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MARCH

DEADLINE FOR APRIL IS MARCH 18th

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RECTORS THOUGHTS

Some of you may be aware that in 2004 the Diocese started a process of rethinking about the shape of "Church" in the modern climate. This has meant a reordering of parish groups as the number of priests reduces. That was a four year process that should now be complete - but it's not. For example; in this deanery (which covers the area of Mablethorpe down the coast to Skegness across to Wainfleet and back up through Burgh, Willoughby and Alford) Willoughby group of parishes should be split between Alford and Chapel reducing the Stipendiary (paid) clergy by one. As you are aware I'm still in post and expect to be for the next six years although I am assisting in the Sutton on Sea group at present during their interregnum.

New Era made at least four assumptions

1. Anglicans see themselves as part of a parish and part of a wider church of Diocese and a national church
2. Local people discern what's best in their own area and can finance it.
3. Christians will support each other.
4. Use Central structures only for the things best managed corporately.

New Era (Diocesan jargon for reorganisation) is trying to change the ethos of how the church works and is seen. At present it is seen as a monolithic, top down organisation and wishes to work towards a recognition of a need for interdependence of all parts.

There are more priests retiring than those in training which means that there will be less priests in the Diocese in five years time. Therefore ministry in the church will have to be different.

Traditionally the priests have been seen as being responsible for arranging and performing all the services including weddings, baptisms and funerals as well as visiting around the parish, care for the church buildings as well as the myriad of other duties.

In the future with possibly only five stipendiary clergy, instead of twelve when I came to the deanery in 1990, traditional expectations will not be possible. For example; if Sutton is

joined to Mablethorpe during January the priest would have had a minimum of eight funerals a week. That is the equivalent of at least four whole days a week just involved with funerals before you start on other work like trying to finance the work, visiting parishioners, work with the schools, etc.

There are other combinations which will create similar problems. The answer is more lay participation in what are considered the clergy prerogative. This is already happening. In Skegness for example they have a team of six to take funerals of which one two are clergy.

The predictions for twenty years are even more dire. This could mean one main church with two priests in the covering all the deanery. What of the villages? With lay support some services but mainly an expectation to travel to the main church. So what of the buildings? A lot will close, other will find a religious and/or community roll in the villages. This will be dependant on the support of the community.

We already know that when I leave I will not be replaced. The group will join to other parts of the deanery and there by become the bottom of someones list. By then other groups in the deanery will be larger and some churches will be closed.

What of us? What state will this group be in? I'm already having my time taken up with the Sutton group. In the future my time out of the parish is likely to increase.

We have three lovely churches which are spiritual homes to the communities, Willoughby and Mumby are also fine community venues of historical importance.

It is Easter this month a time of hope, new beginnings, resurrection. Celebration of a small event in a backwater of an empire yet twelve apostles thought it important enough to fight for and tell people why this event was important and look at it now, it covers the globe.

If you want your pub, school, shop or your church you are going to have to fight and support them.

Register

Funerals

Cyril Smith (W)
Heather Freshney (W)

CHURCH AGM's

Willoughby 5th March. St Helena's Vestry 7.15pm
Mumby 11th March. St Thomas of Canterbury Church 7.15
Ulceby 10th March. Mrs J Jones. Nine Acres 7.30pm
Group 2nd April. St Helena's Vestry 7.15pm



The DVD of the community play is now available,

Our original intention was to sell the DVD's but because of contractual agreements with the actors and Blackfriars we are unable to do so, however as the costs of production exceeded £2,250 we are asking for a donation to funds.

After copies have gone to the cast and everyone involved we may have some copies that can be made available to the general public for a donation of £10.00. if you interested please let us know and we can start a waiting list.

