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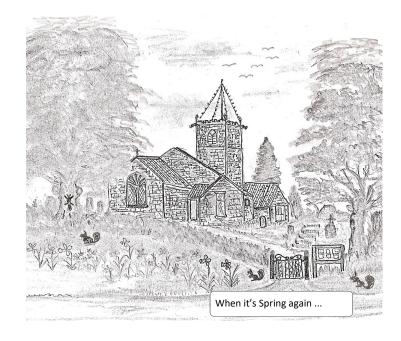
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For Christians, Christmas is a time of hope, renewing our wonder at what is called the Incarnation: God becoming one of us, both fully human and yet fully divine. It is something that people have argued about from the word go in order to understand how this can be. But isn't something that is provable like a maths problem, although we speak in metaphor as though it is, it's much more something like a relationship, some thing that feels right. It's not exactly measureable but it is observable like a mothers love. Christmas is about observing the love of God in action and then recognizing it in ourselves.

For Christians, Christmas is also a time of sadness in that it has become associated with a time of much greed, excess and selfishness. Yes, we all want to celebrate but it should be about love. Charity (a Greek word we translate as love) does get a bit of a look in but mostly as an afterthought as we pass by street collectors tins. There is so much hype about Christmas it's no wonder we often find it rather hollow despite the good works of many.

To have a child should be a wondrous thing but the pressure is on to go back to work as soon as possible and leave the care to someone else at the most formative and precious time. The bond between parent and child is forged in those early years and we seem to go all out to ruin it. Parenthood is THE most important and valuable job in the world. Yet Governments don't really value it and we wonder at the breakdown of communities and the behaviour problems in schools and beyond. We just don't see the link. We don't build people or communities by setting targets but by giving of ourselves to others. Jesus said "Love one another as I have love you." Jn 15 vs12

With Christmas blessings, Rev'd Chris Woadden.

FEBRUARY DIARY

"Messy Christingle" 6.00-7.30 in Church Mon 1st

Sun 7th ADVFNT 2

9.30 am Service of the Word; Choir Cantata

Sun 14th **ADVENT 3**

9.30 am Holy Communion Service

Mon 15th "Messy Nativity" 6.00-7.30 in Church

Please support this children's event

SUN 21st **ADVENT 4**

9.30 am Morning Service

24th **CHRISTMAS EVE**

6 pm Nativity Service for Families/Children

11.30 Midnight Mass

25th **CHRISTMAS DAY**

10.00 Service of Carols

Sun 28th **CHRISTMAS 1**

10.00 am Joint service at Tetney

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28th September Albert Eli McMullen

19th October Benjamin Joseph Turner

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Thought for April, 2015 Who do you say I am?

The election race started weeks ago even though officially the government has not yet been dissolved. We get to be more and more like the USA as we now have fixed terms for the Government and we know when the election will be. Previously an election could be called at any time and the politicking would have been for only a limited time. Who is to say which is a better system but I think I preferred the uncertainty and shortness of the silly season.

The lunatics have taken over the asylum' sang Fun Boy Three. I didn't really think of them as political pop group but it does seem fairly apt sometimes when we allow banks and big business to be poacher and game keeper and when things go wrong for them to be too big to fail. Political manifestoes also are all well and good but ideology often seem like a paranoid blindness and prejudice and appeals to our basest instincts.

Jesus asked his disciples 'who do you say I am?' and they were astonished by their own answer which came from insight rather than logic. They had accompanied and observed him for 3 years and yet still had much to learn. At his trial Pilate asked Jesus "What is truth?" to Jesus words that "all who are not deaf to truth listen to my words." So whatever your truth may be, listen to the politician's words even if you do not like what you hear and decide whether you 'know them by their fruits!' Matt 7vs 20

With blessings, Rev'd Chris Woadden.

APRIL 2015 DIARY

Fri 3rd **Good Friday**

10.00 am Service

Sun 5th **EASTER DAY**

9.30 am Holy Communion

Sun 12th Easter 2

9.30 Service of the Word

Mon 13th **PCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7.30 pm in Church

Afternoon Tea In the Village Hall Tues 14th

2- 4pm scones, cakes, tea, coffee

Sat 18th "Pop-In" in Church Extension

10.00-12.00 50p inc refreshments

Sun 19th Easter 3

9.30 am Holy Communion

Sun 26th Easter 4

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KNIT AND NATTER GROUP meets in the Church Extension every Monday from 2-4pm.All welcome.

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APRIL NEWS

FLOWER FESTIVAL May 2 - 4

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A reminder that as well as the lovely flower displays in Church with Aladdin's Cave in the extension, there will be refreshments served in the Village Hall during the Flower Festival, along with the usual stalls i.e. plants, tombola, cakes, raffle etc.

POP IN There will be a **"Pop - in"** on **April 18th**, 10 - 12noon. Tombola, Bring& Buy, 50p entrance includes drinks & biscuits. Please support us. Thank you, Margaret



VILLAGE PLAN

I cannot believe how the parishioners of Holton le Clay are sitting back and letting East Lindsey District Council walk all over us. East Lindsey have allocated Holton le Clay the 3rd largest share of new houses, more than most towns! That could be more than 700 new houses. Are we going to let them get away with it? or are we going to fight?

IF YOU CARE, Please let your friends and neighbours know and contact me Eddie Coulbeck e.coulbeck@gmail.com

AFTERNOON TEA The next Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall will be held on **Tuesday 14**TH **April 2 pm - 4 pm.** All villagers are invited to share good company and conversation along with the usual selection of scones, cakes, coffee and tea.



VILLAGE HALL

Dates for the diary:

To celebrate the first anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall - **Saturday 9 May** - Casino Night organised by Louth Lions. A fun evening with casino games, music and supper.

