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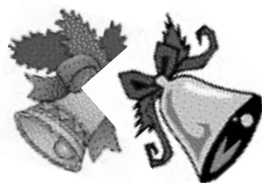
Cynthia Byrne (M)
George Young (W)

This Advent, the Posada journey is around Ulceby.

Last month I talked about the Mexican tradition of Posada. Mary & Joseph will at present be sleeping under a hedge some nights. We need a few more "inns" on their journey. If you would like the "family" to visit your house for a night please let me know so I can draw up the rota. If you have any questions as I'm sure you will have as I'm still learning about this tradition contact the Rector on 01507 462045. (If you would like more information about "Posada" visit www.churcharmy.org.uk/posada or have a word with me).

*Merry
Christmas*

**To You All
from the
Wold & Marsh
Team**



RECTORS THOUGHTS

Advent is here and Christmas is just around the corner. Advertising brings pressure to have the latest toys and gadgets. The problem for so many is January's credit card.

Christians are often portrayed as kill joys who are always saying this is wrong, that is not appropriate. If we talk about politics or economics we are told we are straying into areas that are not our domain. Sorry it IS our domain. Christianity is a community religion which involves all aspects of life.

The Christmas pageant tells us the story of the Christmas and prepares us for some of God's expectations. The angels did not go and sing to the king but to shepherds - the lowest of the low. The Good News was brought to the poor. The wise men went via the king - they with their wisdom did not grasp initially the nature of Good News - they came to a baby and found enlightenment.

The prophets of the Old Testament always warned the powerful and rich that a lack of justice would lead them into exile. A lack of justice came normally when the leaders began to think themselves more important than those "beneath" them leading to a failure to trust God and seeking after idols.

This Christmas finds the world struggling with a dilemma. We are in a recession based on a banking crisis which has led to a slow down of consumer spending, which in turn leads to job cuts, which in turn results in inability to pay off debt or purchase goods there by leading to a further down turn. Those not dramatically effected call it an economic realignment.

Politicians and economists seek ways to inflate the market, to build confidence so people go back to buying so that we spend our way out of recession.

What does the Christmas story have to say?

Joseph and Mary, middle class people of their day, travel to Bethlehem where the God child is born in the middle of the night in a stable due to the lack of rooms in the inns. They are visited by shepherds who learnt of the child from angels and wise men came to pay homage. The king on learning of the child, slaughtered all children of two and under in an attempt to destroy a rival.

Jesus is not born with a "silver spoon" but even his birth induces joy to the powerless and dispossessed. Brings joy and understanding to those who search the future. Brings fear to the worldly powerful who in turn brings sorrow in his wake.

How do we interpret this in our present situation.

- 1) Worldly power does not necessarily bring justice, prosperity or happiness.
- 2) Idols (modern idols being the "must have" latest toy or gadget) bring exile (repression of house and/or goods), pain and suffering.
- 3) Happiness and wisdom comes from knowing and trusting in God.
- 4) We find God in Community.

Our way out of recession is to build the "New Jerusalem" which needs us to apply the four Christian virtues of fortitude, justice, temperance and prudence to governance and economics. In secular terms: Have what you can pay for and care for your neighbour.

**Rev Daffyd Robinson, The Rectory, Station Road,
Willoughby, Lincs LN13 9NA rector@willoughby-lincs.org.uk 01507 462045**

Christingle: Help Please.

On the morning of 19th Dec we need to make 110 Christingles for Willoughby School Christingle in the afternoon. Depending on how many people are involved this will take around a couple of hours. Please help - phone Daffyd on 01507 462045.

WILLOUGHBY DIARY DECEMBER

WEDNESDAYS: KENDOJO BLACK BELT SCHOOL

Willoughby Village Hall

4:30pm Little Dragons – A fun class for 4 – 6 year olds

5:30pm Family Kickboxing – 7 years +

PARENTS PLUS - EVERY TUESDAY

For December venues:

Contact Andrea Stevenson 01507 463052

KEEP FIT - EVERY MONDAY

Village Hall 10am

Tuesday 2nd WILLOUGHBY HISTORY GROUP

Village Hall 2pm - Yearbook - All Welcome

Thursday 4th WILLOUGHBY SOCIAL CLUB

Christmas Evening Meal

Thursday 11th SHEILA`S LUNCHEON CLUB

The Red Lion, Partney



Friday 12th ST HELENA`S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

At the Church 3pm - All Welcome

WILLOUGHBY PARISH COUNCIL

No Meeting in December

Tuesday 16th WILLOUGHBY GARDEN CLUB

Members Evening. Sausage making, festive foods and flowers

Village Hall 7.30pm

Saturday 20th CAROLS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Bring your own lantern/torch 6pm

WILLOUGHBY LADIES PRAYER MEETING

A group of ladies meet for prayer and chat once a month.

We welcome anyone wishing to join us.

Contact Glennis Smith on 462388 for details

LADIES LUNCH

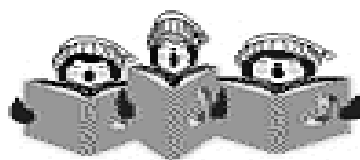
Please note that there is a `one-off` change of date for the Xmas Lunch. Please contact Glenis Everton on 462570 for the menu. Look forward to seeing you all.



Village Hall Kitchen Hatch Key

We are missing the `key` that opens the hatch - the one that normally `lives` in the china cupboard. First missed at the Xmas Fair. PLEASE could you check your pockets in case you have taken it by mistake. It looks like an `allen key` with just a straight shank. Thanks Pat

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ST HELENA`S SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

At the Church

Friday December 12th 3pm - All Welcome



St Helena's School Association would like to invite all local clubs and businesses to enter our "Decorate a Christmas Tree" competition. The tree must be decorated in the theme of your club eg. Bathroom Company could use toilet rolls, empty soap bottles etc. The tree cannot be more than 4ft and there is no electricity available for lights.

