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A Letter From Richard The Rector

I would first of all just like to say thank you to everybody for all the help that we have had and for all the kindness that has been shown to us on behalf of both Carol and myself. It is always a little daunting moving to a new place and getting to know people but we have both been so pleased by the warmth of the welcome shown to us here in Skegness.

I know the Bishop gave a brief introduction to myself but I thought I would pad that out a bit and also tell you a bit about Carol.

Carol is now retired (2 years) but has always worked as a teacher. Initially she taught chemistry but latterly she taught special needs pupils and was an Assistant Principal at Monks Dyke in Louth. Her hobbies are music, especially the flute but also guitar and piano, she was also a member of Louth Choral Society and the Grimsby Philharmonic and loves singing. She is an accomplished needle worker and loves patchwork in particular.

As for myself, I have had a number of different jobs the main ones being a Navigation Officer in the Merchant Navy, assistant manager at Woolworths in Scarborough, a caravan salesman, a van driver and for the 12 years prior to ordination I ran my own business teaching martial arts. After training I was ordained and priested in Lincolnshire at Lincoln Cathedral. I was a curate in Louth and then for the next 9 years I have been Priest in Charge of Old Clee and St. Aidan's in Cleethorpes.

Bishops are always telling us what to do as priests and John Saxbee gave me the 23rd Psalm as a job description and Bishop Christopher told me to listen, lead and love. I think both of these are fine and I will do my best to bear these things in mind as we explore together what God has in store for us here in Skegness.

Peace and blessings Richard

Halloween - Trick or Tradition?

What do (or did) your children do on 31 October? Nowadays they may, with other children, dress up in scary costumes and go from house to house demanding 'trick or treat.' If the householders fear what may happen to them, they will hand over vast amounts of sweets or the like. We call it Halloween.

So what is Halloween? It goes back to pagan times and seems to have developed from an ancient Celtic Festival Samhain, marking the end of summer and the harvest, and the beginning of the cold winter. Druids would have led the Samhain celebrations when large bonfires were lit to ward off evil spirits. Embers from the bonfire lit the hearth fire in each home in order to protect people and to keep them warm through the coming winter.

Over many centuries Britain was occupied by other migrant cultures – Roman, Saxon, Jute, Angle – and, although much of the Celtic culture remained, the Celts themselves were gradually pushed to the north and west of Britain, to Wales, Scotland, Cumbria and the Isle of Man.

Then Britain was introduced to a new religion – Christian teaching and faith was spread following the arrival of Saint Augustine from Rome in 597, and, along with the Christians arrived Christian Festivals including 'All Hallows Day', also known as 'All Saints Day', a day to remember those who had died for their beliefs. Originally celebrated in May, it was moved to the I November in the 8th century by Pope Gregory, possibly to replace the Samhain with a Church-approved celebration. Thus, the night or evening before, became 'All Hallows-even' and, later, Halloween, supposedly a time of year when many believe that the spirit world can make contact with the physical world; a night when magic is as its most powerful.

Although 'trick or treat' probably stems from the 1920s, it only started in earnest in Britain in the 1980s and traditionally has been marked by children's games, the telling of ghost stories and the hollowing out of turnips and swedes, then pumpkins, lit inside by candles - this being an import from the USA, from which country also comes the 'trick or treat' tradition!

While a large number of Christians enjoy Halloween, others will actively emphasise the Christian aspects of All Saints Day, and some will condemn Halloween as anti-Christian.

However you see it, remember to respect the views of those opinions differ from your own.

And have sweets ready!

Reverend Christine Anderson





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Advent Wreath Festival

I have introduced the Advent Wreath Festival in the last two issues of Shoreline. I hope it has been enough to tempt you to display a wreath depicting your business or organisation or perhaps a wreath in memory of a loved one. If so please fill in the form opposite and send or take to St Matthew's Church. We ask for a donation of $\pounds 10.00 - a$ cheap way of advertising for the period of Advent! Donations go to St Matthew's funds.

If you feel you need some help in making a wreath, we will be holding some workshops on the following dates: Tuesday 08 November at 11.00 am and Thursday 10 November at 6.00 pm. These will be run by Sandie Dennis of Eden Florists and will be held at Trafford House, Marsh Lane, Burgh le Marsh, PE24 5AG. Please call Sandie on 01754 811629 to book your place on either of the workshops. There is a charge of £10.00 for the workshop but included in this price is the wreath you will make and take away with you.

