1893, the seventh child of Jeremiah and Fanny Neal. Jeremiah had been born in early 1853 in West Deeping, the son of Samuel Neal and Sarah Eldred. Samuel (an agricultural labourer) died in 1855, and in 1861 Jeremiah and his mother and her other two children were resident with Sarah's parents in West Deeping. In 1871 Jeremiah was an agricultural labourer, boarding in Stowe. He married Fanny Elizabeth Wells in 1878, and they appear to have spent their entire married life in West Deeping. They had 10 children (one of whom had died by 1911). George was at home with his parents at the time of the 1901 census, but in 1911 he was living at the Church Missionary, College in Islington and working as a foot boy. Jeremiah and Fanny continued to live in West Deeping until Jeremiah died in late 1939 aged 86 and Fanny died in late 1943 aged 85. Military Records show that George enlisted in the Northamptonshire Regiment in Peterborough and served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Battalion – which was part of a Division within Kitchener's Third New Army. The Division moved to France in August 1915 and in September took part in the Battle of Loos, in which the 7<sup>th</sup> Northamptonshires lost more than 120 men. George joined the Battalion shortly after the Battle of Loos as one of the reinforcements posted in after the battle. The Battalion then took part in the localised actions in the area south of Ypres in the spring and early summer of 1916. It then suffered a phosgene gas attack by the Germans on 17 June – the attack was repulsed but some casualties were sustained. George was among those who died shortly after the attack – and as he is buried at Boulogne, one of the base ports where there was a major hospital complex, it seems likely that George was injured in the attack and evacuated to the hospital but died before he could be brought back to England. George was 23 when he died; as a son of West Deeping he is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Andrew's Church, West Deeping.

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**200 Club Winners in May:** No 81 Graham Jackson £20; No 83 Steve Wilson £10.

**The Queen's Birthday Celebrations:** Despite the less than excellent weather we had been enjoying that week the day went well with the children enjoying the games, Bouncy Castle and last but not least the Magician. The BBQs were also well used and the Strawberries and Pimms enjoyed.

**Social Evening:** The next social evening to be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July from 7.00 pm (we ask that you come no later than 7.30 if possible) takes the form of a Cheese and Wine Party.

This is a **very important occasion** as Bill, our much appreciated Postman for many years, will be there to receive his gift from us all. Please try to come so that he can see the high esteem we hold him in.

**Flying the Flag:** The Union Jack Flag was flown on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June in celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

Remember anyone can request the flying of either the Union Jack flag or St George's flag to celebrate any special event in your life at only a cost of £5 which goes towards the funding of the Village Hall. Just ring John or Liz Allen, 'phone740076, who will be pleased to arrange the date to be flown and the flag of your choice.

**Hiring the Village Hall:** When you are planning a party please remember that the Village Hall is available at reasonable rates. Give Nicole Burdock a call on 07919 347948 or send her an email on nrobo98@yahoo.com.

**Mobile Library Service:** The Mobile Library will be in Church Lane between 11.15 am and 11.45 am on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. 2016. Please use this facility if at all possible so that we do not lose it.

**Parish Council:** The next Parish Council meeting will be held at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016. All residents are welcome at these meetings.

### We will Remember them Continued:

**Second Lieutenant Joseph Anstee** of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 1 July 1916.

Joseph Anstee was born in West Deeping in 1890 (and baptised on 25 May 1890 in St Andrew's Church). He was the youngest child of William and Mary Anstee. William was a miller and the family came to live at The Mill in West Deeping in the early 1880s. It appears that Joseph spent all his early life at the Mill, and by 1911 was assisting in the family milling business. Joseph enlisted in the army, and by the start of the Battle of the Somme he was serving as a Second Lieutenant in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion of the Lincolnshire Regiment. The Battalion took part in the massive Anglo-French attack made on either side of the River Somme on 1 July 1916 involving five divisions of the French Sixth Army and eleven British divisions (each comprising approaching 20,000 men) of the British Fourth Army. It is generally considered to be most disastrous day in British military history, but the French forces had significant successes on both banks of the Somme, as did the British forces adjacent the French. But further north the British forces suffered an unprecedented number of casualties (including 19,240 men killed). Joseph Anstee and 127 other men of the 2<sup>nd</sup> second battalion Lincolnshire Regiment died on 1 July 1916; Joseph and 93 of his colleagues are commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial (ie they have no known grave). Joseph was 26 years old when he died; as a son of West Deeping he is commemorated on the War Memorial in St Andrew's Church, West Deeping.

**Driver Thomas Dennis will be remembered at a ceremony during the 10:30am service at Wilsthorpe on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Private George Neal will be remembered at a ceremony during the 10:30am service at West Deeping on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Second Lieutenant Joseph Anstee will be remembered at a ceremony during the 10:30am service at West Deeping on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

Several more men from our parishes died later in July 1916 and they will be commemorated on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the services in Greatford (Fred Garner and Harry Headland) and Tallington (William Gray) and on 17<sup>th</sup> July at the service in Barholm (John W Tomblin and George William Pickering) – their stories will appear in July's *Towers and Spires*.