Please contact. Daffyd 01507 462045 rector@willoughby-lincs.org.uk
or John 01507 466314
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WILLOUGHBY DIARY MARCH

PARENTS PLUS - EVERY TUESDAY
Willoughby Arms 9am

KEEP FIT - EVERY MONDAY
Village Hall 10am

Saturday 1st TABLE TOP SALE
Village Hall 10 - 12noon. Refreshments

Tuesday 4th VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE
Village Hall 8PM - All Welcome

Wednesday 5th PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Annual General Meeting
St Helena`s Church Vestry 7.15pm
All Welcome

Saturday 8th WILLOUGHBY HISTORY GROUP
Willoughby in the 17th Century
Talk by Bob Kershaw
Village Hall 2-4pm
£2 to include tea & homemade cakes

Wednesday 12th SHEILA`S LUNCHEON CLUB
The George, Alford

WILLOUGHBY SOCIAL CLUB

For March the Social Club are joining with the Garden Club for a meeting - see below

Thursday 20th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Village Hall 8pm - All Welcome

Saturday 22nd ST HELENA`S CHURCH
Deanery Confirmation 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th WILLOUGHBY GARDEN CLUB
Annual General Meeting
Village Hall 7.30pm

Talk by Doreen Stephenson from the Louth Hospice fund raising team on progress on the building of the hospice. Emma Barnes who will be showing and selling greetings cards and stationery. All proceeds from sales to hospice funds.

Two for your April diary

Thursday April 3rd WILLOUGHBY SOCIAL CLUB
Talk by Michel Ducos from Alford Pottery
Display of pottery Michel & Heather make at Alford
Village Hall 7.30pm
Open to all - Refreshments

THE WITHERN SINGERS
APRIL 26TH 7.30PM
ST HELENA`S CHURCH



WILLOUGHBY VILLAGE FAIR & PICNIC ON THE GREEN

will be on

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2008 - 2PM

Village Groups & Organisations

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Contact: Mary Pridgeon: 01507 463993

S.O.S. - MEN WANTED!!

Men of Willoughby read on - please don't be shy! We ladies need your help. Time - twice a year! Your help will make the ladies very happy.

Briefly - towards the beginning of each month three ladies give the village hall a good clean. We have 18 on the rota, therefore their turn comes up twice a year - eg: January and July, February and August etc.

Some of you gorgeous muscly men could lighten their load by moving tables and chairs in order for the ladies to get on with their cleaning.

We are hoping for 12 `Good men and true` to come to our aid.

Please phone (with no obligation) Gloria on 466233 who will answer your questions and explain how the rota works.

HELP: We need some help with the cleaning at St Helena`s Church. If you can give a little time -

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WILLOUGHBY GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club members were treated to an interesting evening in January when David Pridgeon gave a presentation about the development of his soft fruit business. It was fascinating to hear about the changes at the farm and the way in which the strawberries are grown. David has invited members to visit the farm in the summer, so this will be included in the next programme of events.

Two judges talked to us about entering fruit, vegetables, baking and preserves for the village show at our February meeting.

The AGM is on March 25 Doreen Stephenson from the Louth Hospice fund raising team will talk to us about progress on the building of the hospice. We shall also have Emma Barnes who will be showing and selling Phoenix greetings cards and stationery. All the proceeds from sales will go towards the hospice funds. Please come to this meeting and hear about our plans for the coming year and see photographs from the past year.

ODD/UNUSUAL BIRDS

Margaret Harrison is keeping a record of unusual birds seen in the village/vicinity in 2008. So if you see an oddity in your garden or the village, please phone her on 463797

SHEILA'S LUNCHEON CLUB

Our January and February meetings at The Wheel, Welton and The Haywain Ulceby were both enjoyed with our usual mix of good food and friendly company. Next meeting - see the diary, and on April 9th we will be going to The Crown Inn, Maltby-le-Marsh to try the meals under the new owners. Glennis Smith

WILLOUGHBY HISTORY GROUP

Saturday 8th March 2-4pm: Bob Kershaw will be giving a talk about life in the Stuart (17th Century) era in Willoughby. He has carried out extensive research of the documents of that time which paint a vivid picture of village life. £2.00 entrance includes light refreshments. This should be a fascinating afternoon as Bob is an excellent speaker.

Has anyone has recently moved into the village and would like to know more about its place in history? The book telling the story- "Willoughby - a village with a remarkable history" produced by the History group in 2003 is available. Please contact John Fulwood Tel: 466314 for details.

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We hope that by doing this, we can make the area a safer place for children to work and play.

