



CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

FEBRUARY 1993



For almost five hundred years these two folk have been keeping an eye on the congregations in Wrawby Church. They would have been pleased to see the crowds who filled the church on Christmas Eve and at the Christingle service.

But who were they - and why were their faces immortalised in stone?

If you share my curiosity about the history of our village, it might be that it is time we formed a local history group. I can't promise to do much organising, but if you get in touch with me (on Brigg 675484), I will arrange a first meeting and we can see then where we go from there.

John Cole

Wrawby Baby Doing Well

Geoff Neale, Vicar of Brigg, reports on a historic birthday

Next month St John's parish church, Brigg, reaches a historic milestone with its 150th anniversary. The church was dedicated on 14 March 1843, although Brigg did not become a parish in its own right until 1872. Prior to that date, as most people will know, pastoral care for Brigg had been the responsibility of the Vicars of Wrawby.

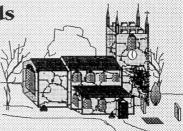
Proud Mother

I think - and hope - that Wrawby should feel a sense of pleasure and pride (of the non-deadly variety) at having played a part in the 'birth' of its neighbouring church and parish, especially now that the original links are being revived and re-shaped.

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Not just a Vicar's job!

Wrawby's Church Council is taking a look at how local church members can be trained in the skills of Christian ministry.

'Ministry' is one of those funny words which church people use instead of talking in plain English! It is a way ensuring that we think that 'ministry' can only be done by 'Ministers' specially holy people who have been through a lot of training, said a lot of prayers and had their collar turned round.

It might seem strange then when it is suggested that every time we take another person seriously, whenever we bother to care about how they feel, we are 'ministering' to them. Even our

polite. But often rather inattentive "How are You?" is a start.

Taking other people seriously is not that difficult; it just takes time and imagination. But most of us feel under so much pressure that it is easier to ignore the other person, or even ride roughshod over them. We have all been on the receiving end of that kind of treatment!

Clergy and Ministers are paid to take people seriously, but that does not exempt the rest of least of all those who call themselves Christians. In any case clergy are now so thin on the ground - even in Brigg and Wrawby! - that there would be precious little caring going if it all depended on *them!*

Wrawby's Church Council has just begun to take a look at a scheme organised within Lincoln Diocese which invites local people to nominate a small group of folk



whom they feel they can trust to act 'ministers' informally as community in a so-called 'Local Ministry Team'. Training is then offered to enable them to develop their particular skills, working alongside the clergy and alongside others in the community who care about people. The Church Council at St John's, Brigg, has already shown some interest in the scheme and the result might be a joint training group between the two churches.

The Revd Kathryn Windslow, one of the organisers of the scheme, has been meeting the Church Council in Wrawby in January to explain things in more detail.

Before a scheme can go any further, local church members (and anyone else who is interested) are encouraged to find out more about how it might work out in their own situation by holding a series of five preparatory meetings. If in Wrawby we are to go ahead, it seems likely that these meetings will take place in March. Watch next month's magazine for more details.

Only after this series of meetings, which will include the presentation of a special sound/slide sequence illustrating how the scheme has worked elsewhere in the diocese, will the Church Council decide whether or not to ask the Bishop's permission to go further - and then invite suggestions as to who might be asked to become members of the Local Ministry Team.









From Mrs Barbara Green

I would like to thank everyone who came to the Christingle service. It was lovely to see the church so full and everyone enjoying themselves

Thank you to the choir girls for helping me to make the Christingles and everyone who helped make it a lovely afternoon.

I was very pleased to send the Children's Society £106.

Spring Concert at Wrawby School

on Monday 5 April at 6.15 pm and on Tuesday 6 April at 1.30 pm

Book the dates now!

News in Brief

Re-wiring work at Wrawby Vicarage has yet to start. This means unfortunately that Marie and Keith Thorne do not now expect to be able to move in much before Easter.

On the other hand, the gas supply has now been installed in the church. Two hefty workmen who came to put the pipe through the churchyard went uncommonly white in the face when told they had to report if they came across any bones. Well, what else do you expect to find in a churchyard? Perhaps we are all too ready to pretend that death has no part in our lives. The new church heating boiler should now be working very soon. Any contributions towards paying for it would be very welcome!

Four very heavy cartons of used Christmas cards went on their way by Red Star Parcels to be re-cycled for the benefit of Save the Children. Many thanks to all for supporting this very worthy cause.

Thanks also to all who supported the Christmas Fayre in aid of O. A.P. funds in December. The event raised the magnificent sum of £550.

Even a couple of hours' carol singing raised around £50 for 'Crisis at Christmas' one frosty evening. Again many thanks to all concerned.