The competition entry fee is £2 and if you win your club/business will receive a £30 prize-it's worth entering!

All trees are to be brought to the church on the day of our Christmas Fair which is Friday 12th December and will be judged during the fair which starts at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come and join us.

The Parochial Church Council has kindly agreed to allow the trees to remain in church over the Christmas period for everyone to enjoy (if individual clubs wish!).



CHILDREN IN NEED

Shannon Myles made over £125 at her Children in Need event. Thanks to all who contributed.

Well done Shannon.

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MUMBY NEWS

**DEADLINE FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY IS
DECEMBER 26th**

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

As most of you will know, Beryl is in hospital, so there is no news via Steve this month. We wish her all the best

Mumby Giant Quiz

A copy costs £1.50 with the chance of winning £50.00. The answers do not have to be returned until the New Year, so there is plenty of time to mull the answers over during the Christmas break.

Copies can be obtained by ringing Roger or Eileen on 01507 490878 or visiting the Donkey Sanctuary on Church Lane, Huttoft on 13th December from 6pm to 8pm when they will be holding their Christmas Fayre.

On Friday 14th November the second Quiz Night of the season, in aid of Mumby Church funds, was held at the Red Lion. Seven teams took part and the winner was 'No Idea', with 'Densa' and 'Reggies Boys' coming joint second. A good evening was had by all. Our thanks go to Joan for organising the raffle and to Daffyd as Quiz Master. The evening then continued with entertainment by Crackle and Pop.

The next Quiz will be on Friday 12th December.

Look forward to seeing you there.

WORLD CHALLENGE SRI LANKA EXPEDITION JULY 2010

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THANKYOU.

To all Cynthia and David's friends in Mumby, on behalf of myself and grandsons, Joseph and Oliver, I would like to thank you all for your kind thoughts and floral tributes at this sad time.

David Byrne.

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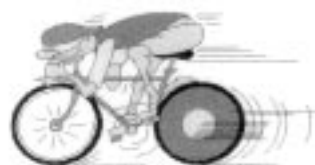
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PLEASE REMEMBER that the next magazine is for **JANUARY & FEBRUARY**. Items need to be with me before the end of December. Thanks Pat

HABERTOFT NEWS

I received a Certificate of Merit for the Collection poetry competition I was shortlisted for. I was highly delighted. Also, I am still trying to muck out the house and have some Geology books if anyone would like them for study. Contact me on 462380 (before I hoard them again!!!) Jay Smedley

CUMBERWORTH NEWS

Cumberworth Parish Meeting

The Parish Meeting took place on Tuesday 11th November in Becketts in Mumby. Thank you to Rev Daffyd Robinson and the 15 villagers for coming out on a cold evening to give their support. The Minutes of the AGM in April were read and agreed. It was agreed that the Informal Meeting in July had been a success and that another Informal Meeting would be arranged for mid-January again in the Red Lion in Mumby; the date and time to be announced. It was decided that sandwiches or some form of light buffet would be provided from Parish Funds. The question of increasing pressure on the powers that be about the on-going speeding and traffic problems was agreed, with the addition of a Village Petition. The "Welcome Pack" has been agreed and Christine Clark will finalise it for distribution. Peter Odling and Brian Holt have volunteered to make and install a bench on the Village Green, prior to the planting of bulbs etc. Philip Clark volunteered to undertake the tidying up of the Village Churchyard with a Village combined effort on a date to be arranged next Spring. The winding-up of the Joseph Waithe Hart Charity will be completed as stipulated in the original bequest. The Annual Audit has been completed successfully and advertised. It has been agreed to make enquiries into the setting-up of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The date for the Village AGM was arranged for Tuesday 21st April 2009 at 7.00pm at Becket's in Mumby, so please make a note in your diaries!

Cumberworth Village Informal Meeting

Following on from the success of the first Informal Village Meeting in July, another **Informal Parish Meeting has been arranged for Tuesday January 20th at 7.00pm in the Red Lion**. A light buffet or sandwiches will be provided and it is hoped that as many villagers as possible will attend and brighten up the New Year!

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Broadband in Sloothby - Update

The following is the latest communication on the matter:-
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Good [Afternoon](#) Mr Smith

Further to our conversation dated 14th November 2008 I can confirm that unfortunately the Fibre Project will not be rolled out until at least 2010. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if further assistance is required in 2010.

Kind Regards

**Alison Baures
Assistant to the Chairman
& Chief Executive**

? BT PLC
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It should be noted that in no way does this indicate that Sloothby will get Broadband in 2010 or at anytime thereafter ! and that BT cannot and will not offer any guarantees for the provision of broadband in the village !!!

If anyone is interested in the provision of broadband by RuralSat then let me know as it is anticipated that an increase in numbers will reduce costs to all. Please check with your neighbours. I know that there have been many false hopes given by service providers in the past which has resulted in great disappointment.

Rob Smith

Wheelwright Cottage

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ULCEBY NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who purchased one of the 75 quizzes sold to raise funds for Ulceby Church. Profits of £100 will go to the church.

Five quizzes were returned for marking.

First prize of £25 went to Mrs P Wilson-Brown from Bilby.

Second prize of £15 went to Mrs C. Willerton from Alford.

Third prize of £10 went to Mrs P. Kinghorn from Lytham-St-Annes.

I do hope you found my quiz interesting and enjoyed it.

The next quiz will be available at the end of November and won't have to be returned until the end of February 2009.

It will be available from Whites Garage at Willoughby or Callabys Store in Alford. You can also contact me on 01507 463787.

Once again, thank you all. Michelle Ranshaw



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