

East Loveden Churches And Parish News NOVEMBER 2025

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FROM THE RECTORY

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

In the absence of Revd. Georgie on sabbatical, it is my turn to contribute a few words to the monthly church magazine. The month is November – Our thoughts turn to the falling leaves of Autumn and to Remembrance Sunday. “Lest we forget”.

Each village and church in our group of parishes has a War Memorial of some description listing the names of those killed in the 1st and 2nd World Wars (as indeed do towns and villages all over the world). In Wilsford church there is a special exhibition housed at the base of the church tower which was painstakingly researched to commemorate the hundred years since the end of the First World War in 2018/9.

“The War to end all Wars” – if only this had been a true sentiment ! Will there be “Peace in our time” ? However – I am writing this to suggest that you might like to make a sort of pilgrimage during Remembrance tide and pay a visit to Wilsford church exhibition to honour the 22 men whose names are listed on the glass of the East Window which is the village and church war memorial. The church is open every day.

The Entrance Porch to Wilsford church is dedicated to the two village residents who were killed in the second world war. The inscription reads “This porch was repaired in grateful memory of Reginald Baxter and George Edward Robinson . 1939 – 1945.”

Only recently has Wilsford local history group acquired papers relating to Reginald William Baxter, (Sherwood Foresters). We learn that he was the youngest son of Mr and Mrs. F. H. Baxter of Wilsford and died in hospital at Esterhorst in Germany on 15th March 1941 whilst a prisoner of war. He was 26 years of age. He had been with the expeditionary force that landed in Norway where he was wounded and taken prisoner of war. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter received a letter from Mr. Cecil Dickinson, Grey Lees Crossing, Sleaford, a former resident of Wilsford, and a fellow prisoner of war for the past year, stating that he attended the funeral and placed a wreath on the grave. He paid tribute to deceased’s great courage and cheerfulness.

Amongst this information was a copy of a short letter home from Reg dated 12.06.1940 which brings him alive for us today: “Dear Mum and Dad. I do hope this card finds you well as I am quite well. I hope you received my letter. I would like you to send me a small parcel, but do not send tins of stuff unless it is cocoa or golden syrup. I do wish war would soon be over or that I could get Home. I should be pleased to have a line from you. Best of luck to all of you and all. Your loving son Reg. Xxx

During this month of remembrance, we remember Reg and the countless others killed in wars. An image impressed on my mind recently is the Standing with Giants metal figures of 1475 British soldiers who died on D. Day 80 years ago. Google gives the actual statistics for deaths of British soldiers in WWI as 880,000 and in WW2 approximately 384,000. Something to think about as the Autumn leaves fall down. Lest we forget.

A prayer: Loving God, teach us to remember the lessons of the past so that we may appreciate the present and work always for a better future, in the name of Christ. Amen. (Nick Fawcett)

Di Fairhead.

PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

Eternal god

November is the month in which Remembrance Services will be held throughout the land. It is a time to bow our heads and, with somber hearts, reflect on the horrors and the sacrifices of war, and to cherish the freedom to do so.

We give thanks for the recent release of the last of the living hostages back to their anxious families in Israel. We pray for peace in the Middle East, | Ukraine, Sudan and in conflicts all over the world. We pray for the peace of Christ in our own hearts encouraging us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

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

AROUND THE PARISHES

ANCASTER

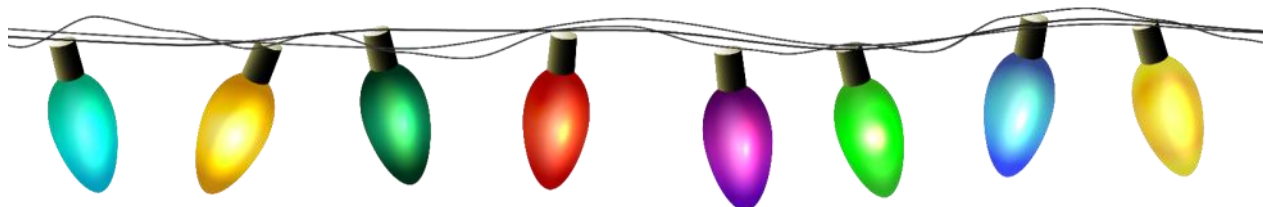
The church is open most days.