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A Man of Vision

As Vicar of Wrawby from 1834, Canon J. R. West must have been a key figure in both the building of St John's Church in 1843 and Brigg's emancipation as a separate parish twenty-eight years later. Both he, and the curates and laity who worked for him, deserve our gratitude for their foresight in seeing the need and opportunity for the two parishes to have a life of their own.

Their vision has stood both churches in good stead for 150 years, through times of joy and sorrow, through two world wars and through an era of unprecedented change. Just one example: They could never have dreamt of the computerised Desktop Publishing programme that has produced this magazine!

Not Amused

I have no doubt that they would look at society and rejoice with us at the dramatic reduction of high infant mortality rates and the eradication of many ofthe killer diseases that plagued their society. Not all changes have been for the worse!

happening to the Christian faith and church in our society. They could never have foreseen that church attendances would melt away nationwide and almost overnight - within three generations of the great Victorian 'vision' of the mid nineteenth century to

restore their ancient churches and build new ones in growing towns such as Brigg.

A church re-building programme is just as crucial for the 1990s as it was for our Victorian Christian forefathers in the 1840s - perhaps even more so.

But it isn't needed as badly for the 'bricks and mortar' of our church buildings, but for the spirit of commitment and sense of community within the living church

A Vision for the next 150.. Weeks!

No, this isn't a mis-print! I am suggesting that we start by looking not at the distant future of 150 years from now, but just at what we can do for the Kingdom of God and His Church over the next three years.

There's good precedent for thinking in three year terms: It was the length of Jesus' own ministry.

If we are to reverse the trend away from the Christian faith, there's only one place to start - with our own commitment.

Our anniversary celebration should not only be with joy and gratitude for what is past but also with hope and optimism about what is to come - with re-dedication to the future of our three churches, Wrawby, Brigg and Cadney.

So I hope very much that the people of Wrawby, both church and parish, will feel that they too can share in next month's 150th anniversary celebrations for St John's Church. It is, after all, 'your baby'!

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Festival Events at St John's, Brigg

Sunday 7 March

9.15 am Holy Communion:

Preacher: The Bishop of Lincoln

6.0 pm Evensong:

Preacher: Revd Philip Welsh

Tuesday 9 March

7.30 pm in St John's Church Hall

The Viking Jazz Band (with pea and pie supper)

Thursday 11 March

7.30 pm

Concert by St John's Singers and the Church Choir

Saturday 13 March
Flower Festival

Sunday 14 March - Festival Day

9.15 am Holy Communion:

Preacher: The Bishop of Buckingham followed by Festival Lunch

6.0 pm Songs of Praise:

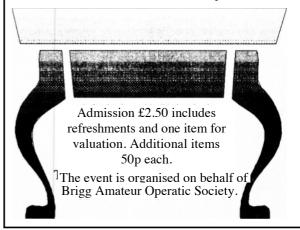
| Preacher: Canon Roy Cochrane

Antiques Evening

Thursday 11 March at St John's Church Hall, Brigg, at 7.30 pm Doors open 7.0 pm

Come and have your favourite items identified and valued.

Mr Simon Peck of Henry Spencer and Sons, Fine Art Auctioneers and Valuers, will preside.



Sunday Evenings on BBC Radio Lincolnshire 7 pm - 8 pm weekly from 28 February

Private Person. Public Property

A series of programmes for Lent with the Bishop of Grantham. The programmes look at the public dimension to our private lives. Our privacy gets invaded (and perhaps should be invaded if *we* are to be real people) in all sorts of ways – it's not just long lenses and telephone-tapping!

What does all this mean for our family life, for youngsters setting out as adults, for all of us as we handle our finances and as we become dependent in old age? And



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Friends of Wrawby School

Everyone is welcome to join a new village organisation - the Friends of Wrawby School. Unlike a Parent/ Teacher association, the 'Friends' is open to everyone who cares about our village school.

An open meeting was held during January and a programme of events is now being planned. Full details next month.

Meanwhile if you would like to know more, please contact Sheila Wright on Brigg 652229.

The Christmas Tree

After the twelfth day of Christmas, no one remembers the Christmas Tree. Artificial ones get packed away in their boxes at the back of the wardrobe and real ones, shedding all their bits, get dumped at the bottom of the garden. Were you one of those environmentally friendly folk who managed to get yours shredded and turned into mulch?

The Christmas tree in Wrawby School deserves a mention. Those who did not see it in school last term may well have seen it over Christmas itself when it was moved to the Church. Both School and Church are grateful because it was the gift of Mark Chapman of Elsham Hall Garden Centre.

