



Churches Together in Sleaford and District

Thoughts from the Chair.

Most of us will have celebrated harvest in our churches by this time. As we came around to ours I took a look around our Community Larder store. It looked particularly empty this year and we were pleased it was harvest festival season once again so that we would be stocking up on the valuable store of food for those in need. This reminded me of how it must be for subsistence farmers around the world, waiting to see if and when the harvest would come in and what it would deliver this year. Would it come in time? Would there be sufficient for another year?

This turned my thoughts to fruitfulness, which is what is required for a plentiful harvest. Each year the harvest yield determines its fruitfulness and success, and for some success simply means survival. Actually, fruit is on the first and last pages of the Bible with 200 references in between. How does the idea of fruit apply to our own lives? Psalm 1 sums us up like this 'like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers' (v.3 NIV). There are many references in the New Testament, about the need for God's people to bear fruit.

We can be fruitful in many different ways and there is at least one that I may be especially fruitful in, listening to others, chatting with people, praying for individuals, befriending someone who is lonely, providing a lift, making tea

The gospel begins with us coming to faith in Christ and putting our trust in him. That is the root of our faith. Nurturing faith with prayer, Bible reading, worship and fellowship will enable that good root to produce good fruit. Let's let autumn inspire us to bear good fruit in our life and to bear it for others. Let's be fruitful!

Keith

Diary Dates

Sunday 30th December 6:00pm – United Service at Our Lady of Good Counsel

Evergreen Sleaford

Evergreen Sleaford, our local befriending service, continues to be in high demand. With 43 current friendships in place, our volunteers are doing a marvellous job. However, with a further 12 lonely and isolated elderly people on our waiting list, our service is still greatly needed.

If you, or people you know, have a spare hour or two each week and are interested in providing a simple friendship to help alleviate loneliness and isolation within the elderly community in our locality (10 mile radius of Sleaford), we would love to hear from you!

Evergreen Sleaford is supported financially by local businesses and individuals through our 'Friends of Evergreen Sleaford' scheme. A donation as little as £12 a year, could really help make a difference to an elderly person. If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer befriender or supporting us through 'Friends of Evergreen', please get in touch on 07707 260822 or info@evergreensleaford.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

Sleaford Methodist Church, Northgate

Saturday 1st December 10am – 4pm

Sunday 2nd December 11am – 5pm

Adults £2.50

Children with adults free

Donations in support of Lives

The annual Festival of Decorated Christmas Trees will take place again at Sleaford Methodist Church. Refreshments, including light lunches, will be served on both days. There will be a cake stall with jams, preserves and pickles, a raffle and a tombola. We will be having a quiz for the children again, with a prize for the winning entrant.

We are expecting a very good display of over 80 Christmas trees from a wide variety of local businesses, organisations and individuals. There will be an assortment of themed trees, some humorous, some displaying the wares of local businesses and some just beautiful. The church will be blacked out as in previous years and with trees in every available space the effect should be stunning.

The Christmas Tree Festival works alongside the Sleaford Christmas Market.

SLEAFORD KESWICK BIBLE MINISTRY

2018 - 2019 PROGRAMME OF SPEAKERS

A member of the Keswick Fellowship

"for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians Chapter 3 verse 28



9th November at 7.30pm: Dianne Tidball:

President of the Baptist Union 2018-18

7th December at 7.30pm: Rev Victor Jack:

Bury St Edmunds

11th January at 7.30pm: Rev Hugh Hill:

Ex Pastor of Thomas Cooper Memorial Church, Lincoln

8th February at 7.30pm: Eddie Vass:

Preacher and Evangelist

8th March at 7.30pm: Peter Maiden:

International Director Emeritus of Operation Mobilisation

at Riverside Church Southgate, Sleaford at 7.30pm

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Second Chance

Second Chance continues to do well. Thanks to all the kind donations we receive takings and profits have risen.

We have been able to increase our giving to the three main beneficiaries, Education for Life, Evergreen Sleaford and BETEL. In addition, this year, we are helping Glasshouse Farm Care Centre, Wilsford Brownies and BID Services.

Second Chance volunteers work hard to keep the shop well stocked, the prices low and the customers happy. As well as these tasks they give time to people who need company, a listening ear, support or prayer. A different kind of giving!

Youth Centre

Recently we've rebranded the Youth Centre, to the new name of 'Sleaford Youth Club' to put more emphasis on a collection of young people coming together, as opposed to referring to the building itself.

At the end of the last school year numbers dropped due to exams and the hot weather. Since the start of September, we've seen a week on week increase of young people attending. The drop in numbers has meant our volunteers have had more opportunity to build strong, lasting relationships with the young people that come.

