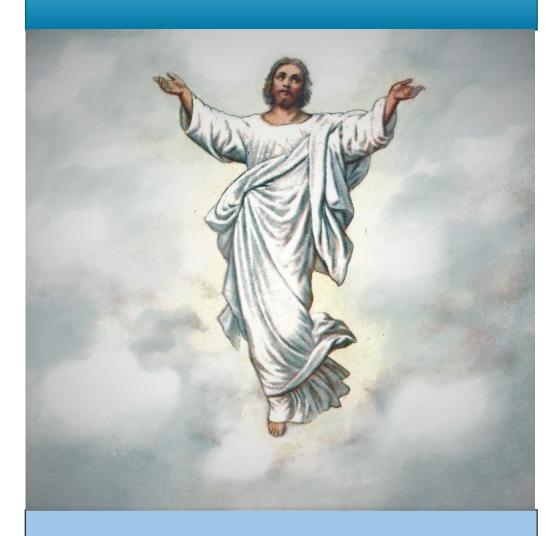


THE PARISH OF THE ASTERBY GROUP NEWSLETTER May-June 2021



When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.

Deadline for next Newsletter

All articles and adverts for inclusion in the <u>July/August 2021</u> newsletter to be with Sue (Tel 01507313545 or email: <u>moomoski@btinternet.com</u>) by <u>Tuesday 15th</u> <u>June 2021</u> at the very latest. Please let me have your items written out or typed, as you would like them to appear, and as **early as possible**, <u>please don't wait until the</u> <u>deadline</u>.

To place an advert please contact Sue on the above number. Please note there is a new price list for various sizes of advert and also a choice of black and white or colour. Again Sue has these details on request.

All items on behalf of the church have no charge. Any other events or adverts will have a charge. This is minimal and helps to maintain and develop your newsletter.

Contact Sue; moomoski@btinternet.com

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

St. Julians Church Benniworth

There has been a major masonry fall inside the church and the building is no longer safe. Until builders have been able to repair the damage, the church will therefore, have to be kept locked and planned services will now not take place.

It is hoped the repair will not take too long before the structure is made safe again.

Regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) tests if you do not have symptoms

You can get regular rapid tests if you do not have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Why you should get tested regularly—About 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others.

Getting tested regularly is the only way to know if you have the virus. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

The test for people without symptoms of COVID-19 is called a rapid lateral flow test.

This usually involves rubbing a long cotton bud (swab) over your tonsils (or where they would have been) and inside your nose.

The tests can give you a result in 30 minutes. They use a device similar to a pregnancy test and do not need to be sent to a lab.

You can do a rapid test at home or at a rapid lateral flow test site.

If you test positive, you and anyone you live with will need to self-isolate.

Anyone who does not have symptoms can now get regular rapid lateral flow tests to check for COVID-19.

You can get a pack of 7 rapid tests sent to your home or you can collect 2 packs of 7 from local pharmacy or test site. (check location nearest you online)

If you do tests at home, you'll need to report your results online or on the phone.

Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Asterby & Goulceby Parish Council

Notes of the Asterby and Goulceby Parish Council Meeting 29 March 2021 via Zoom

The Chair welcomed the new Councillor Janet Croft to her first meeting. There remains a vacancy for a Goulceby councillor and the adverts will stay on the noticeboard and website. The Chair noted that the legislation permitting conference meetings was ending soon and there would be a return to face to face meetings in May. The Chair also thanked those residents who have been litter picking whilst out walking.

There was an update on outstanding Highways issues in particular the complaints from a local resident and the PC about the ford footbridge repairs. Having secured a site meeting with LCC and the contractor attended by a Councillor and a resident the following repair work was agreed;

1) Depth Boards - Both markers to be repositioned, concreted in and setting so that Zero level is level with the concrete ford at the deepest point.

2) Triangle of verge between footbridge and ford - all buried rubbish to be removed, the soil graded flat and the area to be turfed.

3) Corner of the verge - the shape of the pointed verge towards the edge of the beck to be reinstated, back filled with soil and turfed

4) Area of east verge north of the site - excavated debris needs to be dug back out and disposed of properly and then redressing in 100mm seeded topsoil.

5) The current broken/incomplete retaining wall on the east bank of the south approach to be extended round to the bridge.

6) The soil bank adjacent to the footpath to the south of the footbridge to be trimmed back to the end of the handrailing/path

7) Various small verge damage reinstatements on Hall's Hill and at junction with Shop Lane. Dress with new topsoil and seed.

8) Build- up of slurry on the carriageway uphill of the ford - to be removed and disposed of.