Getting this Magazine to you

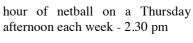
For several years Mrs Mary Topps has been responsible for ensuring that the parish magazine was distributed to subscribers around the village. With her team of distributors she has taken care in the last few months of the changeover to house-to-house delivery.

Those who deliver your magazine each month do a grand job and everyone involved in church and community organisations can be grateful.

From the new year Mary has 'retired' because of pressure of work in the family business and it is good news that Mr J.A. Cairns has taken over the work. Many thanks to them both. If you hear of anyone in the village who is not getting this magazine, please phone Mr Cairns on Brigg 652572.

Nethall for fun

Wrawby ladies are running an



to 3.30 pm on the playground at Wrawby School. This is purely for fun and exercise and we would like anyone interested to come and join us. If you would like to know more, please contact

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COMMENT

from Nigel Good - Churchwarden at .St Mary's



February 14th, St Valentine's Day, has set me thinking for this month's comment. This is the day when we send greetings to someone we love or admire. Traditionally this greeting is anonymous - is the greeting from your spouse, your girlfriend or boyfriend, or is it from a secret admirer whose love must remain hidden? But it is not just Valentine greetings that hint at *hidden love*.

As you listen to the news on television or on radio, or as you read the newspapers, the main headlines always appear to be full of doom. The news always appears to be bad. Is it really so? Or is there something behind the headlines that we are never told? Can I suggest that there are very few instances where love itself is not present somewhere, in some form..

If, for example, we look at the situation in Bosnia, we hear of the conflict, the deaths, the destruction. But there is another side that we have heard very little of- the love that has made people respond to emergency appeals for help. For instance, the Oxfam appeal for coats and warm clothing to send to refugees in Bosnia has been

overwhelmed by the response. Similar feelings have been stirred by scenes in Somalia and other areas.

Love and compassion for people who are not known personally, probably will never be known, given without wish for any recognition or reward. Love that remains hidden to all except the giver themselves.

Often the love of God works exactly in this way, coming upon us quietly, unexpectedly in our darkest moments.

We try and search earnestly for God's love; we try to earn it; we try to demand it - and we wonder whether it exists at all.

Be assured, however, that God's love is there. Hidden it may appear to be, but only because we look for it in the wrong way. We seek it on our own terms and not on God's. It will come when we need it.

Sidesmen at St Mary's during February

8.00 am Mr.B.Knight 6.00 pm Mrs S. Day

14 10.45 am Mr G.Couch 6.00 pm Mrs B. Green

21 8.00 am Mr B.Taylor

10.45 am Mr E.Dawson 10.45 am Mr P.Topps 6.00 pm Mr C.Dav 6.00 pm Mr M.Pigdon

7 Mar 8.00 am Miss.M.Standerline

6.00 pm Mr K.Daine

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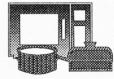
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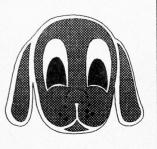


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To include your events in future issues, phone 657484

FEBRUARY

4 Thursday

2.0 pm Pram Service in the Methodist Church (followed by refreshments)

7 9th SUNDAY before EASTER (Septuagesima)

St Mary's: 8.0 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong

Methodist: 10.30 am FAMILY SERVICE 2.30 pm Divine Worship

14 8th SUNDAY before EASTER (Sexagesima)

St Mary's 10.45 am Holy Communion 6.0 pm Evensong

Methodist 2.30 pm Divine Worship

15-19 School Half Term Holiday

Thursday7.30 pm Christian Aid AGM at St John's Church Hall, Brigg

21 7th SUNDAY before EASTER (Quinquagesima)

St Mary's 8.0 am Holy Communion 10.45 am FAMILY SERVICE 6.0 pm Evensong

Methodist 2.30 pm Divine Worship

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St Mary's 7.30 pm Holy Communion

Thursday7.45 pm Methodist Ladies Friendship Circle in the Schoolroom:Revd Harry Standley talking about the Solomon Islands

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Regular Church Services in Brigg, Cadney and Wrawby

St John's, Brigg

8.0 am Holy Communion
(2nd Sunday monthly)
9.15 am Parish Communion
(weekly except 2nd Sunday)
9.15 am Family Service
(2nd Sunday monthly)
6.0 pm Evensong

(weekly)

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J.Davis

St Mary's, Wrawby

8.0 am Holy Communion (1st,3rd & 5th Sundays) 10.45 am Holy Communion (2nd & 4th Sundays) 10.45 am Family Service (3rd Sunday monthly) 6.0 pm Evensong (weekly)

Cadney

10.45 am Holy Communion (Ist, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

Wrawby Methodist

10.30 am Family Service (1st Sunday monthly) 2.30 pm Divine Worship (weekly)