

The Parish of St Peter, Doddington

(serving the villages of Doddington and Whisby)

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Welcome to the sixteenth edition of the Church Bulletin,
bringing you up to date with news and developments at St Peter's.

An Autumn thought from the Rector

Almost Autumn. Yet we are enjoying perhaps a late summer! Seasons and weather are so unpredictable. I have just returned from a holiday trip to Russia and Moscow, and they have experienced some dreadful weather this summer. Extreme heat and drought; harvest failure, and forest fires. Elsewhere, in Pakistan for example, there have been calamitous floods. And we all are warned of impending doom due to global warming. But somehow, the world turns, the seasons march on, and rain and sun between them bring in our harvest.

Our world is never quite perfect, and there are lots of human reasons for that. But somehow, God's promise after Noah's Flood, that as long as the earth endures, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, will prevail.

If you want to be reminded of the richness and goodness of God's provision for us, take a short walk around the Farm Shop in the village; it is full of really wonderful things. All so tempting, and all good for you.

This is the time of year when we remember to give thanks, not to our farmers and shopkeepers, but to God himself, who is Lord of the Harvest. This is the time of year, when those who go to church only two or three times a year, will remember to come and give thanks to God.

Harvest Festival in Church - Sunday 3rd October - evening service. And it is also "Back to Church" Sunday, when everybody will receive a welcome, whether you are once-a-week, three-times-a-year, or once-in-a-lifetime. Come to church, bring a friend maybe, and celebrate that it is good to be alive, and that God has given us "all things richly to enjoy". Be part of an important community event. See you soon.

Richard Billinghamurst

Doddington Church Services for the next few months

3 rd October	6.30pm	Harvest Festival & "Back to Church" Sunday
21 st November	6.30 pm	Evensong - Christ the King
19 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Carols and Candlelight
25 th December	8.00 am	Christmas Early Communion
20 th February	6.30 pm	Evensong - 3 rd Sunday before Lent

Harvest - 3rd October - "Back to Church Sunday"

We are using our Harvest Festival as our "Back to Church Sunday" again this year - a nationwide initiative to get people that may have given up on coming to church to give it a try again. 44 people came last year - let's see if we can get even more this year. Please bring gifts that can be given to the Lincoln Nomad Trust - they need everything from food to loo rolls.

6.30 pm, refreshments in Church afterwards.

Harvest Supper - Monday 4th October

The fourth Harvest Supper will take place in the Littlehouse at 7.30pm on 4th October. Tickets (£9) from Jane Marsden tel: 694412 from 20 September. Put it in your diary NOW.

Rededication of the Organ and Organ Recital

Thanks to a lot of hard work by Luis Paul of Julian Paul & Son and an insurance claim for water damage paid out by the Ecclesiastical Insurance Company, the organ has been restored to its former glory. More than forty people attended a splendid organ recital on 27th June given by the "Trinity of Pauls", Julian, Heather & Lewis Paul, with Maureen Cunningham, Soprano. The programme was specially chosen to demonstrate the capabilities of the newly restored organ.

Fund Raising

We continue to raise money for the restoration of the remaining four stained glass windows and the re-lime washing of the inside of the Church:-

- The **Cheese & Wine** at the Old Rectory on **19th June** raised **£250** We weren't blessed with the fantastic weather of last year, but a good time was had by everyone who came.
- The **Church Fair** on **29th & 30th August** made a spectacular **£1,053**. A big thank-you to Jane and Ged Marsden for yet again organising the event, and to Denise Beacroft and all her helpers.

Future Fund Raising Events

The following events are planned:-

- **Bernard Beacroft is cycling** around as many Churches as he can on **11 September**. You may have already been approached for sponsorship.
- The next **Dogs Around Doddington** will take place in **March 2011**.
- **Roving Dinner**. We had difficulty in finding a date when all the core regulars could attend, so this will now take place in **May or June next year**.
- The next **Quiz Night** will take place in **May next year**.

Lime-Washing the inside of the Church

The Parish Project to scrape down the walls and apply new lime-wash to the inside of the Church under the direction of Antony Jarvis has been delayed because of travel plans over the summer. Further details to follow.

Church Brochure

Antony Jarvis is rewriting the Church Brochure, which will appear with a new photograph taken by Terry Lowe.

Monthly Prayers in Church

The Rector and Associate Minister hold prayers and bible reading in Church at 10.00 am on the first Tuesday of the month for 45 minutes. Everyone is very welcome.

The next dates are 5 October, 2 November & 7 December.

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