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A Message from the Rector

In Skegness during the lockdown we have all been staying at home and going out for some daily exercise. We have been socially distancing and taking all the precautions that we are advised to take by the government. Or at least the majority have.

Our separation from family and friends has perhaps become to feel normal and doing anything else is a bit risky. Many of us watch the news updates and hear the reassuring words of government ministers and scientists and we acknowledge the work of key workers and NHS professionals on a Thursday evening by going out and clapping. This week some of the lockdown has been eased and I think we are worried because the weather is fabulous (as it always is in Skegness), not too hot or cold and plenty of sunshine and we haven't had much in the way of the wet stuff.

As before the lockdown we are worrying about those who come from beyond our Parish boundaries for relaxation, to see the sea and get a bit of sun. This is the time when we who live in beauty spots get worried. We see all the strangers come to our place and we are afraid that they will bring the virus and disease into our midst. We fear the children going back to school. Will they catch the virus and spread it to others? Is the virus dangerous for them? We are not used to living in a time and place where we are not entirely safe. That is the world we now inhabit where nowhere is entirely safe and everyone is at risk.

As a christian Minister I am aware of the potential dangers both for myself and family and for members of the church and people who live in the Parishes of Skegness, Ingoldmells and Addlethorpe. I was once a Merchant Seaman and in that job there is less certainty about ones safety than in many other walks of life. The dangers of storm and tempest, mechanical failure or simply an accident were things that we lived with. Talking of storm and tempest we might look at the story of Christ and His disciples in a boat on the Galilee during a storm and the disciples were afraid. Some of them were fishermen so things must have been getting a bit sporty but Christ was asleep and they were afraid. They called out to Jesus to save them and He got up and calmed the wind and the waves. Then He turned to His disciples and asked them why they were so afraid and asked them why they had so little faith.

Life can be difficult and dangerous but when it comes down to brass tacks we have Christ's promise that he will be with us and that he will prepare a place for us and take us to that place but in the meantime He is here with us because He loves us. Ultimately at the end of our days that is what matters. When people travel to our town for rest and relaxation, or exercise and a picnic on the beach we hope that they will do the right thing and socially distance and wash their hands. We hope they will use their common sense and think of others. As christians we know that whatever the situation Jesus is always with us even throughout this particularly testing time. Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God and do not be afraid.

Blessings
Richard



Getting Back to Business

Rebuilding our Community will be important to us all as we move through the various stages of this pandemic. The Government has now given the outline of a plan but it will be the individual actions of each of us that make or break the route back to some semblance of normality.

Skegness businesses have a lot to worry about. As an economy so heavily reliant on visitors, the conflict between life and livelihood is intensely real. It is with this in mind that the Skegness Area Business Chamber makes a plea for the support of our community to rally and support your local business.

The Chair of the Chamber said that businesses are poised to open just as soon as they get the green light. He said that all the businesses have studied the guidance and have been working hard to create a safe working environment and access for their customers too. Businesses ingenuity has been tested; they have drawn on their local skills and knowledge to achieve the very best outcome for safety which is paramount.

As we move to the next stage, businesses ask you to support your local firms, be kind to each other, follow the guidance and be confident that your safety is the priority. If we support each other in this way we can overcome the difficulties and not just survive but thrive and ensure that Skegness will continue to be the place that our children and grandchildren will be proud to call home.



Monthly Music

With the media generally wallowing in the gloom and doom of the current situation it seems appropriate that this month my musical suggestions are pieces that can raise the spirits and make you smile. They certainly work for me.

First up Mozart and the 1st Movement of his piece for strings, 'Eine Kleine Nactmusik'. Literally translated the title comes out as 'A Little Night Music'. There is nothing sleepy about this movement with a bold opening and chirpy melodies, the music is sprightly and cheery.

Moving on to Brahms and his 'Academic Festival Overture'. This piece brings together a number of student songs and was written as a thank you for the University of Breslau after it had conferred Brahms with an Honorary Doctorate in Philosophy in 1881. If you listen to these suggestions via the internet then try the version by Leonard Bernstein on Youtube (I can't believe it has taken around seven months for me to mention him), a performance the conductor is clearly enjoying.

Ernest Tomlinson's 1st Set of English Dances contains his arrangement of 'Dick's Maggot', a dance tune first published in 1702. Maggot has two meanings, firstly a thing of little consequence and secondly a 'dram' or unit of liquid, either could be appropriate as the music bounces along. In common with many arrangements of folk tunes there is very little that can be done with the melody apart from repeating it with different groups of instruments. With a tune like this it really doesn't matter how many times it is repeated.

Having mentioned Leonard Bernstein as a conductor, in my final piece this month we hear him as a composer. The 'Overture to Candide' is a fun piece that contains a number of melodies from Bernstein's operetta based on Voltaire's 'Candide'.

Music can and does lift the spirits, so, during this time of isolation, do find time on a daily basis to listen and explore music of all genres.

