## **Ladies Group**

The Ladies group will meet as normal in the Church Room at 2pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Please see Rev Heather for further details.

#### The Book Club

The next book group meeting is on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm in the Church Room. We have selected to read this month "Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver. If you'd like to read it and come along to the group to discuss it you would be most welcome. Jennifer

## Men's Group

The Men's Group next meeting will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at The Horseshoes, will be. Please talk to Charles Coulson for more details.

#### **Coffee and Chat**

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10.30am. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month and everyone is very welcome

## Giving

Regular giving is part of Christian discipleship and we encourage people to think and pray about a regular amount to give to the life of the church in Quarrington. There is information about the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) for monthly giving at the back of the church.

You can make a one-off gift by scanning the QR code, following the link and selecting a donation amount.

Please also consider signing up to the EasyFundraising scheme and earning money for St Botolph's while you shop.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk

search for St Botolph's Church Quarrington and sign up to support the work of the church. It really is as easy as that

#### **New Electoral Roll Forms**

Just a reminder that this is the year that we have to completely re-do our Electoral Roll. All regular worshippers are welcome to join and so far, 30 forms have received. There are still quite a few still to come in as the roll six years ago was 63 and it would be really great to have some more people join. There are forms at the back of the Church or talk to Jennifer on Sunday if you have any queries. My email is jenny.forrester45@btinternet.com. Many thanks for your support.

# The churchyard clear up dates

Churchyard clear-up dates for 2025 are: -Saturdays April 5<sup>th</sup>, June 21st, August 30th, and November 1st.

# St. Botolph's Church, Quarrington Notices Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

#### To Know God and to Make God Known

Sunday 30th March	11am	Mothering Sunday
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	All Age Worship
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Palm Sunday
		Holy Communion
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Easter Sunday
		Family Communion
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Holy Communion

Please see box overleaf for Easter Services.

### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

12pm Lent Lunch at Salvation Army – see below for details **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** 

11.30am Coffee and Chat meets in the church room 7pm Men's Group meets at The Horseshoes Silk Willoughby

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April

10am Churchyard Clear-up. All welcome

Sunday 13th April

Deadline for the return of reports for APCM

## **Our Prayers this week:**

Gracious God, this week, we give thanks for the gift of mothers and all who mother us—whether biologically, spiritually, or by acts of loving care. We are grateful for the peace they nurture in our lives, helping us to grow in love and faith. We also thank You for the work of the Mothers' Union, who serve families with dedication, spreading Your peace and love through their work. We ask for Your blessing upon them, and may they continue to be a source of hope, peace, and joy to all they serve. In Your holy name, we pray, Amen.

# Please pray this week for:

All who support families through youth & children's work, particularly the Sleaford Children's centre, early years groups and Day care; the work of vets in the area, all voluntary organisations caring for injured wildlife and those conserving natural habitats; all those within the armed forces keeping our country safe; the commerce and retail trade; the construction industry that planning is adhered to, promises kept so that affordable is within the means of local people

#### **Pastoral Care**

The main pastoral groups are Prayer; emergency assistance (shopping, meals, lifts); ongoing contact either by phone or visiting. If you have been receiving any help from the pastoral teams, could you also please let me know so this can continue. The contact details are:

email: carolepastoral@icloud.com and mobile: 07970 748983 (calling, text messages, or WhatsApp). Please let me have your email address and any other contact details you are happy to share, if you would like a visit an address would be useful! Thank you so much to all of you who continue to show God's love by the support you give to one another, it is so important that this continues during these uncertain times.

God's blessings to you all. Carole

# **APCM – Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The annual meeting for St Botolph's Church is on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in church. Everyone is welcome to attend but you can only vote at this meeting if you are on the Electoral Roll (see notice above).

For those who write reports, please email them to Maria by **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at the latest.** 

# **Easter Services**

**13**<sup>th</sup> **April** – 11am – Palm Sunday Communion Service with Rev David Woods

18<sup>th</sup> April – 9.30am – Good Friday - Reflection with Rev Heather 11.00am – Walk of Witness – details below

**20**<sup>th</sup> **April** – 6.00am – Easter Sunday – Dawn service with Rev Heather

11.00am Easter Sunday Holy Communion with Padre Alex Hobson

#### **Easter Flowers**

Donations for Easter flowers can be made in memory of a loved one. Please put the monitory donation in an envelope clearly labelled on the outside with the donor's name and who is being remembered. Please give these to Pauline or Jaki by Friday 11th April.

# **Good Friday Walk of Witness**

If anyone wants to take part in the Good Friday Walk of Witness, please join Churches Together Sleaford at 10.45am on Station Road, ready to leave at 11.00am. The walk is aiming to be at the Market Place by 11.20am.

# Thank you

I would like to thank those who came to sew at the Kneeler Sewing Bee on Saturday 15th. I would also like to thank the person who took a stack of kneelers home to sew on the D rings. When the next batch of D rings are available there will be another Saturday sewing session.

We have already had comments from visitors as to how the kneelers give a welcoming look to the church.

Charles

## **Churches Together – Lent Lunches**







be served each Monday during Lent

Donations go to:

Christian Aid

or give online at www.caid.org.uk

10th March | OLGC Catholic Church 17th March | St Denys' 24th March | Riverside 31st March | Salvation Army 7th April | Methodist Church 14th April | St Botolph's (at New Life)

If you would like to help at our Lent Lunch, please talk to Rita.

#### **Lent Refreshments**

As Lent begins, we will not be serving cake after the services, to remember Jesus in his struggle. However, because fellowship is so important to St Botolph's, we will still serve biscuits with the coffee.

We would like to thank everyone who gives money for coffee and cake as this money goes towards church flowers.

## A Chance for Learning

The Diocese of Lincoln has launched a new digital learning platform. It is free to use and we encourage you to sign up! Designed to help everyone to take their next step in the journey of faith, the platform represents an important new resource for supporting Christian mission, ministry and discipleship. Explore the resources and see what you could learn. <a href="https://learn.lincoln.anglican.org/">https://learn.lincoln.anglican.org/</a>

## **Bible Study Courses**

There will be a new course running in March, for anyone who wants to know about the Bible. 'The Bible Course – 'Explore the big picture' is an eightweek course and will continue on March 26<sup>th</sup> .Anyone interested should speak to Caroline.

"If you'd like to take part in and interesting Bible study at 7.00pm on Tues 25th March you might like to sign up for this:-

https://www.hftf.org.uk/event/bible-study-creation-care-stewardship-justice-and-hope-in-the-face-of-climate-change

#### Contacts

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Lay Ministers: Carole Shepheard and Sue Tuck (ALMs)