We can also help you with the following:

A wreath ring – a basic metal ring for you to build your own wreath ± 1.00 A wreath kit including everything you need to make a classic wreath ± 10.00 A ready made wreath ± 15.00

We ask that the wreaths are delivered to St Matthew's church during the week commencing Monday 21 November. The festival will be opened on the first Sunday in Advent, 27 November and will be open daily throughout Advent.



If you wish to display a wreath at the festival please fill in the form below and return with your donation to the Parish Secretary, St Matthew's Church, Lumley Avenue, Skegness, PE25 2AT by Friday 18 November. Cheques should be made payable to Skegness and Winthorpe PCC.

Email: info@skegness-anglican.org.uk

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Wreaths should be delivered to St Matthew's week commencing 21 November anytime between 09.00 and 12.00.

Message from the Bishop of Lincoln

One of the highlights of last month for me was licensing Richard Holden as the new

incumbent of Skegness. As I arrived for the service, my mind took me back to the ceremony on the seafront that I took part in several years ago, during which I blessed the new flood defences. Those defences are a constant reminder of the power of nature and our own vulnerability in the face of it.

Earlier this year, I was privileged to represent the Church of England at an international consultation on climate change. When I heard that the organisers had chosen Fiji as the venue, my first reaction was a feeling of tiredness at the prospect of such a long journey! Being there, however, was a real eye-opener. It was a fantastically challenging and interesting experience and I was reminded again of the intimate connection between God, humankind and the environment. The fragility of that beautiful part of the world, where climate change threatens their islands and their way of life.

I have returned to the diocese with a renewed sense of the importance of planning and working together if we are to meet the challenges of global warming.

We share with our Polynesian brothers and sisters a real and profound sense of connection with the natural environment, and I hope it will be possible for us to forge links that will enable each of us to learn from the other about caring for this world that God has given us.

The Licensing of Rev Richard Holden

Approximately 230 people attended the licensing of Rev Richard Holden as Rector of the Skegness Group of Parishes. The congregation included many of Richard's congregation from his previous parishes in Cleethorpes, along with friends and family, visiting clergy, local dignitaries and of course people of Skegness, Winthorpe, Ingoldmells and Addlethorpe.

In his sermon Bishop Christopher of Lincoln drew from the following job description he had seen of the 'Perfect Priest'.

Results of a computerised survey indicate that the perfect priest preaches for exactly twelve minutes. He condemns sin, but never upsets anyone. He works from 8am to midnight, seven days a week; he is also the verger and churchyard keeper. He is a great family person and spends quality time with them. He earns a modest stipend, wears nice clothes, buys good books, drives a good car, and gives most of his income to the church.

He is 28 years old and has been preaching for 30 years. He is definitely in charge of his parishes and does exactly what the PCC tells him. He is wonderfully gentle and an attractive looking person. He has a burning desire to work with young people and spends all of his time with senior citizens.

The perfect priest smiles all of the time with a straight face because though he has a sense of humour he is seriously dedicated to the task. He makes fifteen calls a day on parish families, the housebound, and those in hospital; he spends all of his time out in the parish evangelising those who don't come to church, and is always in the vicarage when needed.'

The document concludes: 'if your priest does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their priest, too. Then bundle up your priest and send your priest to the church at the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 priests...one of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old priest back in less than three months.'

Let's hope Richard measures up to the task!





Skegness & District Dementia Support Group

Coffee Morning 1st Friday In Every Month The Methodidt Church Hall, Algitha Road, Skegness 10.00am til 12 noon Tea/Coffee and Social Events



Waterfall Community Garden Project

A small group of volunteers look after the waterfall garden on South Parade Skegness. This was also known as the sensory garden when I was a child and I have many memories of visiting the garden and enjoying its special peace and tranquillity. Two years ago saddened to see its demise, I offered to look after this area and together with a small group of fellow gardeners we set to work on clearing and transforming it. As you can see from the pictures, it has really changed and we have tried to create interest throughout the seasons as so many people enjoy walking their dogs in that area and like to look in on the garden or have a sit and enjoy this small area of calm in what can often be a very busy seafront.