Monday Night Football continues to be popular with an average of around 12 young people from a mix of different ages, coming for a time of social football.

We've recently returned from our Youth weekend away to Stathern Lodge which eighteen young people from both the Youth Club and New Life Youth attended. The weekend was an amazing time of fun, laughter, worship and relationship building. The young people came away with long lasting memories.



Coign Christian Music Events

Ruskington Methodist Hall

Thursday 15th Nov, 7:30pm
An Evening with Re-Born

Gospel group from Lincolnshire. Hear them sing about their faith in Jesus and tell what their songs mean to them.

Wednesday 12th Dec, 2:00pm
Christmas Carol Concert

With the Brass Quintet of the Band of the Royal Air Force College

This Christmas prepare to laugh your tinsel-tastic socks off at...

The Amazing Adventures of Eric The Christmas Angel

A Hilarious New Nativity/Panto
For All The Family

With Duggie Dug Dug!

Saturday 25th November at 4pm
St Botolph's School

Tickets £3.50 each or 4 for £12

Available from:
St Botolph's School Office
St Botolph's School: www.stbotolphsquarrington.co.uk
St Botolph's Church: www.quarringtonchurchsleaford.co.uk

A cartoon illustration of a young boy with blonde hair, wearing a white robe with a red 'L' on the chest and white wings, smiling and pointing towards the text.

New Life Community Larder

Overall, we have seen a slight dip in referrals over 2018. As we headed into the Harvest Festival period, our stocks were running incredibly low. So far in 2018 (up until end of August), we had fed 624 people through 290 referrals. That's a provision of 5,616 meals.

We remain overwhelmed by the generosity of the donations we receive. This is a great time of year for us in both receiving stock but also connecting with the community through schools, churches, businesses and individuals as part of our 'Harvest Drive'. The donations we receive are much appreciated as we anticipate a greater demand for the Larder as further benefit changes come into place later in the year. Please join us in praying that lives will continue to be impacted and changed through the work that we do.

Larder Shelves – Before & After Harvest



Christmas Service Times

St Denys', Sleaford		
Sunday 2nd December	3:00pm	Christingle
Sunday 9th December	5:00pm	Advent Carols
Thursday 20th December	6:00pm	Quiet Christmas
Sunday 23rd December	7:30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	6:00pm	Crib Service
	11:30pm	Midnight Service
Christmas Day	8:00am	Book of Common Prayer
	10:00am	Holy Communion
Our Lady of Good Counsel, Catholic Church, Jermyn Street, Sleaford		
Sunday 23rd December	10:00am	Mass for Fourth Sunday in Advent
Christmas Eve	10:15am	Mass: Advent Feria
	7:30pm	Carol Service
	8:00pm	Vigil Mass of the Nativity
Christmas Day	10:00am	The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday 26th December	11:00am	The Feast of St Stephen
Riverside Church, Southgate, Sleaford		
Sunday 2nd December	11:30am-15:00pm	Christmas Market - Songs and carols with free coffee and mince pies at the Source Café
Thursday 6th December	7:00pm	Christingle Service
Sunday 16th December	6:00pm	Carols by Candlelight
Christmas Day	10:00am	Christmas Family Celebration
New Life Church, Mareham Lane, Sleaford		
Sunday 2nd December	10:00am	Advent Service (Guest Speaker)
Saturday 8th December	7:30pm	Evening with Paul Bell
Sunday 16th December	10:00am	Christmas Family Service
Sunday 23rd December	10:00am	Carol Service
Christmas Day	10:30am	Christmas Morning Service
St Botolph's Church, Quarrington, Sleaford		
Saturday 1st December	3:00pm	Advent Carol Service
Sunday 9th December	3:00pm	Christingle
Wednesday 19th December	6:00pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	4:00pm	Crib Service (Children invited to dress as a character from the Nativity story)
Christmas Eve	11:30pm	Midnight Service
Christmas Day	10:30am	All Age Christmas (children are invited to bring a gift to show)
Sunday 30th December	11:00am	Unsung Carols with Celtic Communion
St Denis', Silk Willoughby		
Sunday 16th December	6:00pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	3:00pm	Christingle and Dressing the Tree
Christmas Day	9:00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th December	9:00am	Holy Communion
Salvation Army Citadel, West Banks, Sleaford		
Sunday 9th December	6:00pm	Candlelight Service
Sunday 16th December	6:00pm	Corps Carol Service
Christmas Day	10:00am	Christmas Day Service
Methodist Church, Northgate, Sleaford		
Tuesday 18th December	6:30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Eve	11:30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	9:30am	Christmas Day Service

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