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January-February 2022

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To place an advert please contact Sue on the above number. Please note there is a new price list for various sizes of advert and also a choice of black and white or colour. Again Sue has these details on request.

All items on behalf of the church have no charge. Any other events or adverts will have a charge. This is minimal and helps to maintain and develop your newsletter.

Contact Sue; moomoski@btinternet.com

South Wolds Group Office

Tel: 01507 525600

Based in St Mary's Church, Horncastle.

Weddings, baptisms and funerals can be arranged in the first instance by telephoning the South Wolds Group Administrator, Debbie Knight on 01507 525600 between 9.15 am and 2.15 pm Monday to Friday. At other times, messages will be recorded on voicemail /answerphone. You can also email Debbie SWGAdministrator@stmaryshorncastle.org.uk

Specific matters relating to St Mary's Church should be directed to the Verger on 01507 525600

Website: <http://www.asterbygroup.org/>

Stamps, foreign coins and notes, and postcards (used or new) are still being collected by Sue. Charities benefitting are Dogs Trust and MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) who fly in relief to remote area all over World.

All these items can be placed in the 'stamp collection boxes' in most of the churches or directly to me, @ Bramley House Benniworth. 01507 313545

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Shoebox Appeal

Thanks to everyone who donated items for this appeal. A total of 6744 boxes were filled at Grimsby Christian Centre by volunteers. A few gifts went to local underprivileged children & the bulk went to the other charity involved which is called 'teams4U' & it coordinates delivery of the boxes to orphanages & deprived communities in Belarus, Bosnia, Georgia, Romania & Moldova.

Please continue to save hats, scarves, gloves, toys, pens, pencils, felt-tips, notebooks, craft kit (including odd bits of wool, sewing items, fabric), toiletries & things for teenage boys & girls. Items can be delivered to me at **Braemar House, Asterby LN11 9UF** or I can collect if you telephone 01507 343753

Thank you & All Good Wishes from Janet Croft

St Peter's Churchyard, Asterby

'Friends of All Saints Church Goulceby' will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in February 2022. The possibility was raised at a recent Parish Council Meeting that a similar 'Friends Group' could be created to meet the needs of the churchyard at the closed church of St Peter in the Asterby village. This matter will also be on the agenda for the public meeting. The responsibility for the upkeep of this churchyard falls to the Parochial Church Council for the Asterby Group of Churches. Churchyards offer a place for nature to thrive, some become 'God's Acres'. This is nationally recognised as good management and includes wild-flowers and unusual and rare plants to encourage birds and insects to thrive in the environment. The headstones in these churchyards also provide historic information valued in our rural areas and good management is important. This will all be part of our discussions and I look forward to working alongside any group interested in the future of the churchyard, as well as a group who would like to form 'the Friends of All Saints Church'.

I would like to see many interested people from the area at the meeting in late February, the date and time to be notified.

Revd Cilla rev.cilla2@btinternet.com

Priestly Ponderings 2022 - A New Year Begins



Another year has begun so Happy New Year to everyone! As the old has passed away we look forward to another year which we all hope and trust will be much healthier for our society in every way.

First though, I must thank everyone who came to our services and/or supported our churches in so many ways. It was lovely to see people feeling it was ok to be together once more, celebrating the joy that is Christmastide. Also my thanks to all the people who put in time and energy decorating the churches, providing wonderful cake, mince pies and sausage rolls, to name only a few delights. To every person who gives time during the year and takes on the responsibility of our buildings and our community, the gift of your time is so very much appreciated. Our Christmas theme was putting love at the heart of Christmas and the Asterby Group of churches did that superbly. Thank you.

January and February are also months of waiting, aren't they? We are waiting for the Spring flowers to appear and the trees to bud and show forth their leaves. They are months of survival I always feel, as Spring seems a long way off and the bugs and colds still linger around us.

It's a time of transition too, of looking forward to changes and challenges. A time between the old and the new. Spiritually we call these 'thin places' when earthly things and sacred things are seamlessly joined.