Peter Coughtrey-Wellsted

I wrote this in the early hours:

As I lie in my bed at night
Tired, frightened, scared
I am a warrior in blue

Uncertain what this future holds

I am no superhero, my cape has long gone
I am here to nurse your loved ones
For i am your warrior in blue

I naively laughed with friends, I'm a Covid 19 buster
This virus fought back I 'm a human buster
I am a warrior in blue
Ready to fight you invisible war

We don our masks, gloves and gowns
Our PPE our protector
We are warriors in blue
Where's our knight in shining armour

So many loved ones have fallen
Our key workers have lost their good fight
We are warriors in blue
Bruised, beaten, heartbroken

Stay home, keep safe, take care they say
For we are warriors in blue
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When will all this end I hear you say
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'The Lessons We Learn'

A War Time Poem From May Hill's Diaries

In May 1942, May Hill of Chapel St Leonards wrote a poem found with her Diaries:

The Lessons We Learn

If the sun blazed always from cloudless skies, and rain never fell on the earth,
No beautiful trees would give rest and shade, no flowers would have new birth.

No grain would grow in the sun-baked soil, no fruits form on the trees.
If the sun shone hot all over the world, there would be no cooling breeze.

But the hot air rises on arid plains, and the cool sea-breeze blows o'er,
The sun draws up and returns in rain, the ocean's exhaustless store.

If happiness filled our lives to the brim, and we knew no sorrow or tears,
Our hearts would be hard, and our souls would grow dim, if we had no trials or cares.

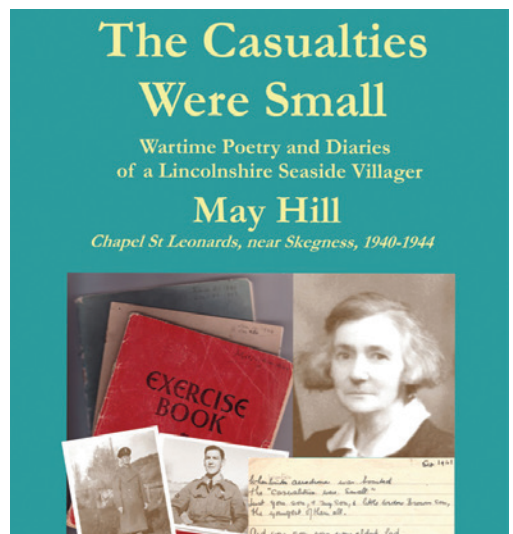
But the tears that fall when sorrow comes, soften our heart's hard core.
The trees of strength and endeavour grow high, When the gales of adversity roar.

In our hearts grow the flowers of sympathy, of understanding and grace.
Our souls expand and look upon, our heavenly Father's face.

May's poem 'The Lessons We Learn' is another expression of her beliefs and hopes for a better future. She had written in her Diary with these sentiments and a prayerful conclusion, at Easter time, a few weeks earlier.

For May Hill's Diaries in an archived blog, also in Kindle e-books, search online 'may hill wwii'.

The printed book 'The Casualties Were Small' £8.99 containing selected Diary extracts, poetry, photos and notes is available from Church Farm Village Museum. For information, or to order by post, phone Tom Ambridge on 01394 385412.





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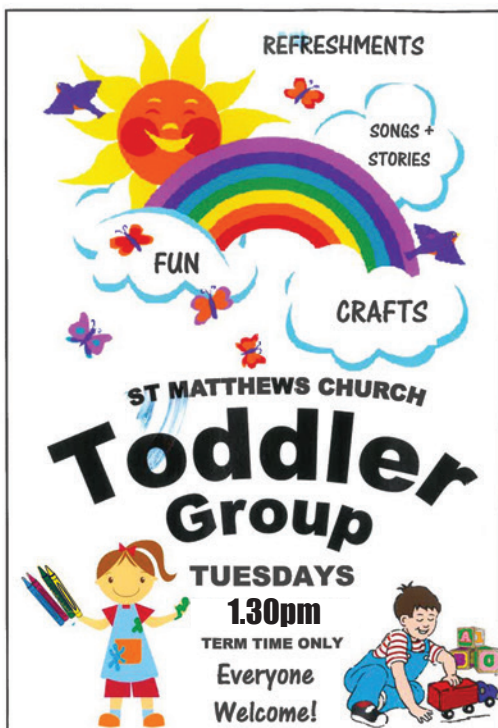
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Sudoku Time

Can you take on
our Sudoku puzzle?

1	5							
					6	4		
	3	6		2	9	1		
	7			1	2			
8	9						4	1
			3	9			2	
		7	9	4		2	3	
		5	7					
							8	6

Uniforms for Wartime Coastguards From May Hill's Diaries

On 7 June 1942, May Hill of Chapel St Leonards wrote in her Diary:

The C.Gs have got their battledress blouse and trousers, overcoat, boots and spats. They wear their old blue hats which look quite well with khaki. Father looks very well in his. They are a good fit. I have shortened trousers and Mrs Pimperton is making

the blouse collar to fit. It is too large. The names, Coastguard and Auxiliary just underneath take a long time to stitch on just so. They are white letters on a Navy-blue background. There are two sets, each sleeve of overcoat and blouse. I flatter myself I have got Father's on well. I also put stripes etc on Royal Artillery sergeant's tunic last week and shortened cook's trousers. The new khaki smells abominably. Is treated with chemical and to my disgust when I pressed the hem of Fa's trousers, where the warm iron and wet cloth went the khaki returned to its original deeper colour. I understand that it all does as chemical wears off.



