



The Parish of The Asterby Group

Newsletter



**November
to December
2023**

**Merry
Christmas**

from the Parish of The Asterby Group

Priestly ponderings ...

If you say it very quickly '54 days to Christmas' it doesn't sound that bad. On the other hand, if you think about it, it's less than two months away and we have so much to get through!

Thank goodness for the opportunity to take a moment in November. The month of remembrance and remembering. Beginning with our service of All Souls on the 2nd November. Our hearts will be heavy this year as we remember the thousands who have lost their lives through tragic circumstances, war, earthquakes, and famine to name but a few. Let alone the tragedies of individual families who have lost loved ones to violent ends or to unexpected departures through illness.

We should look, therefore, on this time as an opportunity to recognise we are not alone in our grief. That we can only do what we can do and that, at a time of grief, is the best we can do. Relying on family and friends to help us through the dark days So let us aim to hold in our hearts and prayers the people who have had such a tough time this year.

Thank goodness we have advent to help us through the short days of December until we reach our Christmas celebrations. We have had it tough since COVID and I get a sense that, this year, people have enjoyed that opportunity to go about and meet with others, have fun, laughter, and joy outside of our homes, at last.

One of the many joys for me about Jesus and his life is that the bible leads us to believe that he did enjoy a party and getting together with others. We read these, weddings, meals, times spent with the team of disciples. All of these are to come in December as we first anticipate and then celebrate the arrival of the King of Peace.

I do hope you will join us at some of our many carol services. These are opportunities to meet with people in your local community, to share refreshments and have some fun as we sing, say prayers, and listen to words of comfort and joy.

On a personal level this will be both joy and sadness as I retire from my post of Priest in Charge at the end of December. It has been a real pleasure and privilege to serve across the Asterby area. To meet with many different people and to stop and chat with walkers and visitors alike. I have been very blessed to have such a great deal of support and affection and prayers from the communities for which I serve and I thank everyone who has been so generous with their time and talents to support my role.

Priests are like Old Soldiers; they never die they just fade away. I will be around the area in the future but without official responsibility. The Diocese is moving towards its proposed changes to the way we carry out our ministry and I look forward to being a part of that in the future.

I wish every one of you a November to remember and the peace, joy, and love of the Christmas to come.

Revd Cilla.

Parish Registers

Wedding: Frederick Fowler & Alexandra Olivant were married at St Julian's, Benniworth on Friday 22nd September.

Funeral: Jean Thompson at St Andrew's Donington-on-Bain on Thursday 20th July.

Deadline for next Newsletter - All articles and adverts for inclusion in the January to February edition to be with Sue, on **07826 772452** or email: **moomoski@btinternet.com** by **10th December** at the latest. Please let me have your items written out, or, preferably emailed, as you would like them to appear, and as early as possible, please don't wait until the deadline. **To place an advert please contact Sue on the above number.** All items on behalf of the church have no charge. Any other events or adverts will have a minimal charge. This helps to maintain and develop your newsletter. Contact **Sue** by email here at **moomoski@btinternet.com**

Stamps, foreign coins and banknotes, and postcards, used or new, are still being collected by Sue. All these items can be placed in the 'stamp collection boxes' in most of the churches or directly to me at Bramley House, Benniworth. **07826 772452.** **Used printer cartridges** can be left in the Benniworth Bus Shelter.

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Benniworth Parish Council News

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th November at 7pm. The meeting will be in the Church unless it is too cold when it will be held at Foxholes, Church Lane. The agenda will be posted on the website and Village Notice Boards and will include a discussion on policy for dealing with anonymous correspondence.

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Benniworth Church Lottery - July / August

July 1st No. 21 Pam Cade. £20 2nd No. 55 Alfred Clifton £15 3rd No. 5 Digby Scott £5

August 1st No. 94 Margaret Pinney £20 2nd No. 51 Judith Heelis £15 3rd No. 103 Oscar Simpson £5

September 1st No. 93 Steve & Carol £50 2nd No. 78 Hazel Wilkinson £50

All Saints' Church Goulceby

Art and Craft Exhibition

A huge thank you to all those who exhibited, baked cakes, came, and donated generously of their time and money to make our Art Exhibition such a success during Open Churches weekend. An especial thank you to Marcelle for organising the event and for setting up the church so beautifully. Just under £300 was raised for the church restoration fund in what was a most enjoyable weekend.