Uffington CE Primary School

## Our School Eucharist

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### **GROUP SERVICE 31<sup>st</sup> JULY, ST MARTIN'S BARHOLM AT 10:30AM.**

The Group Service on the fifth Sunday of July will be at St Martin's Church, Barholm, and will mark the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Brebner's ordination to the priesthood. Having become a Lay Reader 20 years prior to his ordination as a non-stipendiary priest, and in recent years having been involved in the training of Authorised Lay Ministers in this area, Martin has requested that the service celebrates the role of all voluntary ministers in the Church. Accordingly, Martin will preside and preach and all the parts of the service not reserved to the presiding priest (or preacher) will be led by local Readers or Authorised Lay Ministers. Everyone welcome. Coffee, Tea and Biscuits will be served after the service by 'The Barholm Ladies.' Car parking will be available in the field opposite the church.

## WILSTHORPE

**The next Service at St Faith's is Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2016.** Please do come along and join us, where you will be made most welcome.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June** - It may have rained but it didn't dampen the spirits of those Wilsthorpe residents, their families and friends who gathered outside St Faith's to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – I am sure Her Majesty would have been very proud of us, as we raised our glasses of bubbly to wish her a very happy birthday.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - Plants and Pimms, an evening to relax, enjoy the gardens and buy plants with a glass of Pimms and nibbles at Willowcroft, Wilsthorpe PE9 4PE 6.30pm to 8.30pm Entry fee £2.50. All donations, including for drinks will be shared between St Faith's Church and Age UK. Car parking signposted in the village.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** - The Parish Council Meeting will be held in St Faith's Church. There will be an open forum for 15 minutes at the start of the meeting, do come along if you have any queries or questions for the Parish Council.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – A fund raising coffee morning for repairs required to the steeple of St Faith's Church will be held in the Braceborough and Wilsthorpe Village Hall – 10am to 12 noon. There will be a cake stall, raffle, books, etc. Do come along and enjoy the delicious homemade cakes on offer.

**Paperback books for sale!** This is proving very popular with villagers and visitors alike. There are lots of books for sale in St Faith's Church, 50p each or 3 for a £1 – a bargain! The selection is frequently refreshed.

## BARHOLM with STOWE

**Choral Evensong at St Martin's Barholm.** On Sunday 5th June a very special service of choral evensong with Deeping St James Priory Church choir was enjoyed by villagers, visitors and friends from across the group. The beauty and bliss of the melodic chorales of the choir filled our lovely church, mellow and inviting, bathed in early summer's sunshine and beautifully decorated with summer flowers by the ladies of Barholm. The service was led by Rev'd Sue Patterson, Priory Church and our own Rev'd Mark Thomson. Graham and Elizabeth were the readers. Margaret and Colin Harrison supplied wine for refreshments and there were delicious homemade nibbles from the Barholm ladies. Grateful thanks to the choir and conductor Philip Spratley. Do come when they visit again.

Barholm Gift Day will be held on July 9th in the Church Porch between 11am and 12noon. Everyone welcome for coffee and cakes and a look around the Church.

**CHURCH SERVICES AND DIARY DATES  
FOR JULY 2016 VOLUME 31 NUMBER 4**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>ST Thomas the Apostle</b> 9am Braceborough HC 10.30am Uffington HC 10.30am WDeeping MP 10.30am Wilsthorpe HC 2pm WD Walkers 6pm Barholm ES	9.15am UffVH Yoga	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Trinity 7</b> 9am Greatford HC 10.30am Uffington MP 10.30am WDeeping HC 6pm Tallington EP	9.15am UffVH Yoga	
<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Trinity 8</b> 9am Barholm HC 10.30am Uffington HC & Sunday Club 10.30am WDeeping All Age Worship 2pm WD Walkers	9.15am UffVH Yoga 2pm Welland MU 7.30pm WDVH WD Parish Council Meeting	2.45pm WD Bible Study Cromwell House
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Trinity 9</b> 9am Greatford All Age Worship 10.30am Tallington HC 10.30am Uffington All Age Worship 10.30am WDeeping HC		
<b>31<sup>st</sup></b>		
<b>10.30am Barholm HC Group Service</b> A celebration of voluntary ministry, and the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rev Martin Brebner's ordination to the priesthood		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>
9.15am UffVH Pilates 2pm WDVH Bowls Club 7pm UffVH Lace & Needlework Uff WI – Summer Meeting & BBQ	8pm WDVH Bowls Club		
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>
9.15am UffVH Pilates 2pm WDVH Bowls Club 7pm UffVH Lace & Needlework	8pm WDVH Bowls Club		10.30am WD Coffee Morning @ 45 King St
<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>
2pm WDVH Bowls Club 7pm UffVH Lace & Needlework	8pm WDVH Bowls Club		
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>
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