



**St Botolph's Chronicle  
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**This week's Editors –  
Carole**

Dear Friends,

**VJ Day Commemoration – Sleaford 15<sup>th</sup> of August 2020**

On Saturday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Sleaford marked the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VJ Day. I was privileged to be asked to say the prayers for the occasion.

Although low key, the event was marked with the same dignity and solemnity as we experience on Remembrance Day in November. The Royal British Legion (RBL) Chairman, Clive Candlin, explained that “ they (RBL) had not promoted the event in order to adhere to current Covid-19 protocols about avoiding public gatherings, under social distancing guidelines.”

As with all commemoration events I felt extremely humble to have taken part. As a Service veteran myself, I am always filled with a sense of gratitude to those who have served and died in the defence of freedom. As a minister it is important for me to represent the public face of the Church and to offer prayers and thanksgiving.



The commemoration started with the bugle call “The Last Post” a 2-minute silence and the call for “Reveille”. Brian Harvey, the standard bearer followed the tradition of lowering (dip) and raising (carry) the standard at the appropriate stages of the commemoration. A wreath was laid by the Chairman of the NKDC, Susan Waring, and Clive followed this with some words of the sacrifice of those who served in the Far East Campaign. It was a moving time and as I offered thanks through the prayers, I felt such a sense of togetherness as a nation even though there were only a few people in the market square.

The event was concluded with a “Cry for Peace” by the Town Crier John Griffith which was echoed around the whole world by his fellow Criers. May those who served their country never be forgotten. **Reverend Al.**

Do not forget the Helpline number if you cannot get through on our usual numbers  
07592 065567

### **Prayer for this week**

May the strength of God pilot us.  
May the power of God preserve us.  
May the wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the hand of God protect us.  
May the way of God direct us.  
May the shield of God defend us.  
May the host of God guard us against the snares of evil  
and the temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us.  
Christ before us. Christ in us. Christ over us.  
May your salvation, O Lord, be always ours  
this day and forever more. Amen

### **Foodbank Urgent Request for Food**

**Sleaford Larder are very low on food, toiletries, nappies, etc .**



**If you are able to help in any way, please drop your items off to New Life Church between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday**

(if you have contributions but are unable to get out please contact Carole (01529 307781) who will arrange for collection

### **Guess the Young'un**

Who is this handsome fellow?  
Clues: Don't string him a line!  
A veteran of conflict



## **Church Services**

From the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2020 St Botolph's will resume services in Church on Sunday morning. Due to the restrictions imposed on places of worship by the Government there will be a limited number of places for each service. In order for us to ensure that worship is available to as many people as possible would you please contact Maria, our administrator, to let us know whether or not you will be attending worship. You may contact Maria by e-mail at [m.fryer@outlook.com](mailto:m.fryer@outlook.com) or 01529 240139. At present only 11 people have confirmed they will attend worship during September. Priority may be given to those who do not have access to the internet as services will still be available on YouTube once they have been recorded in church.

## **Church opening:**

With the resumption of church services on a Sunday the church will no longer be open for private prayer on Monday or Friday but will be open on Wednesdays between 12 and 1pm for private prayer beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> September. This allows 72 hours between opening of church to abide by COVID-19 cleaning rules.

## **APCM 2020**

Due to COVID-19 our APCM this year had to be postponed but has been re-scheduled for Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm using virtual media. For those who do not have access to the internet you can still take part by using the telephone, we may not be able to see you, but we will still be able to hear you! If you would like to take part in this but need help in setting it up, please let Maria know so assistance can be given by having a trial run by joining a coffee morning. Further details will be given nearer the date.

## **The Electoral Roll – St Botolph's**

St Botolph's is currently reviewing its Electoral Roll prior to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). The bullet points below outline the purpose of the Electoral Roll, qualification and purpose. If you want to know more about this subject please contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Carole Shephard. We have also attached an application for enrolment. **The closing date for applications to ensure you may vote in this year's APCM is 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2020.** Thank you.

### *What is the Electoral Roll?*

The church's Electoral Roll is the register of its voting members; it is a list of those qualified to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Electoral rolls provide an indication of the real membership and strength of the church.

### *Who can be on the electoral Roll?*

Baptised adults (over 16 years) who live in the parish, or who have worshipped regularly at St Botolph's for at least six months and are committed to being part of the life of the local Church of England congregation.

### *Why Join?*

Enrolment is a way of saying "I belong". For us it is an act of commitment to St. Botolph's Church and the church as a whole. It opens the way for a greater involvement in the life of the church at parish, deanery, diocesan and national levels.

If you completed a form last year you do not need to do anything.