For Sale / Wanted

Extending dining table in gloss white with 4 black & chrome dining chairs. The table has 1 extra leaf which is stored inside the table. Assembly instructions provided. The chairs are showing signs of wear. Table dimensions: 118 – 157 (L), 78 (W), 76 (H) cm. £75

Desk in black & red with 2 drawers, 1 cupboard and cable tidy. Under 1 year old, hardly used. Dimensions: 105 (L), 50 (W), 75 (H) cm. £40.

Tel: 07939 926795 - Donington on Bain - photos are available on request

Housekeeper - Ranby I am looking for a house keeper to undertake the cleaning and laundry for a 'holiday let' property in Ranby. I am offering a favourable rate of pay and circa 5 hours work per week. This may vary across the year. Please get in touch if you are interested in helping to provide a welcoming holiday environment for guests and have some relevant experience

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Newsletter - October

Speeding

Speeding is an issue that the Parish Council takes very seriously.

At the meeting on 3 October 2023 the Parish Council received information regarding the costs of operating a speed gun. The parish council has agreed to purchase the speed gun. However there is also a possibility we may purchase a second hand gun from a neighbouring parish and we are investigating this. **FURTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.** If you are willing to join the speed gun team please contact Dave Bellamy (01507 343862). Further 40 mph repeater speed signs will also be obtained via the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

MUGA / Playground

The moss has been removed from the MUGA, and the surface has been cleaned. The Parish Council is aware of damage to wood boards around the MUGA.

Following a consultation with parishioners, an application for grant funding to refurbish the MUGA has been submitted. We have also submitted a funding bid to replace the surface of the playground. The parish council is continually working to maintain the playground. We are hopeful that we will be successful in at least one of our funding bids. If we are not successful in obtaining a grant we will refurbish the MUGA over two financial years using Parish Council reserves. This will not affect the precept.

The parish council wants to give extreme thanks to Andrew Butt who inspects the MUGA and playground weekly during summer and bi-weekly during the winter. This ensures the safety of the facilities and highlights any maintenance issues.

Dates of parish council meetings :

Tuesday 7 November 2023 at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 5 December at 7.30 pm

Tuesday 9 January at 7.30 pm



NOVEMBER	
SATURDAY 4 TH 7.30PM	COMEDY HOTSPOT
WED 8TH – SAT 11TH 7.30PM	TICK TICK BOOM
SUNDAY 12 TH 3.00PM	BAROQUE ALCHEMY
WEDNESDAY 15 TH 2.00PM	BANJO BOB AFTERNOON TEA CONCERT
FRI 17 TH – SAT 18 TH 4PM, 2.30PM, 7PM	NEW GENERATION DANCE
FRIDAY 24 TH 7.30PM	BILLY JOEL TRIBUTE
SATURDAY 25 TH 2.30PM & 7.30PM	LOUTH PLAYGOERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT
SUNDAY 26 TH 10AM – 3PM	CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
TUESDAY 28 TH 7.30PM	THE GREATEST SHOWMAN SINGALONG
WEDNESDAY 29 TH 7.00PM	OPEN MIC NIGHT
DECEMBER	
SATURDAY 2 ND 6.30PM	EDC THEATRE
SUNDAY 3 RD 7.00PM	FRIENDS OF LOUTHPLAYGOERS BINGO
SATURDAY 9 TH 7.30PM	STEVE WALKER SWING BAND
SUN 10 TH – MON 11 TH 7.30PM	A CHRISTMAS CAROL
THURSDAY 14 TH 2.00PM & 7.00PM	MACBETH
FRI 15 TH – SAT 16 TH 7.30PM	BLAZE CHRISTMAS SHOW
SUNDAY 17 TH 7.00PM	FRIENDS OF LOUTH PLAYGOERS QUIZ NIGHT
JANUARY 2024	
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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

GIVE LOVE IN A SHOEBOX THIS CHRISTMAS

Once again I am collecting donations for the SHOEBOX APPEAL which sends shoe-boxes filled with treats to needy children around the world, including to needy children in the UK. If you have any of the following items that you would like to donate, you can bring them to me, **Janet Croft, at Bramer House, Asterby End, or I can call & collect them if you telephone 01507 343753.**