If you have no reason to be on a school site, an Officer may well question your presence.

If you would like a regular update on Police news in the area ask for an email from Andrew on:

andrew.beard@lincs.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Andrew Beard 07939 312776

FLOODING UPDATE

The drainage work in Willoughby has been put out to tender and the contract has been awarded to a local contractor.

The District Council and the Lindsey Marsh Drainage Board will fund the work between them. A period of at least six weeks must elapse before work commences to allow appropriate notice for digging up the road. More importantly, the Drainage Board have agreed to maintain the works for the future.

The cost of the proposed work is substantial, but hopefully will overcome the ongoing flooding problems.

District Councillor S. Eyre 21/02/08

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MUMBY NEWS

DEADLINE FOR APRIL IS MARCH 16th

Steve Mugglestone, "Rayell," Parklands, Mumby.
Tel. 490552

THOUGHTS

POLITICALLY CORRECT

Don't give me a hug?

Political correctness,

The modern day bug!

Annette Borrill

WELCOME TO MUMBY

The leaflet, "Welcome to Mumby," designed to welcome and assist new residents coming into the village, is available from Steve Mugglestone, the Red Lion, Village Shop and the Church. If someone moves in near you, **please be good neighbours** - collect a copy and take it round to them a.s.a.p.

CRAFTY AFTERNOON CLUB

We meet, 2.00 till 4.00pm, on Mondays in Beckets, Mumby Church.

New Members and Visitors are always made welcome.

Creative Memories

Learn how to preserve your photos and precious memories in a safe and meaningful way!

Demonstrations, by Christine, at our meeting on Monday, 3rd March.

A warm welcome is offered to all – come and join us for a fun afternoon!

CHURCH QUIZ NIGHTS

On a cold and frosty night in January, five teams gathered in the warmth of the Red Lion to pit their wits. "Reg's Boys" topped the scores with "Dying for a fag" runners-up, closely followed by "North & South." The Accumulator question was answered correctly by Beryl Mugglestone, taking home £25.

The February Quiz saw "Bill's Oddies," taking the laurels closely followed by a new team – "Scatty" with "Minus one" in third. The new Accumulator question was answered wrongly so the winnings roll over to the next round,

Many thanks go to hosts Paul and Mandy for the refreshments, Beryl and donors for the Raffles and Daffyd as Quiz-master.

LABYRINTH

Mumby Church will be open every day from Monday, 17th March to Monday, 24th March, 10.00am to 4.00pm each day. An opportunity to take a quiet meditation walk, through the labyrinth of tables depicting various biblical illustrations, recording your thoughts at each station as you move through.

PASSOVER SUPPER

Mumby Church will be holding the Passover Supper on **Monday, 17th March** at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcomed, there is no charge – donations will be welcomed. It would be appreciated if you could let Joan Stapleton know in advance (490558) for her catering numbers.

GREAT MUMBY QUIZ 2007

Thanks to all who took part! £58.00 was raised, which has been passed on to National Coastwatch, Ingoldmells Point. The winner was Mrs. Wallington from Alford.

The next Quiz will, (hopefully,) be out in November 2008 and the proceeds will go to the Radcliffe Donkey Sanctuary, Huttoft.

TABLE -TOP SALE

BECKETS will open its doors from 10.00am till 2.00pm on **Thursday, 27th March** for a Table – top Sale in aid of Church Funding. Your support is vital to the continued life of your Church in Mumby. (Anyone wishing to have a table, at £5.00, to sell their wares, should contact Joan Stapleton on 01507 490558.

WHAT'S ON IN MUMBY?

Monday, 3rd March, at 2.00pm in Beckets;

Crafty Afternoon Club Open Meeting – Creative Memories – see details opposite.

Friday, 14th March, at 8.15pm in the Red Lion; Church Quiz Night.

Monday, 17th March, in Mumby Church at 7.00pm:
Passover Supper.

Monday, 17th March to 24th March, 10.00am to 4.00pm in Mumby Church: Labyrinth.

Tuesday, 18th March, at 7.15pm in Beckets;

Mumby Parish Council Meeting - The first 15 minutes are taken up for a Public Forum.

