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Double Date

As we lead busy lives, we can find it difficult to stop and think about our lives and the direction we could take in the future. We get tired and slow down. In a similar way, physical, emotional and spiritual clutter can make us less effective than we once were. Lent is our God-given opportunity to declutter and to see things in a new way. Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day is on the 13th February. It's a day to declutter all the

things that are bad in our lives and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins.

The 14th February is St Valentine's Day, a day where people show their affection and love for another person. This year it is also Ash Wednesday, the start of 40 days of Lent. There is nothing Biblical about either event.

But these days can provide us with an opportunity to show our love and affection for God. We often think that Lent is about giving something up such as smoking or chocolate. But Lent can be about a time of self-examination, a time to inwardly reflect by use of a lent book either alone or in a group. Lent can also be a time to give more of ourselves to others maybe helping a friend, neighbour or charity.

Just as spring changes the way we view the world, so too Lent helps us see things differently. To pause for a moment and examine our hearts and minds. To let go of areas in our lives where there is hurt and bitterness and pick up the gift of forgiveness and reconciliation. It requires us to stop and be still, to listen and pray.

Whatever is going on in your life, I would like to encourage you to take a few minutes every day to reflect and be thankful for the many things that are good in your life and to offer to God those things that we would like to change or heal.

A spring clean of the heart and mind is good for the soul and the body.

Reverend Michelle Houldershaw Associate Priest

A Letter From The Bishop Of Grimsby

Dear Friends,

'Well, if he thinks he's going to get me talking about my faith, he's got another thought coming!' The reaction of a churchwarden (not of this diocese) to the suggestion made by a particular bishop that they might have a mission in his diocese, where they tried to share what they knew of Jesus to people who had not yet made the same discovery. It is a sad, but reasonably common, response. Faith seen as a private affair, something we're reluctant to talk about even with our friends, those we trust, let alone those we might not know as well. Maybe we're afraid of being asked questions to things we haven't got the answers for. Maybe we're afraid of being thought of as strange. For whatever reason we keep firmly quiet, which means those around us are prevented from discovering the treasures we know – the difference that Jesus can make in an ordinary life, even like ours.

By contrast, one of the things that all three of the bishops in our diocese are looking forward to this year, in response to a challenge from the Archbishop of Canterbury, is to work with our second-year curates and their parishes to see how, together, we can creatively, intentionally and appropriately share what we know to be true with those we are in contact with. That is, across the diocese, in a variety of ways, simply sharing what God means to us, in the hope that others will open themselves up to all that he might have for them as well.

We have a prayer that has been written for these events. Perhaps, at the start of this year, it is a prayer you could use too:

Almighty God, source of our hope and all good things,
You call us in love to share in your work of making your love known to all.
Bless, we pray, all that we do in sharing the story of your love
with those amongst whom we live,
that through us they may catch a glimpse of the love
you have for each one of us,
and find their place within it themselves.

With every blessing, Bishop David

During the Month of Valentine's Day we look at what love is...

What do children know about love? When questioned, some four to eight year olds came up with the following:

- When you're born and see your mummy for the first time. That's love.
- Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.
- If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who hates you.
- Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.
- I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.
- You have to fall in love before you get married. Then when you're married, you just sit around and read books together.
- I let my big sister pick on me because my Mum says she only picks on me because she loves me.
- Love goes on even when you stop breathing, and you pick up where you left off when you reach Heaven.
- Love cards like Valentine's cards say stuff on them that we'd like to say ourselves, but we wouldn't be caught dead saying it.
- When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.





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Think February! And your first thought is probably Valentine's Day! A day of romance when we send cards and gifts to our significant others, or we send anonymous missives to the object of our desires. No-one is too old or too jaded in life to enjoy the frissance of receiving an anonymous something on Valentine's Day. But it was that whole issue of anonymity that got me thinking the other day. Thinking

about another kind of special someone – the kind of special someone that isn't really known to you. Personally, I'm thinking here about my 'waving lady'.