In addition, the PC will obtain quotes for flood warning signs to be erected on the approach to the ford and include this item for discussion at a future meeting.

The new PC Website has now been completed by the Clerk. Contact details of a second flood warden have been added to the Website.

Date	Event	Description
1 May	May Day	Spring festival celebrated by maypole dancing
3 May	Early Spring Bank Holiday	
13 May	Ascension Day	The bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven
23 May	Whit Sunday	7th Sunday after Easter commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles
30 May	Trinity Sunday	Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the doctrine of the trinity; Father , Son and Holy Spirit
31 May	Spring Bank Holiday	
12 June	HM Queen official birthday	
20 June	Fathers Day	
21 June	Summer Solstice	Longest Day

Donington on Bain Lotto Bonus Ball

Winners were:

January J. Boone

February W. Firminger

March T. Wallis



Dog Fouling

The Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 provides Councils with the powers to deal with people who fail to clean up their dog mess.

East Lindsey Council level of Fixed Penalty for dog fouling is currently set at £100.00. If you are issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice you must pay the amount due within 14 days. If you fail to pay the amount due, the matter will be referred to our solicitor.

If you can help us to identify anyone who lets their dog foul in public areas, then please contact us using the <u>Report Dog Fouling Incident Form</u>.

Please be advised that this may require you to submit a formal witness statement which we can use to support any further action we may need to take.

Our Environmental Crime Officers regularly patrol the District and will take action to deal with dog fouling hotspots.

It was resolved to complete the parish plan for 2021/22, when updated this will be added to the website.

Correspondence received was considered. This included a request from LCC to advise residents to check the LCC website for revisions and updates to Bus timetables. A request for a donation from LIVES. It was resolved that the PC would consider introducing a grant application scheme to enable funds to be set aside and all requests to be assessed equally. This will be an item for the next meeting.

Biscathorpe Community Liaison Group have written advising that the Biscathorpe oil drill planning application is now live and they are urging residents to lobby ELDC.

A planning application was received for extensions and alterations to The Willows, Butt Lane. The PC resolved to support the application with no comments.

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting was set for May 24th at 7.00 pm. A suitable venue that will be compliant with the prevailing Covid restrictions is being explored and residents are asked to check the PC website for details nearer the time.

New parish council websites

These are being or have been developed for whole parish

Addresses are;

https://benniworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

https://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

https://donington.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

https://scamblesby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk

Dog Fouling - East Lindsey District Council (e-lindsey.gov.uk)

Donington on Bain Parish Council

We hope everybody is managing in these difficult times. The Parish Council has continued to meet remotely via zoom each Month. Access via zoom is published each month on the agenda. If anybody has any items to raise, please contact the clerk (email: doningtononbainpc@gmail.com, Tel: 07795822701). The Parish Council will resume their meetings at the Village Hall when government advice permits and it is safe to do so.

Highlights of the Parish Council meeting of 22 February and 29 March 2021 are detailed below:

Finance:

Budget 2021/2022

The 2021/2022 Budget was approved with an agreed precept of £10,000 which is the same as last year. There is a budget for each area of expenditure and the actual expenditure is closely monitored against the budgeted amount by Councillors. All expenditure is approved by the Parish Council and cheques which are raised are verified against invoices received.

Cemetery

The cutting of the cemetery hedge had been completed. The Parish Council had liaised with the families this affected and apologises for any distress caused.

Playground

The Parish Council and volunteers have completed remedial work on the playground including the new swing seats. Many thanks to all volunteers for their hard work and support. The Parish council has applied for a small grant for remedial works.

Defibrillator

The Parish Council will continue to check the defibrillator and the Clerk would report to LIVES when the check had been made.

Allotments

There are a number of allotments available at a cost of £30 (or £15 for a half allotment). If anybody fancies a go at growing their own produce contact the clerk (email: doningtononbainpc@gmail.com, Tel: 07795822701). The allotments will be inspected by the Parish Council on a quarterly basis to ensure that the allotments meet safety standards and are kept clean and tidy. The Parish Council have written to all allotment holders to remind them to keep the allotments clean and tidy.

Welsdale Road

Some time ago the Parish Council requested that Lincolnshire County Council erect a "not suitable for HGV sign". The Parish Council is awaiting a response from LCC. 6



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Parking/Driving in the village

There had been complaints raised regarding parents parking on grass verges during school drop off. The Chairman has contacted the Headteacher who has put up notices in the school. Additionally there was concern at the speed of vehicles driving through the village. Please could drivers park considerately and keep their speed to within speed limits.