Toys (e.g. 'cuddlies', games, skipping ropes, balls, toy vehicles, dominoes, jigsaws), drawing books, wax crayons, colouring pencils, markers, craft items (e.g. sewing, knitting & weaving items), hats, scarves, gloves, socks, T-shirts, children's clothes, toiletries (e.g. soap, flannel, toothbrush, toothpaste, hotel-sized items) costume jewellery & empty jewellery boxes, hair ornaments, wind-up torches, empty video boxes (volunteers make these into pencil cases), or anything that you think is suitable for a child up to age 16. Items need not be new but should be in good condition. I take the donations to Grimsby Shoe-boxes at The Christian Centre based in the old Ice House at Grimsby. It is a registered charity. Volunteers make up boxes in age groups 3-5, 6-11, & 12+. They wrap the boxes in Christmas paper & add a Christmas card. Last year they filled & dispatched 10,079 boxes plus 113 Christmas sacks to local children - **Thank you, Janet**

Horncastle NEWS

Saturday 11th November 2.30pm Afternoon Tea and concert by Horncastle Community Choir at Horncastle Community Centre. Tickets £5 and children free. All profits will go to support Horncastle and District British Legion.

Saturday 16th December - Horncastle Christmas Market



Asterby and Goulceby Parish Council

<http://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>



The latest Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 2nd October at the Three Horseshoes, Goulceby. The meeting welcomed both the District and County Councillors. The minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council's website and village notice boards in due course.

It was noted that the Horncastle Road remains 'closed' and the repair works are still scheduled for October/November (2023).

The Goulceby village defibrillator pads and battery are scheduled to be replaced imminently. It was agreed to place a defibrillator location sign in the village bus shelter highlighting the unit's location in the porch of the Three Horseshoes.

Some residents had raised issues having experienced reduced broadband speeds with a suggestion that this might be related to the recent Quickline fibre installation. Conversations have taken place with Quickline who confirmed that their installation was routed directly to the nearest exchange with no interference to existing fibre or copper links. Also, the new fibre installation has not yet been commissioned but is scheduled for late October, early November. It was noted that no issues had been raised with the Parish Council with regards to the three new pole installations which have been highlighted in the village with ground level notices. Quickline also advised that where potential customers had existing ducts feeding telephone lines, they would attempt to use these first rather than using overhead fibre cables to properties.

The Parish Council is currently seeking grant support to replace the ageing and slightly decrepit wooden notice board adjacent to the bus shelter in Goulceby.

Thanks again to Ian and Denise for allowing the Parish Council to use the pub for its meeting.

Update on the restoration of All Saints Church, Goulceby - A very successful Art and Craft exhibition was held in the Church in September. The event was well attended and raised just under £300 for the Restoration Fund. Repair work has continued on the church making it weather tight and enabling further drying out of the internal plaster work. Fundraising continues for re plastering and rewiring.

The popular candlelight carol service is to be held on Tuesday 12th December. Thanks go to all those who have helped, donated, fund raised and looked after the village church this year.

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Asterby and Goulceby Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

The next scheduled Parish Council meeting is Monday 11th December 2023 and will be held at the Three Horseshoes at 7.30pm. It is at this meeting where the 2024/25 precept will be determined (ie: the amount charged to each property in the Asterby and Goulceby Parish in order to fund the administrative and other costs of running the Parish Council). Residents are welcome to attend the meeting.

Parish Council Vacancies

Out of the six Council seats on the Parish Council, three still remain unfilled. These are technically relating to Asterby, but residents of both villages are free to take up these seats. If you would like to represent the Asterby and Goulceby Parish, please contact the Parish Clerk at: agparishcouncil@gmail.com

Callconnect Bus Service

It is worth a reminder that the Lincolnshire County Council 'Callconnect' Bus Service is now charging a reduced £2 bus fare on single rides. Visit www.lincsbus.info or telephone 0345 234 3344 / 0345 263 8153.

Grit Bins

Ahead of winter, the Parish Council has received clarification from Lincolnshire Highways that the grit bins will only be refilled following formal request from residents. Routine filling of bins and breaking up of solidified grit is no longer on the winter schedules due to the costs involved. Grit bins requiring refilling may be reported via the 'Fix My Street' Lincolnshire website.