I'm a great believer in investment and new developments and attractions, however I also firmly believe that it is important to retain our public spaces and offer residents and visitors somewhere to go to have that quiet five minutes from time to time. Modern day life can have its challenges and stresses and gardening or enjoying and appreciating our great outdoors can help alleviate some of this. Over the last two years we have met some lovely people who appreciate the work of the volunteers and in fact some became volunteers themselves. Many have shared stories about their visits to Skegness and how much pleasure visiting the gardens along the seafront has given them over the years. Many families return now with their children and grand-children.

Local businesses have also donated plants and bulbs and the Rotary Club of Skegness generously donated two benches for the garden, for this we are extremely grateful. The garden is easy to maintain as we have put in lots of perennials, bulbs and shrubs. We have now started to look after another area, the rockery behind the shelter, next to the model village, so watch this space! If you enjoy gardening and would like to help us in any way you would be made very welcome, contact Lisa on 07920 711312





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Crossword **Time**

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Across

- 1 He must be 'the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well' (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 'For we must all before the judgement seat of Christ' (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 'They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their end' (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 See 19 Across
- 9 It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest(Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13 Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16 'He has sent me to bind up the ' (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7) 17 Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19 and 8 ' a great company of the host appeared
- with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24 Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8) 25 Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 26 Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27 'Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a !' (John 2:16) (6)

Down

- 1 Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2 The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had avision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9) 3 He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile inBabylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5) 4 'No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is
- born '(John 3:3) (5)
- 5 Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4) 6 'He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord' (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10 Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11 Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12 Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5) 13 This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul 'a great deal of harm' (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)
- 14 'This is my , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4) 5. One of Noa'' great gre
- 15 One of Noah's great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18 Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5) 20 Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5) 21 Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5) 22 Bats (anag.) (4)

23 'You strain out a — but swallow a camel' (Matthew 23:24) (4)

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Community Diary Dates October 2016

We hope you are enjoying reading Shoreline each month. We are working to improve the magazine each month and we would appreciate any feedback from you.

Each month we show the Church Diary Dates. We would like to have a page of Community Diary Dates but we need you to tell us those dates. If you know of any event that is happening in the area please do let us know so that we can add it to the diary. The more people who know the more support you will get at your event!

Sat 08 October 10.00 am – 12 noon

Skegness Day Centre
Coffee Morning

Sat 22 October 7.30 pm Gilbert (No Sullivan) foundrygroup.co.uk St Paul's Baptist Church Hall, Beresford Avenue, Skegness Adult £10, Student (7-18) £3 W S Gilbert's wit was remarkable before he began the operettas with Sullivan. Two mad Victorian Uncles take us through 3 of his short stories & verses. This is like Spike Milligan & Woody Allen in the hands of two masters of the stage, for lovers and haters of G & S, alike.

Thurs 27 October 6.00 pm Grosvenor Hotel - Community Concert

Church Diary Dates October 2016

Saturday Ist	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 2nd	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd	11.00 am St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 2nd	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Monday 3rd	10.00 am St Matthew Skegness, Martha's meeting
Tuesday 4th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 4th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Tuesday 4th	2.30 pm – 4.30 pm St Clements Community Hall Skegness, Mother's Union
Wednesday 5th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 5th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Friday 7th	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat

Church Diary Dates October 2016

Friday 7th	12.30 pm St Matthew Skegness, Harvest Lunch
Saturday 8th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 8th	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm St Matthew, Messy Church. Come along and enjoy yourself
Sunday 9th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	11.00 am St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 9th	11.00 am St Clement Skegness, service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 11th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 12th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 12th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Wednesday 12th	2.00 pm – 4.00 pm St Matthew, Skegness, Omega meeting
Friday 14th	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 15th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 16th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	I I.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Sunday 16th	I I.00 am St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 18th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 18th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 19th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 19th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Thursday 20th	2.00 pm St Clements Community Hall Skegness, New Horizons
Friday 21st	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 22nd	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 23rd	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	11.00 am St Clement Skegness, service of Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	I I.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 26th	10.00 am – 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Friday 28th	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 29th	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 30th	10.00 am St Matthew Skegness, Group Service