Biscathorpe Oil Exploration Update

The Parish Council had submitted the following response to the planning application from Egdon Resources.

Donington-Bain Parish Council object to the above planning application.

The Egdon Resources Biscathorpe Oil and Gas drilling operation represents a significant industrialisation of the Lincolnshire Wolds within the AONB and jeopardises East Lindsey District Council's Local Plan 2018 Strategic Policy 23 that states "the highest level of protection will be given to the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which is designated at a national level because of its landscape quality".

We do not see any benefits to our local economy or community from this operation rather we fear considerable potential risks from oil and contaminated run off water to the River Bain, one of the world's rare chalk streams which runs through the centre of our community. This further poses a threat to our communities' health and prosperity from local tourism. We are perplexed by the unsustainable nature of this development in light of current national policies which are heavily tilted towards developing renewables and to a zero-carbon target by 2050.

The Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) Carbon Management Plan January 2019 states that *"LCC is determined to play a full part in delivering on our collective responsibility to reduce carbon emissions."* Surely an Oil and Gas exploration within the Lincolnshire Wolds and AONB lasting for 15-20 years is not compatible with this policy.

Further there is no "benefit to the national interest" as the contribution to UK oil that Egdon Resources claim (60 tonnes of oil per day) is miniscule - less than 0.03% of UK consumption.

We have serious concerns about the further development of Petroleum Exploration and Development Licence (PEDL) 253 which covers 95 square kilometres of the district around Biscathorpe. Egdon Resources have not ruled out further oil sites.

There are other areas of concern – methane gas emissions from flaring which increases pollution, noise and light pollution and traffic and road safety (3 x oil tankers per day during 15-20 years of production).

Priestly Ponderings

When the days are bright and cold and the clocks changed and the days getting longer but not warmer it is always a challenge! Easter time was a lovely opportunity to get back into church to see people, not through a laptop screen. I worried that we might slip into the ways we had before this wretched pandemic and rush and hug each other but restraint has been there and we have survived with nods and smiling with our eyes. Our Easter services were well supported and along with our continuing zoom service we have, I believe, done well.

We shall meet every month across our usual 'alphabetical pattern' which will be great and we shall alternate the Communion Service with an All-Age Service until we reach late June. We can still distance and wear masks and most people will have had vaccinations too. The churches will gradually gather speed from now on and I pray that we shall be able to open our churches properly and enjoy the summer with some outdoor events. On the basis that God is good and we are ok I am hopeful of a good summer, despite the gloom and doom merchants' predictions.

Our Easter Season goes on much longer than people expect. It is known as the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide. It doesn't end with Easter Day but we continue to enjoy it until 23rd May which is Pentecost, the day to celebrate the coming of the great commissioning and the gift of the Holy Spirit for the disciples.

I once asked our congregation if they prayed to the Holy Spirit and some said they did, others were a little surprised. In the King James Bible 'The Holy Ghost', appears often but 'Holy Spirit 'is also used but less frequently. The translations of the word Ghost and Spirit are interchangeable and theologians better qualified than I have written about this. There are hymns too, Charles Wesley (1707-1788) wrote, 'Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire, let us thine influence prove.' It underlines why the Holy Spirit is so important in our lives as Christians. It is the guide and drive to our actions. More modern hymn writers too, like Michael Forster (1946) wrote about the work of the Holy Spirit, encouraging us through song to show the marks of love divine. I love his final verse he says 'come Holy Spirit, dance within our hearts today and teach us to desire all other things above, that self-consuming holy fire, the perfect gift of love'

Future planning for St Julians church Benniworth

It is hoped that there can be a small village event at Benniworth to discuss possible future developments for the church to increase both its social and religious use.

Further details will follow

Any comments or suggestions to warden (Jenny) or

Treasurer (Guy)

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For me, over the years of working alongside people who asked for support, or who worked in challenging roles, the Holy Spirit both sustained me and was my guide. If I ignored the sound of that Holy Spirit connection in my head, I was much worse for it. Often, it would send thoughts about people to me and I knew then I just had to contact them. So often it proved accurate in their needs, and in responding, I would like to believe I showed that gift of love to others. It is what Jesus wanted his disciples to know and to do. It is what he did constantly in his years of ministry, against all the odds and others who said he was wrong. He showed us the way for our communities. He spoke with people of all nations and creeds. He supported people in their distress and need. He gave hope to thousands of people in their despair and he always reminded them about how much God loves them.

All of that applies to us today, when we fail, as we always will as human beings it is a real comfort to know that God loves us, despite those omissions. When we cannot cope any longer, we can pull the covers over our heads, say our prayers and leave it to God, who loves us and will, so long as we trust in him, find the answer to our most difficult questions......even when we may be surprised by the answers.