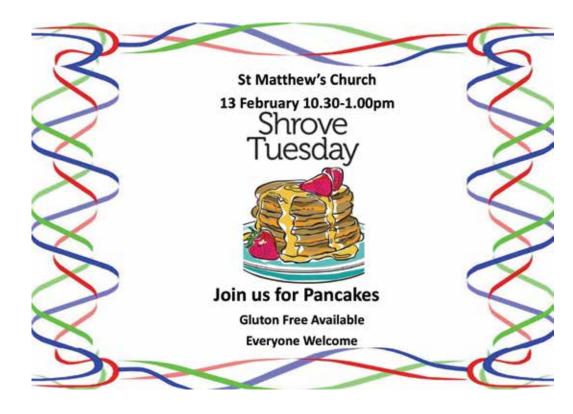
She won't be familiar to you – but my memories of the waving lady still bring a smile to my face a full decade after I last saw her. That waving lady belongs to the small number of, often unknown, people who enrich our lives, and occasionally many lives without even being aware of it.

One such individual is the 'Bee lady' of Hull. Last year, 95 year-old Jean Bishop was awarded the British Empire Medal for her services to charity. Dressed as, (guess what) a bee, she's raised knocking on £120,000 for charity over the last 20 years, all the while dressed in her trademark black and yellow costume. She claims that 'children simply won't pass her by – thereby persuading their mothers to stop and give money'. Her award in 2017 also gave her the opportunity to dine with the Queen and receive the Freedom of the City at Hull's Guildhall. This award put her on a par with Nelson Mandela and made her the second ever woman to be awarded the honour in 130 years (the first being the anti-apartheid campaigner Helen Suzman 30 years ago)

Not every 'colourful character' receives such accolade, but there are many around that impact on our lives. The 'waving lady' I mentioned earlier was a just a resident close to my daughter's school. But each day as the school buses rumbled down the road, she'd position herself in an upstairs window to wave gracefully at the students on the top deck. There wasn't a child at the school who didn't automatically turn their gaze to the little semi-detached house on the bus route; eyes searching for their 'waving lady'. I vaguely remember that we took her some chocolates one Christmas — and it was probably the wrong thing to do. She enjoyed her anonymity, sought no reward and certainly no recognition.

In more recent time, I know of this gentleman who cycles the Wainfleet to Skegness road. I'd say it were every day, but I can't be sure. I don't know where he cycles from or to, but I believe he's being doing it for many years – my children told me about him, before I ever saw him for myself. He wears the same bright scarf at all times, and each time I pass him, which is fairly often, his presence adds a little more colour to my soul! Just a couple of weeks ago, I saw him without his bike - on foot no less! In the local convenience store! I didn't know whether to ask for his autograph or satisfy my curiosity as to his cycling habits. As it was, I was as bashful as a groupie facing their pop idol. I don't know him and he hasn't a clue who I am, but I do know that he does and has featured strongly every time I'm painting a picture of my life here in Lincolnshire. Such mysteries are here to intrigue us.

So thank you Mr Cyclist and all you other colourful people out there! You are much appreciated by many. And at this time of anonymous sentiment, my Valentine wishes go to you!







Red Noses? No Laughing Matter

Thirty years ago this month, on 05 February 1988, Britain experienced its first Red Nose Day. 'Comic Relief', an American idea, had crossed the Atlantic in a uniquely British form. So suddenly red noses were everywhere. Lenny Henry and comedy script-writer Richard Curtis were its first pioneers, movingly expounding its simple basic principle: poverty, exploitation and famine are not funny, but well-known funny people could help those who were their victims. The first Comic Relief drew an audience of 13 million and raised five million pounds. Over succeeding years, the audience has never again been quite so large, but the amounts raised for the relief of poverty world-wide have hugely increased.

Getting a big TV audience is simply the first requirement of a telethon – a marathon televised charity project. Once Comic Relief achieved that audience, some of the most effective comedians in the UK did their stuff, sometimes live and sometimes recorded. Over Comic Relief's 30 years just about every well-known comedy performer in Britain', has contributed to the event. For several years a regular feature was a hilarious parody by Ian Hislop. The same comic stars also introduce films and interviews to remind viewers that this really is comedy with a purpose.

