

# **East Loveden Churches And Parish News JULY/AUGUST 2024**

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## **Focal Ministry**

A welcome and introduction from the Bishop of Lincoln Dear Friends, I am delighted to commend to you the new and important role of Focal Minister in the Diocese of Lincoln. My hope and prayer is that those of you who are Oversight Ministers will look for possible Focal Ministers, encourage and support them and share your local responsibilities with them. That all of you in the churches will welcome and support individuals from amongst you to take on this leadership. Most of all, that many of you who love and wish to serve the Lord, will explore and take on the role of Focal Minister so that your churches may flourish. I would love to be welcoming and authorising the first group of Focal Ministers at the beginning of 2025.

At the heart of our shared direction of travel, Time To Change Together (TTCT), is a commitment to working in partnership at every level – people, parishes, and ministers – for the flourishing of the local church. Across Greater Lincolnshire we have more than 600 churches of every shape and size, and we want to see each of them responding to God’s call in a variety of ways. Festival Churches gathering people to mark significant events in our lives; Community Churches as places of Christian belonging, rooted in our towns and villages; Mission Churches committed to growing in generosity and depth of discipleship. In order most effectively to serve this diverse ‘ecology’ of churches and communities, we need a variety of ministries. I am mindful of St Paul’s description of the whole Church in **1 Corinthians 12**: one body with many members, each bringing a variety of gifts, services and activities.

Focal Ministry is about the people of God being released and equipped to share in the leadership of the local church. Our inherited patterns of ministry have relied on parish priests taking on greater responsibility for more churches with no expectation of sharing the load with others. As we move forward together, this needs to change for the wellbeing and flourishing of all. A Focal Minister is the ‘go-to’ person in our parishes: a leader, a public face of the worshipping community and a representative of the diocese for those whom we encounter day-by-day. I envisage Focal Ministers working alongside their church communities and modelling collaborative leadership, not only with the incumbent (or Oversight Minister) who holds the legal responsibility for the parish, but also with me as the Chief Pastor and Shepherd of this Diocese. A new cohort of Focal Ministers will include those already serving as ministers in our churches: Priests and Deacons, Readers and ALMs, Churchwardens and other officers. For some, exploring Focal Ministry will be the first steps on a journey into recognised and formally commissioned ministry. In this guidebook you will find more detailed information about Focal Ministry, including the process for discernment and training, and ultimately commissioning by me as your Bishop.

I look forward to discovering together how church leaders can best serve the diverse body of Christ, in and for Greater Lincolnshire. This is a different way of ministering for a different kind of church. I hope that our dedicated band of Oversight Ministers will see new Focal colleagues as a blessing for their flourishing and growth. Jesus says: ‘You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.’ (John 15.16) Yours ever in Christ .

**The Rt Revd Stephen Conway**

**Bishop of Lincoln**

## **Prayer for JULY/AUGUST**

Heavenly Father

At this time of year many children, exams over, are looking forward to the holidays. We pray that they will have opportunities to play safely together, to experience nature and, maybe, to discover new interests and hobbies.

We give thanks for all who open young minds to the wonders of your creation; to all who give their time to encourage and to guide them in your ways.

Amen

## **BENEFICE PRAYER**

Heavenly Father

As we put our trust in you, send Your Holy Spirit to bring vision to our planning, and guidance and direction for the future of our churches.

May we be the salt and light to this place as we embrace our diversity and work together in unity to make disciples of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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## **AROUND THE PARISHES**

### **ANCASTER**

The church is open most days.

The foodbank box is available in the church for donations, also available is an Ink Jet recycle box.

### **Ancaster Coffee Morning:**

First Friday every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.

## ST. MARY'S CHURCH WILSFORD

During the Wilsford Open Gardens Event on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July, the church will be open between 11 am and 4pm.

There will be flower displays around the church and a chance to learn about the history within the church including the war memorial stained-glass window and the First World War exhibition. Also, the altar from HMS Canopus, a first world war battleship, why is this in Wilsford?

Take time off from viewing the Open Gardens and come and admire our beautiful village church and the historic architecture within the building and take a seat in a cool place if the weather is hot or somewhere dry if wet!

Refreshments will be available on both days and also toilet facilities.

**Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a**

**Prayer Breakfast  
on Saturday 20th  
JULY at 9.00am.**



**Prayer**   
**Breakfast**

Come and share croissants and cereal,  
tea and coffee

followed by a time of prayer for the villages.

To be held at:-

19 Brookside, Ancaster NG32 3QT

You are most welcome to visit:

# ST NICHOLAS, BARKSTON

## PET SERVICE

**3:00pm, 14th JULY 2024**

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# **HOW DOES ONE RESERVE A BURIAL PLOT IN A C OF E CHURCHYARD?**

## **SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT CHURCHYARDS**

In your area you may find that there is a parish churchyard, which is open for burials and/or interment of cremated remains, and also a local authority burial ground open for the same purposes. However, for a long time the churchyard, usually surrounding the parish church, was the sole and traditional place of burial of parishioners. The church was the focal point in the community.

