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A Letter From The Bishop of Grimsby

'This is true religion,' says the apostle James, 'to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world'. 'Little children,' says the apostle John, 'let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action'.

It is one of those falsehoods that the secular world loves, particularly when horrific atrocities occur, as at the beginning of the summer, with the murder of the French priest Fr Jacques Hamel; religion is bad, the world would be better off without it. Yet the real truth we need to hold on to and live out so that people can see, is that people of faith, real faith, the kind that God approves of, are intended always to be part of the solution, not part of the problem.

The Mission Statement of the Church I led in Cromer ended with we exist... 'for the good of the world'. It is one of the reasons here in the Diocese of Lincoln we have our 'Social Justice Fund', so that we can look for the difference we can make in the communities we are here to serve, and have the means, when they are needed, to make our plans and dreams a reality.

It is one of the fundamental mission questions each church, each mission community, has to face; if we didn't exist, if we weren't here, would it make a difference to the communities we are to serve? If we shut the doors tomorrow would anybody notice, apart from those who faithfully attend?

True faith, true religion is world affirming, seeks to make a difference – loves God, loves people, loves this world we've been given to enjoy. It is, to paraphrase a phrase recently used by President Obama, to believe in the 'audacity of love'. That is the calling of people of faith. The challenge is whether that is what people see and experience in both you and in me.

Bishop David Grimsby

Changes

By now you will be aware that changes in personnel in church are happening; a new incumbent may mean new thoughts and ideas, and those may mean other changes.

We have come to terms with the fact that human life is all about change; it's a continuous experience of endings and beginnings; we live by changing; moments of outward stillness are only brief resting places along the way.

Change can be frightening; it can mean the loss of security and the familiarity we value and enjoy. It's easier, surely, we tell ourselves, to hang onto what is safe, while, perhaps, adjusting just a little. We may prefer the journey of life to be clearly mapped out, but in reality, life is complex and messy.

I still remember from decades ago, how I felt when someone who had been part of my life for many years died. I was all at sea; I didn't just have grief to cope with, but a real crisis about who I really was and how I should live my life. My normal coping strategies stopped working. Then I convinced myself that I wasn't being asked to change that much, because I realised that I was being challenged more deeply than I thought.

Part of serious change is to accept what is happening to us as real, so that we emerge with a clearer perspective. That may sound rather psychological, but it's also spiritual. Change for me gave me a feeling, both of who I was, and my understanding of God.

If we need to come to terms with continual change, we need to balance this with a sense of flexibility. We still need stability, a sense of who we are, where we belong, and who God is, in order to free us up for an inner journey of faith.

There's always risk to change, but it becomes more possible if we are secure, if we know we are loved. We may learn to love ourselves, have the love of friends and family; but, above all, the love of God, with the certainty that God walks faithfully with us through all the changes in our lives – wherever our journey may take us.

Reverend Christine Anderson

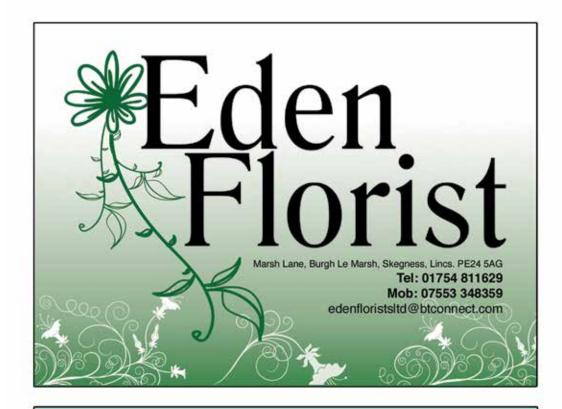
Volunteers Needed

Do you have some spare time on your hands? Have you a skill you would like to share with others?

At the Skegness Group of Parishes we are always looking for volunteers to assist in various ways. Perhaps you could help us or know someone who could?

At St Matthew's Church we would love some more help with keeping the garden tidy. We need flower arrangers to create the beautiful flower arrangements in the church or even donations towards the cost of the flowers. We hold coffee mornings every Friday and need more hands with serving coffee. Or perhaps you could help at Messy Church which needs volunteers to help with children's activities, preparing for the sessions, serving food and clearing up. Maybe you have typing skills and could become minutes secretary to the PCC.

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Memories of the 60s

When I was a teenager in the sixties my grandfather, a bespoke tailor, made an unusual suggestion to my cousin and me, his only two granddaughters. At that time he was president of the Clothing Institute in the Midlands, a post which lasted for a year at a time. Towards the end of the presidential year a fashion show was given, attended by many well-known designers and buyers to show off the quality of the work. Whoever was giving the show would try to finish with something unusual.

For this particular show, he suggested making a trouser suit for each of us on condition we modelled it at the show. We could choose our own material and style. My cousin chose a mustard and brown check jacket and brown trousers. I chose a blue and white check jacket and blue trousers. Her jacket was in the sixties style of double –breasted with very wide lapel, mine was in the style of a fireman's jacket, double-breasted with buttons going up to the shoulders with a small stand up collar and epaulettes.

