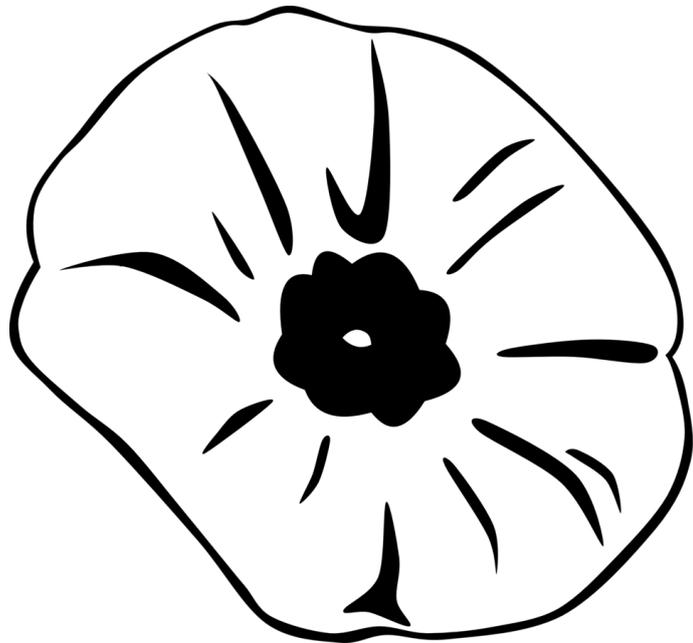


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Prayer

Almighty God,
stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect the armed
forces:
grant that meeting danger with courage and all occasions with
discipline and loyalty,
they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace;
to the honour of your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Welcome to the November issue of the St Denys Bulletin

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN

If you have an item you would like included in the St Denys Bulletin please email to office.stdenys1@btconnect.com, by the Wednesday before the first Friday of every month. No bulletin in August or January.

If you are not on email, then please write item out in full and bring to the office.

There is no charge for the bulletin but any donations are gratefully received. Thank you to those who have sent contributions in.

Parish Admin



SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child

Please return your boxes by 18th November

THE LEARNING CHURCH

The last session for this year will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 7pm in the Parish Centre.

It will be led by the Rev'd Philip Johnson.

November Services at St Denys

Sunday, November 4th

All Saints

8am BCP
10am Eucharist
5pm Evensong

SUNDAY SERVICES
Please note that from the beginning of November until Easter, all Evensong, Said Evening Prayer and Taizé services will begin at 5pm.

Sunday, November 11th

Remembrance Sunday

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Holy Communion
10.45am War Memorial
5pm Said Evening Prayer

SUNDAY @ FIVE
Sunday, 25th November in the
Parish Hall

Sunday, November 18th

2nd Sunday before Advent

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
5pm Taizé

OTHER SERVICES
Each weekday (except Wednesday) at 8.45am **Morning Prayer** in St Hugh's.
Every Wednesday at 10am - **Holy Communion** either in The Lady Chapel or St Hugh's.

Sunday, November 25th

Christ The King

8am Holy Communion
10am Holy Communion
5pm Sunday @ five

PCC MEETINGS at 7pm

Fabric - Monday, 5th Nov
PCC - Monday, 19th Nov

HOUSE GROUPS

There are two House Groups who meet fortnightly on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
Please contact Terry Regan via the Parish Office.

PRAISE HIM WITH TRUMPET SOUND

by The Rev'd Rhona Knight

Praise him with trumpet sound;
praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals;
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!
Praise the Lord

As we move through autumn it is very difficult not to praise God. As we look at the cascades of leaves falling from the trees in wonderful variegated colour we are encouraged to praise our creator God, who designed not just the trees we see but the whole cycle of life and the journey through the seasons. Last month at Oakdene we praised, shared and created with paint and paper and fabric using the fallen leaves while looking out at the carpet and canopy of October hues of brown and orange and gold in the garden.

As we look at the trees shedding their leaves we can be reminded about the joy that can be found in letting things go. Many of us can find areas of unforgiveness and resentment in our hearts. These things can continue to wound and harm us and bind us and hold us back. Yet as we let go, as we ask God for a forgiving heart, and as we begin the journey of forgiveness which may not be complete this side of heaven, we experience a release and peace becomes possible.

As we walk through the leaves and hear them crunch beneath our feet we are reminded of other feet who have walked with us through leaves but who are no longer with us. We give thanks for them and entrust them to God. The *Time to Remember* service for those who have lost children through miscarriage, abortion or stillbirth and the *Family Remembrance* service reminded us all of the pain of grief but also of the hope and joy of resurrection.