So, there is nowadays a choice available as to the last resting place for a person who has died. If that person is cremated, there may be a preference for a formal place of interment in contrast to other forms of disposal, such as scattering ashes at sea. It may be possible for the person's cremated remains to be interred in a churchyard, or in the grounds of a crematorium, or in a local authority cemetery. If the person is to be buried then the burial can take place in a churchyard (provided it is open for burials) or in a local authority cemetery. In each case there are separate rules and regulations which apply.

This Guide deals only with Church of England churchyards. Before making a choice and a final decision you are recommended to consult those in charge of the local authority's cemetery about the rules which apply to the cemetery, and also to consult those in charge of the crematorium about the rules which apply in their crematorium.

### **What is special about a churchyard?**

The churchyard is the area surrounding or close to the church. Its centre is the church building, a place for regular worship and the holding of services of baptism, weddings and funerals, which touch upon different stages in life. It is a special area because, like the church, it is usually consecrated. Where the church owns a burial ground, which is separated from the church it will also usually be consecrated ground. This means that it has been set aside in the past by a bishop as sacred. This means that it is holy ground dedicated to the service of God.

So, when a burial or interment of cremated remains takes place in a consecrated churchyard, or in a church burial ground, it is carried out in the Christian context. The intention is that the last resting place of the person concerned shall be in this holy ground. In the words used in the Church of England service the committal into the ground of body or cremated remains is "*in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our lord Jesus Christ, who died, was buried, and rose again for us*".

### **Can anyone be buried or have his/her cremated remains interred in a churchyard?**

There is a legal right for anyone who was a parishioner at the time of death, or who died in the parish, or whose name was at the date of death on the church electoral roll of the parish to be buried, or have his/her cremated remains interred in the churchyard provided that the churchyard has space available and it has not been formally closed for burials.

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It follows that there is no legal right for anyone who was not a parishioner not on the church electoral roll, or who has not died in the parish to be buried in the churchyard. Permission may be given by the Incumbent for the burial or interment of the cremated remains of such a person, for example, if the deceased person had lived in the parish for many years and had only moved away for reasons of age or health. In practice such permission should be given sparingly, because space in the churchyard is primarily intended for those who have a legal right of burial due to their connections with the parish as described above.

**Where a person has a right to burial or to have his/her cremated remains interred in the churchyard is it essential to have a Church of England service?**

No. It is possible to have a burial or an interment of cremated remains without a service. If there is to be a service then it must be a Christian service, which can be conducted by a minister of another denomination, and the parish priest must be consulted in advance of the date and time of the service and the identity of the minister.

**Is it possible for a person to choose a particular spot in the churchyard for a burial or the interment of cremated remains?**

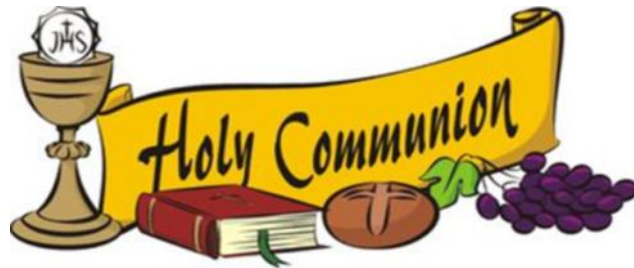
**No.** Unless there has been a **Faculty (permission)** granted by the Chancellor of the diocese to a named person authorising the reservation of a grave space for the burial of his/her body, the particular spot for a burial is chosen by the Incumbent. However, provided there is adequate depth in the existing grave then, in practice, the Incumbent will usually permit another member of the same family to be buried in that grave.

Similarly, the cremated remains of a deceased person can be interred in a grave already containing one or more bodies of relatives of that person. Otherwise cremated remains will be interred in a special area in the churchyard, which has been set aside for the purpose. It is the responsibility of anyone requesting an additional burial in an existing grave to ensure that the proposed burial is acceptable to all close members of the family or families concerned. The same applies to the interment of cremated remains in an existing grave.

In many churchyards space is very limited and in considering the suitability of allowing a grave space to be specially reserved by Faculty the Chancellor will take account of the need to keep space available for as long as possible for those with a legal right of burial in the churchyard. Once all the space has been used for burials the churchyard may be closed. If this occurs it means that no more burials of bodies can take place except in existing graves where the right to additional burials is expressly permitted in the order closing the churchyard. However, it may still be possible to have the cremated remains interred in the closed churchyard in an area specially set aside for them, or in existing graves.

**If you think you have a reserved plot in any of the churchyards of East Loveden please get in touch with the rector to confirm this because without the faculty a space may not have been reserved for you. Rev Georgie**

# **EAST LOVEDEN GROUP**



**3<sup>RD</sup> JULY**

**09:30 ANCASTER MID-WEEK HOLY COMMUNION**

**7<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**09:00 ANCASTER MORNING PRAYER**

**11:00 BELTON BCP SERVICE**

**14<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**09:00 SYSTON BCP SERVICE MORNING PRAYER**

**11:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

**15:00 BARKSTON PET SERVICE**

**21<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

**10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION**

**28<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION**

**ALL WELCOME**