Once again, this month the red noses will appear – at school, at work, in shops and on the streets: a visible, bizarre reminder that all of the world is not happy, but our laughter is that of sympathy, not ridicule. Next year the total raised by Comic Relief should pass a hundred million pounds, and that's no laughing matter.

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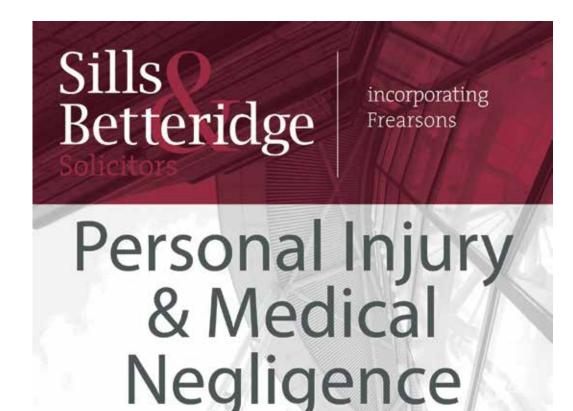
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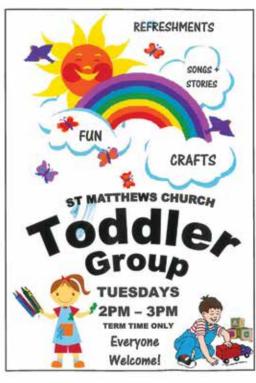
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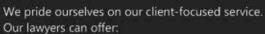
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February is the month of romance. Millions of Valentine cards will be sent in the next week or two, as we celebrate our romantic love for that special person in our lives. But there are other kinds of love to celebrate: and on Candlemas we remember Mary and Joseph taking their baby son to the temple to present him to God. Jesus' whole life was a loving present to us from God. Through his death for us on the cross, and his resurrection, his love can now transform anyone's life. Romances can die, but God's love for us is always there. But it won't do us much good – unless we accept it!

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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!

Tuesday 13 10.30am-1.00pm St Matthew Skegness join us for pancakes

Wednesday 14 Ash Wednesday Service 11.00am St Matthew Skegness followed by soup & roll lunch in aid of the Mayor's Charit

From the Registers

As Shoreline is produced by the Skegness Group of Parishes, we thought you might like information from our Register each month.

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Sunday 4	9.30am-10.30am St Matthew Skegness group breakfast
Sunday 4	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness Group service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 6	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 6	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Wednesday 7	10.00 am - 1.00 pm St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells, Pop in for a coffee and a chat,
Wednesday 7	10.00 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Friday 9	10.00 am - 12 noon - St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday II	9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Holy Communion
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Sunday II	11.00 am - St Matthew Skegness service of Holy Communion
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Tuesday 13	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
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Wednesday 14	I I.00am St Matthew Skegness Ash Wednesday Service followed by soup & roll lunch
Wednesday 14	7.00pm – St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells Ash Wednesday service
Friday 16	10.00 am - 12 noon St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 18	9.30 am St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
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Sunday 18	11.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 20	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
Tuesday 20	2.00 pm – 3.00 pm St Matthew Skegness, Toddlers Group
Vednesday 21	10.00 am St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Holy Communion
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Thursday 22	2 pm – 4pm St Clements Community Hall, Skegness, New Horizons
riday 23	10.00 am - 12 noon at St Matthew Skegness, Pop in for a coffee and a chat
Sunday 25	9.30 am – St Mary Winthorpe service of Morning Worship
Sunday 25	9.30 am - St Clement Skegness Morning Worship
Sunday 25	9.30 am - St Nicholas Addlethorpe service of Holy Communion
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Sunday 25	11 am - St Peter & St Paul Ingoldmells service of Morning Worship
Tuesday 27	10.30 am - St Clement Skegness service of Holy Communion
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