And as we absorb and enjoy the autumn colours we begin to notice the emergence of red poppies filling the landscape and churches and cathedrals through the land which have been created and gathered together to help us remember – lest we or our children ever forget – the sacrifice of those who gave their lives that we might be free. And then we remember again the Advent story and the gift of God in Jesus, who in his love for us became man and gave his life for us that we might be free. And our response, along with everything that has breath, is praise.

FROM THE REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

Oliver John Owen 14th October 2018

WEDDINGS

Andrew Charles Arthur 20th October 2018
Addington and
Bethanie Rose Preston

FUNERALS and MEMORIAL SERVICES

Brian Howlett	5th October 2018	80 years
Barbara Marriage	3rd October 2018	78 years
Gordon Charles Bawcombe	15th October 2018	90 years
Paul L Owen	16th October 2018	49 years
Glenn Dickinson	17th October 2018	57 years
Justin David Needham	19th October 2018	47 years
Cyril Walter Hicks	23rd October 2018	73 years
Philip Raymond Broughton	26th October 2018	64 years

SLEAFORD KESWICK BIBLE MINISTRY 2018-19

7.30pm at the Riverside Church

Friday, 9th November

Dianne Tidball

Dianne has been the minister of two Baptist churches. Her passion is healthy churches and engaging disciples of Jesus to be all that God by his Holy Spirit enables them to be faithful to God and his mission in all they do. She studied and trained at London Bible College and was a teacher of Business Studies and Economics before being full time on church leadership. She has written four books on Esther, the letters of John, the letters of Peter and on Bible's Message on Women.

Christingle



Sleaford Parish Church
Sunday, 2nd December,
2018
3pm
All welcome

For more details please call: 01529 413607
www.sleafordparishchurch.co.uk

The Christingle Service raises money for the
Children's Society, who last year supported
over 11,000 vulnerable children.

BISHOPS' VISITOR UPDATE

WILLIAM ALVEY SCHOOL

by Beryl Risdell

The builders are still at work in the front office space at school and everyone is looking forward to the work being finished and normal "entry" being resumed!

The new Reception children are well settled after their first half term at school. They are now taking their place in the main hall for Assembly with the rest of the school and coping well. I have been enjoying visits to Mrs Camm's class and hearing some of them "read".

The school's Harvest Festival Assembly was held on 15th October when Revd Rhona came to talk to us about how God provides food to grow by sharing the story of the sower and his seed but we are all expected to play our part in sharing it. There was a large display of tins and packets which the children had brought in to be sent to Sleaford Food Larder to be distributed to local needy families. The children were encouraged to remember that "every little helps".

After Half Term there is a pumpkin carving competition for Hallowe'en and then all the children are to make poppies for the school's Commemoration of the "Alvey 72" and all the others who fell in wars, which will take place in the playground on 12th November at 11-00am. I have rearranged the Prayer Space for Peace and Remembrance during the next few weeks.

The collection of copper coins continues and each class is trying to collect the most! I took some more from a member of our congregation and bumped into Rev Al one day when he was bringing some in. All donations are gratefully received and I am happy to take them in for you!

Very soon thoughts will be turning to preparations for Christmas events and celebrations which is a lovely but busy time to be in school.

INFORMATION AND NOTICES



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ST DENYS EXPLORERS

The last St Denys Explorers for the foreseeable future will be held on
Saturday, December 1st at 11am in the Church Hall.

Watch this space for 2019!

MOTHERS' UNION

**Meetings take place every 4th Tuesday at 2pm in the Church Hall
(except Aug and Dec)**

Contact through the Parish Office 01529 413607

At our October meeting, Sue Parsons, one of our members, talked about her recent visit to the Baltic and particularly St Petersburg. We all enjoyed some lovely pictures and marvelled at the ornate decoration and objects seen there.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 27 November, when Rev Rhona will lead us in some Advent and Christmas thoughts. All welcome in the Parish Centre at 2 pm.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Sleaford Methodist Church

Saturday, Dec 1st

10am - 4pm

Sunday, 2nd Dec

11am - 5pm

Adults £2.50, Children with adults free

Donation to LIVES

Refreshments available

THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING
The Heart of Mission and Ministry
New Life

17th November 2018

Please see poster at back of church
for more information if you are
interested, or Rev'd Rhona.

COMMUNICANTS' GUILD

Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church Room

Contact Pam on 01529 700105

The visit of Paul Bryan, his wife and their pet greyhound Peter was very well received, with an interesting talk about the life of racing greyhounds and the life they have when their racing days are over.