Dear reader, continue to keep well and safe and pray that we will, with all the challenges ahead, come out of this worldwide epidemic into the light of a new time and place

Blessings for May flowers and the warmth of June.

Revd Cilla



Benniworth Parish Council

News from the Parish Council

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 25th February to consider a planning application for increased tentage and the construction of an amenity block at Homestead Lodge. Due to the plans being amended, the matter is ongoing and the deadline for comments is now 6th May. Observations can be submitted direct to ELDC or to the Parish Clerk, benniworthpc@outlook.com.

In view of the recent thefts from outlying sheds, the Parish Council will be arranging for representatives from the Police and Home Security to attend the Public Meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting. The dates for these meetings will be posted on the Benniworth Website and Notice Board.

Used medicine blister packs

These are being collected for recycling and funds raised support Marie Curie. There is a labelled box in bus shelter which will be emptied weekly. Please deposit your blister packs for recycling

Used Printer Cartridges

Please do not throw away your used printer cartridges, I am now collecting them for the local primary school at Donington on Bain. (The company who recycled for Macmillan Nurses had started charging for collection which did not make this option feasible.) To give you an idea of how much this project raises, in November the school received £41 from recycled cartridges. There is a box in the bus shelter for the used cartridges or you can post them through our letterbox, Stainfield House, Main Road, Benniworth. Many thanks, Jayne Dyas.

Used Stamps and Coins

All UK and foreign used stamps, old foreign or defunct coins from past holidays are being collected by Sue for charity (313545). There is a box for collections in the bus stop shelter or drop in her post box at gate, Bramley House, Meadow Lane.

If there is any information that would be of interest to the village please contact me by email **jaynedyas11@gmail.com** or 07974 604457 well in advance of deadlines, which are printed in the newsletter.

YOGA IN SCAMBLESBY

Outdoor classes (Scamblesby)

Tuesdays 9.30am - 10.45am

Tuesdays 11.00am – 12.15pm Thursdays 9.00am – 10.15am Thursdays 7.00pm – 8.15pm <u>Zoom Classes</u>



Mondays 7pm – 8pm (book online via the <u>Meridian Leisure Centre</u>) Tuesdays 9.30am – 10.45am Thursdays 7pm – 8.15pm

Post Lockdown Timetable (different locations - see website)

Mondays 9.30am – 10.45am Mondays 6.15pm – 7pm Mondays 7.15pm – 8pm Tuesdays 9.30am – 10.45am Wednesdays 9.30am – 10.30am Wednesdays 11.15am – 12pm (Beginners) Wednesdays 12.15am – 1pm Thursdays 9am – 10.15am Thursdays 9am – 10.15am Thursdays 11am – 12pm (Over 65's) Thursdays 7pm – 8.15pm Classes are suitable for all abilities. One to one or small group sessions can also be arranged.

Coming soon - <u>Gentle Years Yoga</u> for ages 65+ or anyone who needs to take it a bit steady for any reason! Please get in touch if you might be interested and I will let you know more about this new classes

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Some thoughts on prayer and praying

What is Prayer?

It's getting in touch with God



Why should we pray?

In families we quite often have

conversations at meal-times and prayer is like sitting across the table and saying we are here to God.

Is praying just physical? We all do it differently in different places and at different times. We may be in our cars, in our homes, waiting for a bus or ironing or cooking the tea. We need to think, what do I want to express? Perhaps we want to show how much we love God. Perhaps we want to just sit, listening and breathing. Maybe we just want to say it's all great Lord, thank you.

What is true Faith?Well it may be an opportunity to courageously trust inwho God is, and what he has done. God is the real thing, it's what we see throughJesus' coming to us. The story we celebrate at Christmas and Easter.

Why do we find this a challenge? Because sometimes we are reluctant to identify with just one community but be a part of many. Some people are not joiners, look at the clubs around us. Also that people think that church isn't about joy, it's all a bit dour. It is about saying sorry for what we've done wrong, but there is joy in heaven in saying sorry and we feel better. But church often looks like we fall short of joy....We should ask if we look as if we are joyful about being forgiven! More smiles in church perhaps.



What happens when we can't pray, or we feel it has dried up? If you experience these 'dry times' you are not alone. This happens to lots of us, perhaps prayer doesn't give us what we expect, or we feel left in mid

-air not knowing what's going on. Many serious Christians have felt this way, John Wesley, Mother Teresa to name but a few.

How are lockdown rules changing in England?