The models behind the scenes were very good to us and very helpful. We walked down the catwalk, turned full circle, smiled, and then walked back to loud applause! I admit to being scared stiff but I am glad I did it, a wonderful memory forever.

Eileen Tonks

Business Awards Nomination

Good Businesses are crucial to the economic success and health of any town. We rightly expect that they operate with the highest standards of corporate responsibility; that they are good employers and give good service to their customers. However, we all know businesses that go that extra mile and stand out for the service, facilities, people or other features they offer. The Skegness Business Awards 2016 are intended to recognise, celebrate and reward these businesses. We are now looking for nominations for this year's awards and invite you to put forward your favourites on the nomination form attached. Please act soon to ensure that the business you value gets the opportunity to win an award.



Skegness Business Awards 2016 - Nomination Form

Name of business you are nor	ninating:	
Category	Sponsor	Please circle category
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Best Attraction 2016	The Royal Hotel	
Best New Business	Hodgkinsons Solicitors	
Business Person of the Year	Skegness Chamber of Commerce	
Café or Restaurant of the Year	Licensed Victualler's Association	
Care Provider of the Year	Duncan & Toplis	
Community Award	The Hildreds Centre	
Customer Care Award	Kirks Quality Foods	
Retailer of the Year	MKM Building Supplies	
Young Employee of the Year	Fix Auto Skegness	
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Advent Wreath Festival

This month we think about new beginnings; back to school, a new Rector, the start of Autumn. Let's cast our minds to December and Advent. Advent is the beginning of the Christian year – a time of expectation. Therefore it's not out of place to start thinking of the Advent Wreath Festival at St Matthew's Church.

This year will be the fifth Advent Wreath Festival at the Church. Each year we hang wreaths depicting your business or organisation. The cost to display a wreath



is £10 – call it a cheap way of advertising. This year we hope to have a bigger than ever exhibition with a lot of very original wreaths. So put on your thinking caps and your creative heads....

Next month's Shoreline will have a form to fill in if you are able to participate.



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

Back to School - Facing that First Day

No matter how old we are we can probably remember our first day at school – being left at the door, meeting children we did not know, separated from the adults we did know and had trusted since the day we were born. On the other hand, there was the excitement: a big step along the road of life, new friends to make, another adult our first teacher to become important in our lives. Yes, quite a lot to handle when you're only five!

That's what hundreds of thousands of children are going to experience this month. Parents may have prepared them for it and in a slightly apprehensive way they may be looking forward to it but to the five year old it must feel like a massive step into the unknown. Not much less is the anxiety of mum, who leaves her precious child proudly resplendent in their new school uniform in the reception classroom. Will he or she suddenly panic, and cry for that familiar parental cuddle? Will they feel abandoned in an alien setting? Will they like the teacher?

Of course we'll be praying for them, and we know that like millions of others before them they will very probably eventually decide that their school days were the best of their lives. But end of class can't come soon enough for mum on that first day. How wonderful when they come running out, laughing and excited, clutching a piece of paper with some obscure crayon marks on it — written evidence of their first day's education.





The Legend Of The Lonely Palm

In the sunny shaded corner formed by the porch and south aisle of Ingoldmells Church stands a lonely tropical Palm Tree, its rough trunk crowned by evergreen Palms. It has fascinated and mystified many visitors and local people. Architects say it should be removed but all ask the same questions. "How did it get there?"

Many years ago there lived in the village an orphan boy called Jonah Thorpe. After leaving school he worked as a houseboy for the local Squire. The Squire had a beautiful daughter named Charlotte about the same age as Jonah and these two young people (in spite of their very different stations in life) fell in love with each other. Naturally it had to be a very secret love, and they both acted strictly as servant and lady when anyone was within sight or earshot. They did, however, meet secretly under cover of darkness and their rendezvous was the old church porch. Here they would vow their eternal love for each other and planned that one-day, when Jonah had saved enough money and Charlotte received her endowment they would elope and marry.

Alas one moonlight night as Jonah and Charlotte were sitting in the porch the Squire passed by, and seeing two figures there in the moonlight he stopped to investigate. After all, thought he, they may be church robbers. On discovering his daughter in the arms of his lowliest servant, the enraged Squire lasted out with his stick at Jonah. "Run Jonah run" screamed Charlotte. Jonah needed no encouragement; he ran for his life. Charlotte was marched home, sobbing bitterly, and the father forbade her ever to leave the house again without a chaperone. Jonah was never to set foot on the Squire's property again. He tried to contact Charlotte but it was all in vain and his letters were destroyed by the Squire without Charlotte even knowing that her lover had written. In despair, Jonah ran away to sea. Sometime later his ship was wrecked in the Pacific Ocean and together with a few survivors Jonah landed on the Fiji Islands. Realizing now he would never see his beloved Charlotte again, he died of a broken heart. His friends buried him on the south shores of Kandavu and planted a small Palm to mark his grave. At home Charlotte waited. She knew that Jonah would come back if he could. Her father died and then her mother: but Charlotte never married. All the money and property left meant nothing without Jonah to share it.