There are many traditions too. Do you remember 'first Footing'? when the first person visiting your house after midnight on New Year's Day brought a gift of coal or wood for the fire and often a dram of something, to be met with cheers and greetings. Then there's twelfth night on the 6th of January followed by Epiphany which means 'showing' or 'appearance' and the festival of celebrating the Wise Men who visited the baby Jesus. It is a reminder of how people come from one place to another, crossing the threshold and revealing God's love for us.

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On 23rd January 2022 we celebrate Plough Sunday and then on the 30th this year we celebrate 'Candlemas' when we will hold a Christingle Service in the Group. It is the time that Jesus was presented in the temple. It is a reminder to us that Jesus is the light for all people. A bright moment in the continuing dark days of February. I always look forward to the fourth Thursday in February when you should be able to have tea without putting the light on! And of course there is always 14th February, St Valentine's Day to celebrate as well.

So, much to do over the next eight weeks. We pray for decent weather and the time and space to reflect as we move further into the New Year. Maybe those newly made resolutions need polishing up or renewing; perhaps friends need to be contacted and relationships renewed. Lent begins in March this year so we don't have much time to spend before we once again watch and wait.


I often wonder What Would Jesus Do? (WWJD?) I think He might remind us to be prepared, to keep our spiritual lives active and in good shape. (Matthew 24:42-44). If we take time to listen to God during our prayers it can help us survive these months. When we begin our Lent reflections, later, we can do so in the power of the Holy Spirit and in union with Christ as we pray to God.

Every blessing for the New Year

Revd Cilla

I found these words recently which I hope could bring comfort to people who have recently been bereaved

Sarah



"The light of Gods
love shining through
the tears of our grief
has the power to
make all things new"

Donington on Bain Parish Council

The Parish Council approved the proposed budget for 2022/23 and approved the precept of £10,000. Please note there has been no increase in the precept for the past two years.

Due to lottery funding COVID projects our lottery bid to replace the playground was rejected. The Parish council continues to maintain and repair the playground to its best abilities. The repairs to the fence around the playground have recently been completed. However due to the age of the playground we expect further deterioration to the equipment and further maintenance costs in 2022/23. We have submitted a grant request to our East Lindsey Councillor for approximately £300 towards these costs.

The Chairman of the Parish council, and our East Lindsey District Councillor attended the War remembrance service which was held in the Church in conjunction with Donington on Bain Primary School. A wreath was presented by the Parish Council.

All of the allotments have now been allocated and the majority of the allotment renewal payments had been received.

The Chairman had been contacted by “Whoever You Are” film production Company, based in Lincolnshire who were considering creating a film in the Donington on Bain abandoned railway tunnel.

Viv Davies

Clerk to the Council

doningtononbainpc@gmail.com

Website: <https://donington-bain.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

What's on - at a glance

Date	Event	Description
1 Jan	New Years Day	Happy New Year
6 Jan	Epiphany	12th Night—end of Christmas
25 Jan	Burns Night	It commemorates the life of the bard (poet) Robert Burns, who was born on January 25, 1759. The day also celebrates Burns' contribution to Scottish culture. His best known work is Auld Lang Syne.
1 Feb	Chinese New Year	Year of the Tiger
4 Feb- 20 Feb	Winter Olympics	Held in Beijing, China
14 Feb	Valentines Day	
1 Mar	St David's Day	Patron Saint of Wales & celebration of Welsh culture
1 Mar	Shrove Tuesday	Pancake Day—the last day before the fast for Lent
2 Mar	Ash Wednesday	A day of penitence to cleanse the soul in preparation for Lent

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Benniworth Parish Council

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the November Parish Council meeting can be found on the village noticeboards & on the website. In summary:

- ◆ Road salt bins: additional salt has been ordered from Lincs CC, if anyone notices an empty bin during the winter period please email: benniworthpc@outlook.com
- ◆ The noticeboards on the side of the bus shelter and at the end of Silver Street are primarily for Parish Council notices, the Parish Council will remove any other posters deemed not relevant to the village. The noticeboard in the bus shelter has space for other events and business adverts, however, priority will be given to village events and businesses based in the village. The Parish Council kindly request that perishable and food items are not placed in the bus shelter due to the vermin risk.
- ◆ Facilities to recycle used stamps, foreign coins & notes and used printer cartridges are in the village bus shelter. Postcards are also being collected now – old or new and can be placed in the stamp boxes.
- ◆ **Glass & blister packs cannot currently be recycled by the village.**
- ◆ Neighbourhood Watch: an advice sheet for everyone in the village has been produced, if you did not receive one please email: benniworthpc@outlook.com

Please place any suggestions or feedback in the suggestion box located in the bus shelter

Website: <https://benniworth.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Asterby & Goulceby Parish Council

NOTES ASTERBY AND GOULCEBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 DECEMBER 2021

Reverend Cilla Smith attended the Public Forum to talk about her plans for starting a support group along the lines of "Friends of Goulceby Church" to work towards generating interest, raising money to repair and sustain Goulceby Church, and to promote it as a community building which can then be used for the benefit of our community. More details about how you can get involved are available from Reverend Cilla email: rev.cilla2@btinternet.com website: <https://www.asterbygroup.org.uk>, but for the time being the PC were asked to spread the word amongst residents that this will be taken forward in the near future.

Jon Mold, the new Councillor for Goulceby was welcomed to the meeting.

The Council reported that the re-emerging badger hole in Horncastle Road had been reported to Highways for further investigation.

We reviewed the draft quotes for a Notice Board for Asterby and these were narrowed down to 3. The decision was taken to pursue final quotes for an aluminium frame due to the cost and low maintenance requirements compared to alternative materials. More detailed quotes will now be obtained from the 3 suppliers chosen. In the meantime, the Clerk will apply to Highways for the permit to erect it at the chosen site, near the bench on the triangle at Asterby End.

On the subject of Noticeboards, it was noted that the Goulceby PC Noticeboard could look tidier and this will be actioned and kept monitored.

In the last newsletter we asked residents for their views as to whether there would be support for putting money aside from the precept to support local community groups. One response was received and considered. It was agreed that there was no clear mandate either way so this will not be pursued and therefore there is no merit in adopting a Grants/Donations policy at this time. Agreed to defer any further discussion about this for at least 6 months.

We agreed the actions for the 22/23 Parish Action Plan which will be published on the Website.

Let's Talk

About

Goulceby Church

You are invited to a meeting

Monday 21st February

7.30 pm

The Three Horseshoes

All Welcome

To discuss the future of the church

And explore a 'Friends of All Saints Church'

And to look at Asterby churchyard needs.

Contact Rev Cilla rev.cilla2@btinternet.com

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(April-October 2022 provisional dates)

Jan 2022	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
5th	2nd	2nd & 30th	27th	25th	22nd	20th	17th	14th	12th

Community	Stop	Arrive	Depart
Donington on Bain	Post Office	10.30	11.00
Benniworth	Tennyson Close	11.15	12.15

Coronavirus (COVID19)

England is moving to Plan B in response to the risks of the Omicron variant.

Get vaccinated and get your booster dose

- Wear a face covering in most indoor public places and on public transport
- Work from home, if you can
- Let fresh air in if you meet indoors. Meeting outdoors is safer

Get tested and self-isolate if required

We reviewed the budget and precept for 2022/23. It was agreed that the precept should be set at £1760, an increase of £25 from 2021/22 which represents a 1.43% increase per band D property, assuming the current tax base for calculating the precept is unchanged. This increase is to allow for inflation on some of the fixed costs and translates into a small increase of 20p per household.

There remains a vacancy for a Councillor for Asterby and anyone interested can contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors.

Details of the Council website and email address for the Clerk are included below.