Current rules include:

- Six people or two households can meet outside including in private gardens
- No mixing indoors with people not in your household or bubble
- All shops, hairdressers, beauty salons and other close-contact services open
- Restaurants and pubs can serve food and alcohol outdoors
- Zoos and theme parks open
- Indoor children's activities, libraries and community centres open

• Indoor sports facilities including gyms and swimming pools open for individual exercise

• Holidays in England in self-contained accommodation by members of the same household allowed

- Non-essential journeys between England and Wales allowed
- Weddings up to 15 people
- Funerals up to 30 people, with 15 at wakes
- Two care home visitors allowed per resident

Driving lessons and tests have resumed

The next relaxation of lockdown restrictions is **Stage three** - due no earlier than **17 May** - when it's hoped:

- People can meet in groups of up to 30 outdoors
- Six people or two households can meet indoors
- Domestic overnight stays allowed with people not in your household or bubble
- Pubs, restaurants and other hospitality venues can seat customers indoors
- Up to 30 people can attend weddings or other life events, like christenings
- Remaining outdoor entertainment, such as outdoor theatres and cinemas can open

• Indoor entertainment such as museums, theatres, cinemas and children's play areas can open

• Performances and large events can restart, but with limits on audience numbers

- Hotels, hostels and B&Bs can reopen
- International leisure travel may resume

Adult indoor group sports and exercise classes can restart

Stage four (no earlier than 21 June):

- It's hoped all legal limits on social contact will be removed
- No legal limits on the number of people who can attend weddings, funerals and other life events

Nightclubs will be allowed to reopen

Who's	Who	in the	e Group
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<u>Secretary</u> :	Sally Cosgrove 01507 343788
Judy Wright 01507 313919	

VCC Church Wardens, Treasurers and Secretaries

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<u>Benniworth</u>		<u>Market Stainton</u>	Enquiries
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Rosemary Parkinson (T)	01507 343242	Linda Gravells (T)	01507 343225
Gayton John Needham	01507 313265		
Ann Needham (T)	01507 313628		16

St John of the Cross speaks of the 'dark night of the soul' when he couldn't reach out to God in his prayers. He said that this was an opportunity. We very often have a picture of God, the God we want him to be. But God, in his wisdom, wants to be God, not what we want but real to us. So the opportunity when we feel God is pushing away these pictures of him, is to recognise the light on the other side of the darkness we are experiencing. It does hurt but if we encourage people to hang on in there, do what keeps you going. Don't feel you must try harder but look for support, continue to say your prayers because like getting on the bus it will get us there, even if we sense we don't feel like it.

What does it mean to be the body of Christ? As Christians we are Christ's hands and feet on earth. So we are the ones who can support others. Share people's difficulties; be the ones that they can turn to share the rough patches. When our faith is shaking, we need our routines, the affirming presence of the people who are there for us, not judging but 'feeding' us as we come in to church . Faithful and generous in helping and supporting us. Doing all the things that Jesus taught his disciples and us to do, as told in the Bible stories of his time on earth.

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, even in our imagination we cannot understand how great you really are and how wonderfully you work and understand us.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, help us to weather these storms, to open our lives to you so that we may fulfil your purpose in us. Lord, we ask you humbly to hear our prayer. Amen

Revd Cilla

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Asterby Group Services for May 2021

Benniworth	Godparents Sun- day All Age Worship	2 nd May	10am
Burgh on Bain	Rogation Sunday Communion	9 th May	10am
Donington on Bain	All Age worship	16 th May	10am
Scamblesby	Pentecost Communion	23 rd May	10am
Gayton Le Wold	Trinity Sunday Communion	30 th May	10am
Stenigot	All Age Worship	30 th May	3.00 pm

Asterby Group Services for June 2021

Benniworth	Environment Sunday All Age Worship	6 th June	10am
Burgh on Bain	Open Farm Sun- day All Age Worship	13 th June	10am.
Donington on Bain	Father's Day Communion	20th June	10am
Scamblesby	All Age Worship	27th June	10am
Benniworth	Communion	4 th July	10am

All our services will be held in our churches and will be zoomed too. Provision for COVID safety is adhered to.

Zoom details from rev.cilla2@btinternet.com.

The only provision is Govt changes in current guidelines.

Please note that Benniworth church, St. Julians, is currently closed for repairs. (see page 3)

Please check with church committee members or church warden for updates

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you would like a friend, or a particular situation, to be remembered by our Prayer Circle, do please contact Ann (313792) or Sarah (343270) All requests treated in confidence.

If you require information or help with booking a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact our Administrator on 01507 525600