Often, under the cover of darkness, she would go the church porch and sit quietly dreaming of Jonah and the life they should have spent together. Before leaving she would slip into Church and kneeling before the altar, she would comment her lover into the loving care of their lord. One night as she prayed it seemed that the figure on the moonlit cross spoke to her, "soon your faithful love shall be rewarded. Jonah is waiting for you here with me." Charlotte revealed this to an old servant just before she died that same year age 27. According to her wish she was buried in the village churchyard close beside the porch. It was not very long after this that the verger noticed an unusual tree growing at the head of Charlotte's grave. It turned out to be a tropical palm.

Some years later one of the survivors who had buried Jonah on the shores of Kandava made his way to Ingoldmells in search of any relatives of his shipmate. So he learned the story of the young lovers, and was taken to see Charlotte's grave and the lonely palm growing over it. "Strange", he said "we planted a palm at the head of Jonah's grave but it never grew."

The graves of Charlotte and Jonah have long since disappeared, swept by the winds of the North Sea and Pacific Ocean. But the lonely Palm still stands for all to see in Ingoldmells Churchyard, a living memorial with its evergreen leaves and a symbol of the eternal love of true lovers. If we should need an epitaph to inscribe on the palm we should do well to turn to the prophet – Jeremiah, chapter 31, verse 3. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love".



The T.E.D. Team have arranged a programme of events to take place at The Storehouse. Skegness on:

Toesday 28th June	1.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 26th July	1.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 23rd August	1.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 27th September	1.00pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 25th October	1,00pm to 3,00pm
Tuesday 22nd November	1.00pm to 3.00pm

The event is free to over 50s and will provide the opportunity to come and say hello to the T.E.D. Area Co-ordinator for Skegness, Elisabeth Wright, You will also be able to find out more about T.E.D. and learn how through the project we can support older people who would like to get more involved in the community.

Elisabeth is continually gathering information about the various activities and clubs that are available in the Skegness area. if you fancy trying something new ...

So why not pop in and enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee, cake and a chat!

For more information please contact: Elisabeth Wright on 07495 008730



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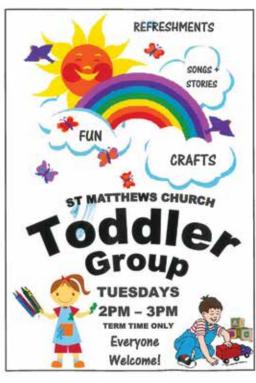
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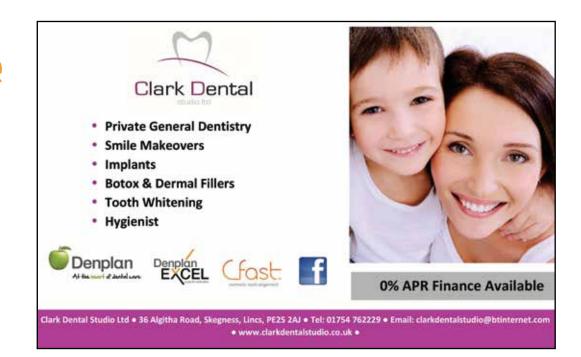
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Community Diary Dates September 2016

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!

8th October 10 am-12.00 noon Skegness Day Centre,

Coffee morning

The Silver Band will play at the following venues

17th September 10.30 am -12.30 pm Skegness Train Station

24th September 10.30 am -12.30 pm Skegness Train Station

Church Diary Dates September 2016

Friday 2nd	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 3rd	$10.00\ \text{am} - 1.00\ \text{pm}$ St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 4th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	11.00 am St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 4th	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 6th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 6th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Tuesday 6th	12 noon – 3.00 pm St Clements Community Hall, Skegness, Mothers Union
Tuesday 6th	7 pm for 7.30 pm St Matthew Skegness, Guild of Servers,
Wednesday 7th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 7th	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Friday 9th	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat

Church Diary Dates September 2016

Saturday 10th	4.00 pm – 6.00 pm St Matthew, Messy Church. Come along and enjoy yourself
Saturday 10th	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 11th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	11.00 am St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	11.00 am St Clement Skegness, service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 13th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Tuesday 13th	12 noon – 4.00 pm St Clements Community Hall, Skegness, Mothers Union Cluster Lunch
Wednesday 14th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 14th	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Wednesday 14th	2.00 pm – 4 pm St Matthew, Skegness, Omega meeting
Thursday 15th	2 pm St Clements Community Hall, Skegness, New Horizons
Thursday 15th	7.30 pm St Matthew, Skegness, Reverend Richard Holden Licensing Service
Friday 16th	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 17th	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 18th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	11.00 am St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
Sunday 18th	6 pm St Matthew, Skegness, Songs of Praise
Tuesday 20th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 20th`	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 21st	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Wednesday 21st	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Friday 23rd	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Saturday 24th	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 25th	9.30 am St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	11.00 am St Clement Skegness, service of Holy Communion
Sunday 25th	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th	10.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 27th	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 28th	10.45 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
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