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

Ancaster Coffee Morning:

1st Friday every month. 10:00 am till 12:00 noon.

In Ancaster Village Hall.



CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29TH

10.30am-3PM

ANCASTER VILLAGE HALL

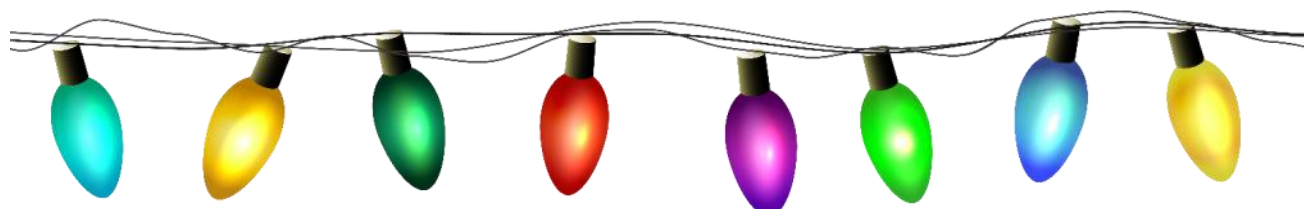
LOCAL CRAFT STALLS TOMBOLA

GAMES & COMPETITIONS

RAFFLE

REFRESHMENTS

FREE ENTRY - ALL WELCOME



LOVEDEN FESTIVAL SINGERS

PRESENT

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A Christmas Concert



Ancaster Village Hall

Friday 19th December 7pm

Tickets £6 (includes a drink and mince pie)

Tickets available from Jackie 07773493032

and Jayne 07784232116

In aid of St Martin's Church

Robert & Kerry Bushby warmly invite you to a

Prayer Breakfast on:

Saturday 15th NOVEMBER

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

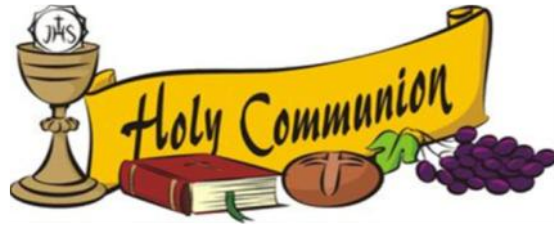
If you would like to come, please leave a message on 01400 269940 or text Robert on 07491 711112



Taking a Stand

I ask you to stand with me
For both the injured and the lost
I ask you to keep count with me
Of all the wars and what they cost
I ask you to be silent with me
Quietly grateful for our lot
As I expect you're as thankful as me
For the health and life we've got
I ask that you wish them well with me
All those still risking their all
And I ask that you remember with me
The names of those that fall
I expect that you are proud like me
Of this great nation of ours too
So enjoying all its freedoms like me
Support those upholding them for you
I hope that you are hopeful like me
That we'll soon bring an end to wars
So you'll have to stand no more with me
And mourning families no different from yours
'Til then be thankful you can stand with me
Thinking of those who now cannot
For standing here today with me
At least we show they're not forgot
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EAST LOVEDEN GROUP



2ND NOVEMBER

10:00 ANCASTER ALL SOULS SERVICES

11:00 BELTON REMEMBRANCE BCP SERVICE

9TH NOVEMBER – REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

9:00 SYSTON BCP REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

10:45 ANCASTER REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

10:45 BARKSTON REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

12:00 RAUCEBY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

12:00 WEST WILLOUGHBY ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

16TH NOVEMBER

10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

23RD NOVEMBER

10:00 ANCASTER HOLY COMMUNION

30TH NOVEMBER

10:00 WILSFORD HOLY COMMUNION

ALL WELCOME