'Father' or 'Fa' as written in the Diaries was May's husband Will, one of the wartime Coastguards. Mrs Pimperton was the wife of Wilf, a carpenter/joiner and local member of the wartime Royal Observer Corps.

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The Casualties Were Small

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May Hill

Chapel St Leonards, near Skegness, 1940-1944





Life In Lockdown

Sweet dreams?

From large pink hamsters that smile and wave at you, to cars that can't get off roundabouts, a lot of us are reporting weird, vivid, and intense dreams just now.

Experts say that financial worries, cabin fever and boredom may all be factors. But – on the plus side, there is also the fact that many of us are finally catching up on our sleep. And by waking up without an alarm, we will have better recall of our dreams.

Mend and Make Do

According to handicraft expert Kirstie Allsopp, a missing button was the number one reason why 350,000 tonnes of wearable clothing may end up in UK landfill this year.

But that was before lockdown. Now you have time to make do – and mend! Rescue and reuse your clothes. After all, it saves money and the planet.

Terry Waite - On Coping with Lockdown

Terry Waite spent four years in solitary confinement in Beirut. He says: “In isolation, it is easy to become introspective and depressed. All of us, when we are honest and examine ourselves critically, will discover things about ourselves of which we are not especially proud. I had to learn how to grow a greater acceptance of myself and work towards a deeper inner harmony.

“.... Today in lockdown, it's important to keep yourself well. Don't slob around all day in pyjamas and a dressing gown. Dress properly and develop a routine. It's important to have a structure – get up at a certain time, eat regular meals and so on.

“If you have faith, then that will give you resources to draw on”, especially if you know some hymns, psalms and prayers by heart. “When I was captured, they were there to call on.”



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Patron Saint of the Internet



How are you getting on with technology? The coronavirus pandemic has driven hundreds of millions of us to use it more than ever, as we sit at home in frustrated isolation.

If you are used to digital meetings and Zoom, it is not a problem, but for millions of grandparents wanting to see their families, or non-techie people wanting to see their friends, it has been quite a learning curve. So, is there a patron saint of computers and electronics and all the difficult stuff?

Some people say the patron saint of the internet should be Saint Isidore of Seville, a Bishop and scholar in the 7th century who wrote a book called Etymologies or The Origins, in which he tried to record everything that was known. That seems to be a good basis for sainthood, or at least for the internet.

Another candidate is Saint Eligius who lived about the same time. He is quite busy already as the patron saint of goldsmiths, metalworkers, vets, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME), horses and those who work with them. His main qualification seems to have been his ability to make things.

My suggestion is Zebedee. No, not the character from The Magic Roundabout but the father of James and John. After all, consider this: "James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John...were in a boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. (Matt. 4:21)

Ok, it is not the internet, but Zebedee knew about mending a net which would have had both good and bad stuff all over it.

Certainly, whenever I get in an IT muddle during this lockdown, I would welcome any patron saint that was willing to help me!





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Skegness Town Council News

Skegness Town Council has recently moved offices to the Tower Gardens Pavilion, Tower Gardens, Rutland Road, PE25 2AX.

This has been a big challenge during these difficult times but with the whole team pulling together we managed to complete the move just before the lockdown took place. Please note our phone number has changed to 01754 840040. The office is closed to the public at the moment but the office staff are working from home and can be contacted on the above number between 9am and 4.30pm, you can also e mail us on info@skegnesscouncil.org.uk

SERVICE UPDATE

We are currently working to keep Council services on track. To achieve this we are doing the following -

Office staff are working from home but are here for you if you need advice, signposting for help or if you just need a chat because you are self isolating and feeling alone. Contact details can be found over the page.

The grounds team is still cutting some grass verges, litterpicking and emptying bins on Vine, Coronation, King George V walks, looking after play parks in Winthorpe and Alma Avenue and other open spaces in the town. They are also maintaining St Mary's and St Clement's Cemeteries. They are working with a reduced team and are adhering to social distancing rules so please bear with them if they cannot get things done as quickly or as efficiently as usual. Please be assured they are working hard under difficult circumstances to keep up.

The opening of the Tower Gardens Pavilion Hall and Cafe Dansant have been delayed due to the coronavirus outbreak but work is going on behind the scenes to prepare for opening and we are looking forward to welcoming you all once government restrictions have been lifted and it is safe to do so.

RESTORATION OF THE JOLLY FISHERMAN PAINTINGS

The Jolly Fisherman paintings have been sent away for restoration and will return later in the year to their new home in the Tower Gardens Pavilion, where they will be on display to the public. Last year we received a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and found an experienced restoration company to do the work. In the picture Nicholas Burnett from Museum Conservation Services who are based at Duxford can be seen carefully shaving down the wood pulp on the backing of one of the paintings. The work needed is quite extensive and will take a few months to complete but we are looking forward to Jolly returning to Skegness and settling into his new home.