Tuesday 12 May - Coffee Morning 10.30 - 12.30.

LADIES' GROUP Please see What When Where for details of meetings.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the people who sent me get well cards, beautiful flowers and good wishes during my recent spell in hospital. I am pleased to say I am now back home and feeling much better. Kind regards, Margaret Holmes.

BINGO

On Thursday afternoons, we play Bingo in the community lounge at Sargé Close, and would welcome anyone with a couple of hours to spare for a chat, laugh, cup of tea and a biscuit and chance of a win at Bingo. Eyes down 2.30 pm.

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EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL (ELDC)

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL – MONTHLY FACILITIES DAY

A **District Council Customer Services representative** visits Holton-le-Clay on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The dates of the forthcoming ELDC Facilities Day are 8th April 2015 & 13th May: 9.00 am-1.00 pm and 2.00 pm-4.00 pm.

ELDC WARD COUNCILLORS SURGERY – 3rd WEDNESDAY

The two Holton-le-Clay Ward councillors hold a surgery. Why not take the opportunity to meet your District Councillors? The date of your local ELDC Councillors' surgery at the Parish Offices is: Wednesday 15th APRIL 2015 10.00am-12.00pm

GREEN WASTE COLLECTION – Sign up is now open for 2015/16 register at www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/greenwaste or by phone on 0800 08 55 037 alternatively you can register and pay by cheque at the Parish Council Office during the ELDC Facilities Day. (Service not available at any other time.)

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PARISH GARDENS-Some Parish Gardens have become available, please contact the Parish Council for further details.

DATE OF NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS - 7.00 PM

The next Full Council meeting will be Monday 20th April.

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCES As at 27th Feb 2015. General Account £62856.84 and Burial Account £7274.12 (General Reserve £18,417.00 PWLB Loan Repayments).

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| Stop | Arrive | Depart | Day |
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| Peppercorn Walk | 10.45 | 11.45 | Wed |
| Pinfold Lane* | 12.30 | 13.30 | Wed |
| Wold View | 1.45 | 2.45 | Wed |
| Louth Road | 3.00 | 3.30 | Wed |

The Mobile Library no longer visits on Saturdays



| Date | | Sidespersons | Reader |
|------|----|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Apr | 5 | Pauline Hall/Kathleen Dennis | George Wilson |
| | 12 | Ann Woadden / Sue Merriman | Celia Haddon |
| | 19 | Bill Tubbs / Joyce Pattison | Jenny Turner |
| | 26 | Linda Walker / Carol Woodcock | Kathleen Dennis |
| May | 03 | Pauline Hall/ Evelyn Wilson | |

Altar Flowers

| Apr 5 | EASTER DAY |
|--------|-----------------|
| 12 | S Osborne |
| 19 | P James |
| 26 | S Borman/ |
| May 03 | FLOWER FESTIVAL |

Holton Le Clay Parochial Church Council Preliminary Income & Expenditure Summary January 2015

| | Income | Expenditure |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Year to date on last report | £29,064.34 | -£61,982.64 |
| Adjustments | £285.94 | |
| Income/expenditure 2014 | £29,350.28 | -£61,982.64 |
| | | |
| Income & expenditure Jan 2015 | £1,924.71 | -£1,001.71 |
| Year to date at 31/01/15 | £1,924.71 | -£1,001.71 |

Note: On 20th March 2014 the PCC invested £37,000 into the Community Hall, which was its' net proceeds from the sale of the Church Hall.

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Among the many buildings which were burned to the ground was St. Paul's Cathedral, and for a long time it lay derelict and in ruins. It was eight years, in fact, after the fire, when Sir Christopher Wren, the great architect who was commissioned to rebuild many of the buildings, turned his attention to St. Paul's.

One day, when the area was being cleared for rebuilding, Wren went to the site and, as he walked among the rubble, he felt very sad at the destruction and ruin which met his eyes. Then, requiring a piece of stone to mark a certain spot on the plan of the building, he sent a labourer to find one. The man searched around for something suitable and, by chance, dragged from the rubble a stone which bore an inscription. It was, in fact, part of a damaged tombstone from the old building, and the word still legible on it was *Resurgam*, which is Latin for 'I shall rise again'.

Sir Christopher Wren was thrilled with the find and had the stone laid aside. The message on it gripped and inspired him. It was the sign of a new beginning. From such ruin, he vowed to himself, a new and more magnificent St. Paul's would surely arise from the ashes of destruction. He would build a place in which people's hearts would again be lifted to God, a fit place in which they could worship and pray and make their vows. Indeed, the theme of *Resurgam* – 'I shall rise again' – the idea of the cathedral, rising like a phoenix from its own ashes – is preserved in the sculpture over the south porch of the cathedral, facing the river.

On Good Friday, when Jesus was put to death on the cross, it seemed to his friends like the end of everything. His work of teaching and healing was over. For them, it was the end of all their hopes and dreams. Their expectations were in ruins and ashes.

But then came that glad Easter morning when the disciples made a great discovery. Going to the tomb where Jesus was buried, it gradually dawned on them that it was not the end. God had stamped on Jesus' life the word *Resurgam* — 'I shall rise again'; and, far from being the end of everything, Easter Day became a new beginning. Indeed, in the days to come, as the friends of Jesus realised that he was with them in a new and more wonderful way, they began to spread the 'good news', and, in time, a great new movement arose called the Christian Church, with the risen Jesus as its inspiration, and the continuing work of Jesus its aim. One of the leaders of that movement in these days of the new beginning, tried to explain it, and he said, 'We have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' (1 Peter 1:3).