Your Parish Councillors are Sheila Wardle, and Jan Croft in Asterby and Alison Coton, Blue Maplethorpe and Jon Mold in Goulceby.

Website: <https://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Email: agparishcouncil@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the annual 'Carols by Candlelight' at Goulceby.

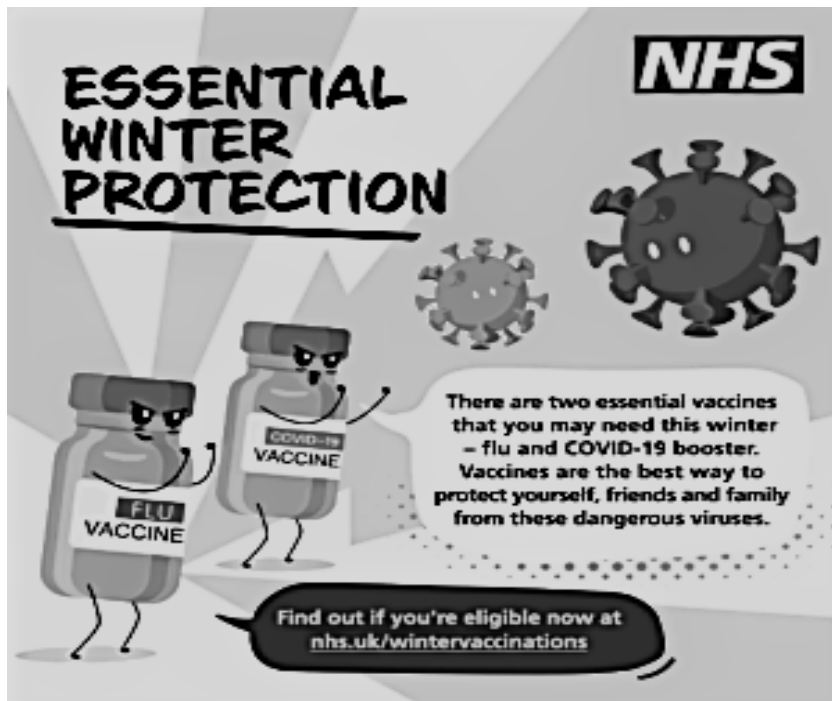
The church, as always, looked lovely with the decorations

Sue and Roger Precious have recently moved from Goulceby. Sue used to deliver 20 of the Asterby Group Newsletters & Roger cut the grass at All Saints Church.

If there is anyone who could take on these roles – please let me know

Thank you

Sarah 343270



Asterby Group Services for January 2022

2 nd January	Benniworth	2 nd Sunday of Christmas All Age Service	10am
4 th January	Donington on Bain	Celtic Morning Praise	9.30 am
9 th January	Burgh on Bain	Epiphany 1 Communion	10am
16 th January	Donington on Bain	Epiphany 2 All Age worship	10am
23 rd January	Scamblesby	Epiphany 3 Communion	10am
30 th January	Goulceby	Epiphany 4 Group All Age worship	10am

All our services will be held in our churches and the wearing of masks is preferred

Further details from rev.cilla2@btinternet.com.

PRAYER CIRCLE

If you would like a friend, or a particular situation, to be remembered by our Prayer Circle, do please contact Ann (313792) or Sarah (343270)
All requests treated in confidence.



Asterby Group Services for February 2022

2 nd February	Donington on Bain	Celtic morning Praise	9.30am
6 th February	Donington on Bain	Christingle Service	10am
13 th February	Burgh on Bain	3 rd Sunday before Lent Communion	10am
20 th February	Donington on Bain	2 nd Sunday before Lent Communion	10am
27 th February	Scamblesby	Next before Lent All Age	10am
2 nd March	Burgh on Bain	Ash Wednesday	7.00 pm
6 th March	Benniworth	1 st Sunday of Lent Communion	10am
13 th March	Burgh on Bain	Lent 2 Communion	10am
13 th March	Goulceby	Evensong	6.00pm