Three Horseshoes Autumn and Winter opening

Monday to Thursday 5pm to 10pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday All day from midday

Food is available Monday to Thursday from 5:30pm and Friday, Saturday, Sunday from midday

A Halloween party is being held at the Three Horseshoes on Saturday 28th October from 8:30pm

Asterby Parish Services

Date	Location	Service	Time
2nd November	St Mary's Church, Horncastle	All Souls Service Group Event	6pm
5th November	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Communion	10am
7th November	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Morning Praise	9.30am
10th November	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Remembrance with school	10.30am
12th November	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Remembrance	10am
19th November	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Communion	10am
26th November	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Communion	10am

Christmas at a glance

Date	Location	Service	Time
10th December	St Peter's Church, Gayton Le Wold	Candlelight 'n' Carols	3pm
12th December	All Saints Church, Goulceby	Carols in Candlelight	7pm
13th December	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Carol Service	7.30pm
14th December	St German's Church, Ranby	Carol Service	7pm
15th December	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Carol Service	6pm
17th December	St. Nicholas Church, Stenigot	Carol Service	3pm

South Wolds Group Office - Tel: 01507 525600 Based in St Mary's Church, Horncastle.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals can be arranged in the first instance by calling the **South Wolds Group Administrator, Debbie Knight** on **01507 525600** between 9.15 am and 2.15 pm Monday to Friday.

At other times, messages will be recorded on voicemail

You can also email Debbie here : SWGAdministrator@stmaryshorncastle.org.uk

Specific matters relating to St Mary's Church should be directed to the **Verger** on **01507 525600**

www.asterbygroup.org

Asterby Parish Services

Date	Location	Service	Time
3rd December	St Julian's Church, Benniworth	Celtic Morning Praise	10am
5th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Celtic Morning Praise	9.30am
10th December	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Communion	10am
17th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Family Carol Service	10am
24th December	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Crib Service	3pm
24th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Carols Round the Tree	6pm
24th December	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Bethlehem Mass	9pm
25th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Christmas Family Communion	11 am
31st December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Revd Cilla's Last Service	10am

Christmas at a glance

Date	Location	Service	Time
22nd December	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Carols with Louth Male Voice Choir	7pm
24th December	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Crib service	3pm
24th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Carols around the tree	6pm
24th December	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Bethlehem Mass	9pm
25th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Christmas Family Communion	11 am
31st December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Revd Cilla's Last Service	10am

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It would be greatly appreciated!

They will be emptied frequently.

Many thanks, Polly



A big thank you to all those who supported the **Marie Curie Tea Party** on the 20th August. To date £819.00 has been raised which is a fantastic amount. This was made possible due to the generosity of everyone attending. Thank you to the musicians and all the helpers and especially to you. We all enjoyed the raffle, tea, music, quiz but mainly the CAKE !

Thank you all, Maggie

Stamp, Coin and Postcard collection feedback

Thanks to everyone who has donated old stamps, coins and postcards over the last year. These were sent on to a central collector for who donates to Rehoming centres to provide shelter, care and all creature comforts for dogs – somewhere a dog can call 'Home'. The 2023 collection to date has raised **£3516.87** centrally and every penny is donated. Thank you all and do continue to save stamps. Postcards and any left-over holiday coins and notes. There are collection boxes in some churches but do let me know and I can collect.

Thank you // Sue 07826 772452

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2023



Art & Craft Fair

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11 AM - 3 PM

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Wedding Bells in Benniworth



The Marriage of Alexandra Olivant and Frederick Fowler took place at St. Julian's Church, Benniworth on 22nd September 2023.

The Reverend Canon Stephen Holdaway officiated, in Cilla's absence. It was lovely to see St. Julian's in all its glory with the bells ringing, filled to capacity, singing at full volume accompanied by the Church organ, and fully decorated with local seasonal flowers and foliage. The flowers remained for the Harvest Festival.

We wish Fred & Alex well for their future together.

Prayer Circle

For many years now the ministry and concerns of our Parish have been supported, anonymously, in prayer by a small group of people making up the Parish Prayer Circle. As the needs, both of the Church and World increase, the value and importance of this Ministry of Prayer also increases and we are looking for others to join us in prayer during these troubled and worrying times.

If you think you would like to be part of our Prayer Circle and would like to find out more, please give me a ring and I'll put you in the picture.

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CHRISTMAS SHOPPING & FOOD TASTING Events

Wednesday afternoons 2.00 till 5.00 p.m.

Starting 8th November

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Savoury Pies – 22nd Nov

Cheeses – 29th Nov

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Simon and Diana look forward to seeing you soon!

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