### **A Visit to the Past**

In 1987, my husband David and I decided to go to South Africa. We planned an itinerary lasting two and a half weeks. We pre-booked one or two hotels, booked a flight to Johannesburg (J-burg) and set off. On arrival, we picked up a rented car and drove to our first hotel, immediately asking about going to Soweto, the vast township outside J-burg. The next morning after a hearty breakfast, we went out of the hotel to find a small, rather ancient car, and a young man who introduced himself as Norman. Immediately, Norman called David “Massa” (master), and me “Mama”. We set off, Norman wanted to know all about us, our lives here, our family, our jobs. David explained his job as a salesman for an oil company and I, as a medical secretary in the NHS. Norman was very interested in all of this information and in response, he told us he had two wives and ten children!!! We continued, eventually leaving J-burg and arriving at Soweto. A different world, the world of apartheid. Rows and rows of tin shacks, no electricity, no running water, lots of women and small children. Most of the men would travel many miles to seek work in the goldmines, working from dawn till dusk in dangerous conditions for a pittance, returning home once, maybe twice a year. We walked among the shacks, talking to all the women and the little children, they were all so kind and friendly, and wanted to hear about our lives. They offered us drinks and food and we spent a couple of hours with them, it was a humbling experience. Back in the car, Norman drove some way, eventually stopping outside a reasonably ‘normal’ looking house, he stopped and said ‘Mrs Mandela lives here, I am going to see if she will speak with you’. He got out of the car and knocked on the door, which was opened and a lot of conversation took place, then he returned to us and said “I am sorry Massa, Mrs Mandela says she would love to talk to you, but she has to be very careful”. We continued our journey and sometime later, we pulled up at a barred gate with two guards on duty. Again, Norman got out and went to speak to them, returning with two stickers, we asked him what he had said to the guards, he said “I have two people from England here, and the lady is a very important person in the NHS”! The gates opened and we went through, down a long drive, we ended up at a huge building, which turned out to be the Baragwanath hospital. Norman parked outside and said he would wait for us, it was a Monday afternoon and we entered the A&E department to find it littered with stretchers on which were victims of the weekend’s activities, and exhausted looking doctors, who were actually Belgian. One came up to us and said, he could give us 15 minutes. He took us into a small office, gave us coffee and said ‘it was simply horrendous, they were overworked and understaffed, he himself had been on duty all night and it was now 3pm. A few miles down the road, out of Soweto, was a luxurious white hospital, he said ‘it is all so dreadfully wrong’. We thanked him and left, got back in the car and Norman took us back to the hotel, where we thanked Norman and wished him and his large family well. Throughout the rest of our stay, we saw that shops, cafes, toilets and beaches all had large signs saying, ‘WHITES ONLY’.

The memories of that day are still as clear as if it was yesterday, and highlights the never-ending problem of racism and injustice, and particularly today, with the violence in Wisconsin. So, remember we are all one race.

by Shirley Wyles

### Church clock

Repairs are on-going and our insurance company are reviewing our case but we are hopeful!

### Answers to last Quiz GIRLS' NAMES

Each of the words below has a group of letters missing, and each group of missing letters is a girl's name. Can you supply the girls' names to complete all of these words?

1	BIG***	BIG <b>AMY</b>
2	***AKS	<b>KAY</b> AKS
3	ARM***	ARM <b>ADA</b>
4	****CEN	<b>SARA</b> CEN
5	SUM****	SUM <b>MARY</b>
6	DIL****	DIL <b>EMMA</b>
7	T****FUL	<b>TRU</b> THFUL
8	BAND****	BAN <b>DANNA</b>
9	****CITY	<b>VERA</b> CITY
10	SAT****T	SAT <b>IRIS</b> T
11	A****BLE	A <b>DORA</b> BLE
12	PREG*****	PREG <b>NANCY</b>
13	SPH*****L	SPH <b>ERICAL</b>
14	HAR*****	HAR <b>MONICA</b>
15	VA*****TE	VAC <b>ILLATE</b>
16	PARA*****L	PARA <b>NORMAL</b>
17	UNIVER*****	UNIVER <b>SALLY</b>
18	DEC*****TION	DE <b>CLARA</b> TION
19	****NAC	<b>ALMA</b> NAC
20	PLE*****	PLE <b>THORA</b>

### The frequency of issues

The PCC has agreed that the Chronicle will become a monthly edition with a return to a weekly pew sheet style of updates etc. as services resume; this will be circulated by email in addition to being available to take away from services.

## **Photo Gallery**

We are creating a gallery of images from this time of Lockdown. We are hoping to show what, as a parish, we are creating or observing. Why not join in? Please have a look at <http://quarringtonchurchsleaford.co.uk> . You can send your photos (jpegs please) to [stbquarrington890@gmail.com](mailto:stbquarrington890@gmail.com)

## **September Activities**

### Ministry

Morning Prayer – each weekday (Monday to Friday) at 9.30am on Zoom

Private Prayer in Church – Wednesdays 12noon to 1pm

### Mission and Support

Coffee and Chat every Tuesday at 11am on Zoom

Tiddlywinks

Bible Study

## **Giving During the Lockdown**

If you wish to make a donation by cheque, or set up a regular gift through the bank by standing order, then please give to the following account: -

### *By bank transfer*

Bank: HSBC. Account Name: St Botolph's Church, Quarrington.

Sort Code: 40-42-07

Account No 21515403

### *By Cheque:*

Please send any cheques made payable to "St Botolph's Church Quarrington"

to: Mr D Pursell, St Botolph's Church Treasurer, 75 London Road, Sleaford, NG34 7LL

### *Via the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS)*

PGS receives regular giving on our behalf via the direct debit system and then passes it on to us, including the Gift Aid on behalf of taxpayers. More details from our treasurer

Please do not hesitate to contact David Pursell on 01529 306448 or by e-mail at [jndpursell@hotmail.com](mailto:jndpursell@hotmail.com) to get information or advice about any aspect of our giving. And thanks again for your continued support.