Thursday, 27th March, 10.00am to 2.00pm in Beckets;
Table-top Sale.

Tuesday, 1st April, at 10.30 am;

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Saturday April 5th at 7.30pm Tickets £5.00 "The Vanilla Smooth Band". They Perform Classic Jazz & Blues Covers In Their Own Unique Style. Interpreting diverse artists and the songs of - Ella Fitzgerald, Carly Simon, Katie Melua, Kirsty McColl, Norah Jones, Bacharach & David, Chris Rea, Sade, Amy Winehouse and many others – with a few well-known instrumentals.

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If it wasn't for my trusty wellies, I think, by now, I would have had webbed feet ! When we first arrived in Cumberworth many years ago now, we were told of how the young folk used to enjoy themselves skating on the frozen lakes in the fields. Well, we have plenty of water laying about the place but not the sub-zero temperatures to turn it into an ice rink. It must have been more than twenty years ago since we had real a snow storm. Building a snowman is almost a thing of the past now.

Still, let's not talk anymore about wintery weather, spring is coming and our gardens are re-awakening. Soon, as we step into our gardens, they will be full of colour and fragrance and hopefully I'll even be able to put away my wellies.

Morning and Evening

The joys of morning are released
Song of the blackbird and thrush
Dawn opens up the morning flower
Gone the dark night's velvet hush
Let's open up ourselves to joy
Let's sing our song of praise
A brand new day, What will it bring?
To follow and know His ways

When whispers of evening softly fall
Shadows lengthen, blend, touching all
Star bright skies echoing silver moon
God and creation in perfect tune
Home beckons with comforting care
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	March		6.30pm	Every Tuesday ½ hour of Silence at Mumby	All Welcome
			6.30pm	Every Wednesday ½ hour of Prayer at Willoughby	All Welcome
2nd	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Mothering Sunday	Eucharist
9th	Sunday	ULceby	9.00	Lent 5	
		Willoughby	10.00		Holy Communion
16th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Palm Sunday	Eucharist
17th	Monday	Mumby	7.00	Passover meal by ticket only contact Daffyd or	Joan Stapleton
20th	Thursday	Willoughby	8.00	Maunday Thursday	Eucharist
			9.00	Meditation & Vigil. (Come and go as you wish until Midnight to spend time in private prayer.)	
21st	Friday	Willoughby	10.00	Good Friday (Eucharist from reserved Sacrament)	
		Mumby	3.00	Meditation "An Hour with Christ"	
22nd	Saturday	Willoughby	7.30	Service of new fire, Confirmation, Holy Communion.	Bp. David
23rd	Sunday	Mumby	9.00	Easter Day	Eucharist
	17th-23rd	Mumby		Easter Labyrinth Monday to Sunday - Holy Week	
30th	Sunday	Ulceby	3.00	Easter 2	Eucharist
	April				
6th	Sunday	Mumby	10.00	Easter 3	Eucharist

Willoughby Rota - March / April 2008			
	Flowers/Brasses	Lectern	Cleaning
	<i>No Flowers during Lent. All help on Easter Saturday (22nd March) ready for confirmation in the evening.</i>		
15th Mar	Mr & Mrs Bistow	Mrs Pridgeon	Mrs Seymour Mrs Skinn
29th Mar	Mrs Jones Mrs Perks	Mrs Brobson	Mrs Turner Mrs Everton
12th Apr	Mrs Seymour Mrs Skinn	Mrs Brobson	Mrs Fullwood Mrs Cullis

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PLAIN ENGLISH OR TECHNO-BABBLE?

Looking through an archaeological magazine recently I came across an article on `doublespeak` **which might amuse those of you who are gardeners:-**

- Ground intervention (Digging a hole).
- Limited ground intervention (Digging a small hole)
- Steel bladed soil interface device (a spade)
- Ritualised hoarding (burying things)
- Rites of intensification (burying lots of things)
- My Favourite - (nothing to do with gardening) was:-
- Hypothetico-deductive explanation (a guess!)

So, I've finished the mag and am off to do some limited ground intervention with my steel bladed soil interface device.

Pat

Taizé Service at Mumby -

28th March, 25th April at 7.30pm.

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