In November we look forward to the visit of Andrew Wright, son of Gwen and Michael, who will talk to us about his visits to Chinese schools. All are welcome to what should be a very interesting evening.

When the Guild visit to Southwell Minster in May was planned, it was thought that the textile art exhibition 'Revelation Threads' would be on. However, it was subsequently delayed until November. Rhona is looking into the possibility of a parish visit to Southwell on 22nd November. If you are interested, please sign up on the notice sheet in church or let the office know.

SLEAFORD HISTORY GROUP

Thursday, 15th November

at 7.30p.m. in the Church Room.

EVERYBODY WELCOME.

**GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,
FOLLOWED BY A GUEST SPEAKER.**

AN EVEN FURTHER LOOK AT SUNDRY VICARS

Over the course of the fifteenth century, eleven vicars were instituted at St. Denys's, Sleaford. the shortest incumbency was that of William Penyman in 1416, the longest those of John Bowyer in 1432 — 35 years — and of Gilbert Cowell — 24 years. The average incumbency lasted some ten years. The early 15th. Century vicars here were: 1404: William Smith; 1416: William Penyman; 1416: William Hoghton.; and 1424: William Heyne.

In passing, one may speculate whether St. Denys's, Sleaford, was ever affected by any of the more extreme tendencies in the Church in the 15th. century. Philip Repingdon was Bishop of Lincoln from 1405 to 1419. Eamon Duffy, in *The Stripping of the Altars*, refers to "the renegade ex-Lollard Philip Repingdon, Bishop of Lincoln" and says: "Repingdon, indeed, in common with several other 'lost leaders' among the apostles of early Wycliffism (*), was to prove himself a determined opponent of his former associates". After being abbot of St. Mary de Pré, Leicester, he was consecrated Bishop of Lincoln on 29 March, 1405, but "voluntarily resigned his see in October, 1419, and died in 1424. he was created cardinal priest of SS. Nereus and Achilleus by Gregory XII, but he does not seem to have used his title in England, and on no occasion is it used in his register".

(*) Wikipedia gives he following summary of this heresy: "Lollardy was a religion of vernacular scripture. Lollards opposed many practices of the Catholic church. Anne Hudson, the literary historian, has written that "a form" of 'sola scriptura' underpinned Wycliffite beliefs, but distinguished it from the more radical ideology that anything not permitted by scripture is forbidden. Instead, Hudson notes that Wycliffite sola scriptura held the Bible to be "the only valid source of doctrine and the only pertinent measure of legitimacy." With regard to the Eucharist Lollards such as John Wycliffe [.....](#) taught a view of the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion known as «consubstantiation» and did not accept the doctrine of transubstantiation , taught by the Roman Catholic Church in 1215."

Although "it was with Lollardy that [Repingdon was] primarily concerned" — their prominence being in Leicestershire. Northamptonshire, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, all four counties lying in the pre-Reformation Diocese of Lincoln, the presence of Lollards in Lincolnshire seems to have been small, if it existed at all. Dorothy Owen, in *Church and Society in Medieval Lincolnshire*, does not refer to them, and one might safely conclude that, if any members of the congregation of St. Denys's had Lollard tendencies, then they must have kept them well concealed!

Douglas Hoare.

GROUPS MEETING IN THE CHURCH HALL

Group	Day	Time	Frequency
Exercise Class for the over 60s	Monday	9.15am and 10.15am	Weekly
Weight Watchers	Tuesday	10am	Weekly all year round
Mothers' Union	Tuesday	2pm	Last Tuesday of every month but not Aug or Dec
Communicants' Guild	Tuesday	7pm	Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday
Sleaford Museum Trust	Tuesday	7.30pm	Alternate months on the 4th Tuesday.
Parent and Toddler Group	Wednesday	9.30am	During term time
Sleaford Dementia Support Group For more details: sleaforddds@gmail.com	Wednesday	1pm	Alternate Wednesdays, 1st and 3rd.
Yoga	Wednesday	6.30pm	Every Wednesday
Sleaford History Group	Thursday	7.30pm	Monthly, 3rd Thursday
Sleaford Dementia Support—Carers Group	Friday	10am	Monthly on the 1st Friday
St Denys Choir	Friday	7pm	Weekly
St Denys Ringers (Church)	Friday	7.30pm	Weekly
St Denys Explorers	Saturday	11am	Monthly on the 1st Saturday, No meeting Jan, Apr, Aug and Sept
Sleaford Widows Group Enquiries through the office.	Saturday	2.30pm	Last Saturday in every month except December

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