

## Climate Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September

Having celebrated our Harvest last Sunday, today we are thinking about our planet and all of God's creation. We are finding out about the challenges of climate change, what we can do individually, and as a church, to reduce our carbon footprint and improve our environment.



- Unplug electrical items when they're not being used.
- Only buy the food you need – don't waste food.
- Buy locally produced items.
- Buy pre-loved items instead of always buying new.
- Walk to places when you can or use public transport.
- Recycle as much as you can.

## Harvest Trail

Several families enjoyed the Harvest Trail around Clay Hill Road and Rookery Road. The trail was based on the Bible story of creation.

## Resourcing Sustainable Churches – A Time to Change

On Wednesday 33 members of the church family met to discuss the "A Time to Change" initiative. Wide ranging discussions took place on the proposals circulated by our bishops. The meeting considered the proposals and people shared their views on the type of church we would like to be. The new Covenant Giving process was also discussed and Mark shared the proposed three-year covenant offer that will be discussed at the next PCC meeting. More details will follow after the PCC meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

## Book Group

A number of people have expressed an interest in setting up a book group. The group will meet on Tuesday afternoons. Please see Jennifer for more details of actual dates and the book that has been selected.

## St. Botolph's Church, Quarrington Notices 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

### Church Services –September/October 2021

Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Communion & <i>Baptism of Layla-Mae</i>
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All Age Worship
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion <i>Safeguarding Sunday</i>
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	All Age Communion
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Celtic Praise

### Upcoming Dates

#### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

Funeral of Betty Rogers

#### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm

Messy church planning meeting – 16 Dove Close

#### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm

PCC Safeguarding Training in church

#### Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

At 10am Cornerstone Bible Study Group via Zoom

At 7pm PCC meeting. Please note the change of date

#### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Messy Church at St Botolph's School

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October at 10am

Cornerstone Bible Study Group via Zoom

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

PrayerLine prayer group in church

#### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

Church social event in church hall

### Safe Distancing on Sundays

If you prefer to sit in a more physically distanced area of church on a Sunday, we can reserve a space for you.

To book a place please contact Maria on 07837 666 114 or emailing [stbquarrington890@gmail.com](mailto:stbquarrington890@gmail.com)

### **Morning Prayer**

Join Morning Prayer every day from Monday to Friday at 9am via Zoom. It's great to start the day praising God  
Contact Maria for the link.

### **Coffee and Chat**

This meets on Tuesdays via Zoom. Contact Maria for the link.

### **50/50 winners**

1st Mr. Roberts  
2nd Rev Heather

### **Holy Cross Day – 14th September**

The cross on which Jesus was crucified has become the universal symbol for Christianity, largely replacing the fish symbol of the early church. Early in the fourth century, pilgrims began to travel to Jerusalem to visit the places associated with Jesus. During excavations, Helena, the mother of the emperor, was a Christian and is said to have uncovered a cross. Many believed the cross to be the Cross of Christ and a basilica was built on the site of the Holy Sepulchre. It was dedicated in the year 335AD. *(Photograph courtesy of SA Caunter)*



### **Giving with a Generous Heart**

“Paul gives us reasons to give generously...what you give to the Lord he multiplies – your time, gifts, ambitions and money. Giving should never be forced or grudging, but rather voluntary and cheerful... giving purges the character from the constricting grip of materialism that destroys life...”

As you share in the needs of the community you reap the benefits of that community, for example, every time someone comes to know Christ through the community, you share in the blessing...

Our giving is a response to God's amazing grace...”  
Extract from the Bible in One Year by Nicky Gumbel



What will you give to God this week?

### **Getting Involved – Dates for your diaries**

We are planning on holding:

#### **Tea Dance**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November

#### **Messy Church**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October & Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

For everyone interested in helping with Messy Church: whether with the food or activities or praying for families or helping on the day or even if you're just interested in finding out more about what Messy Church is and our planning for that work with families. We will have a meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm at Rebecca's house at 16 Dove Close. Please chat to Rebecca to find out more.

#### **Save the Date**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm we will be holding a social event with fun and games. A time to enjoy each other's company after the isolation of lockdown. We will be organising food for which there will be a charge but otherwise it's a free evening – everyone welcome, bring your children, parents, mother-in-law, neighbours, and friends. Tickets available soon – watch this space!

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#### **Clergy Holidays**

Rev Mark is away from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October inclusive

#### **Notices**

Please send all information for the weekly notice sheet to Maria by Wednesday