
The Parish of Saint Peter, Doddington

(serving the villages of Doddington and Whisby)

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

A Harvest thought from the Rector

What a lot has happened over the last few months. The whole Libya thing has blown up and nearly been resolved. We've had a couple of nights of street riots (fortunately not in Lincolnshire). The annual exam results have been issued, and the race for places at University.

This says to me, that the world is still turning. We have a mixture of things that always happen (for example, the seasons and the harvest). And the extraordinary round of human events, that often take us by surprise, but still reflect a sameness, that people are extraordinarily gifted at messing up what God has given us.

Our news papers are full of this mixed good and bad news; and this same mixed bag of good and bad is part of our harvest theme.

We want to gather to give thanks to God for the good things he provides. In this part of the world we still have plenty of food in the shops; our houses remain standing from year to year, and we are free to express our faith and our convictions without persecution.

We also want to reflect on our need of God's help, to deliver a life-style that is worthy of God our Creator. Much of the world's problems are caused by our human extravagance, and greed, and carelessness.

What can be done? Use this time of year to reflect - can you make the world just a little bit better - work hard, be honest, don't waste, think of others Add to that some reverence and respect for "the Maker's instructions". Seek God's help to change a little for the better - to live more closely to the pattern of life to for which we were designed.

If you come to church only a few times per year, make harvest one of them. A time to reflect. A time to give thanks. A time to invite God once again to set the pattern for our lives. Be part of our community. See you there?

Richard Billingham

Doddington Church Services for the next few months

2 nd October	6.30 pm	Harvest	Evensong
20 th November	6.30 pm	Christ the King	Holy Communion
18 th December	7.00 pm	Christmas Carols	Candle-lit
25 th December	8.00 am	Christmas	Early Communion
19 th February	6.30 pm	Last before Lent	Evensong

Ordination of Frances Clarke

Rev Frances Clarke was ordained Deacon at St, Wulfram's, in Grantham, on Sunday 3rd July, and became **Curate of Doddington & Whisby**. We offer her our hearty congratulations, and hope to see more of her in the parish.

Church Security

Lead thefts from neighbouring churches continue. Any suspicious activity should be reported to the police immediately.

Harvest Service & Back to Church Sunday - 6.30 pm on 2nd October

Come and join us and help to fill the Church by inviting those friends who may not have attended for some time - invitations are distributed with this bulletin. Lewis Paul will be playing the organ and the church is being decorated by Rachel Petheram with materials kindly donated by Claire Birch.

Fund Raising

- The new format **Revolving Dinner** at the Old Rectory on 2nd July raised **£110**, and four teams had a thoroughly enjoyable croquet match before dinner.
- Despite Ged Marsden being laid up in bed with a bad back and trapped sciatic nerve, the **Church Fair on 28th & 29th August** went ahead regardless and raised **£702** - a splendid result. Ged would like to say a special thank-you to everyone who turned to and helped at short notice, and to everyone who supported.
- The **Harvest Supper - will take place on Monday 3 October in the renamed Coach House** at 7.00 pm. Tickets **£8** a head payable on the night -children under 12 free. **Please advise Jane Marsden (694 412 up to 25 Sept) thereafter Ian Macalpine-Leny (see below) if you can come.**

Church Brochure

The new Church brochure is now on sale in the Church and the Gate House. A big thank-you to Antony Jarvis who wrote the text, Amy Claridge who did the design, and Terry Lowe who took the photograph for the front cover.

Re-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 the extensive rebuilding work at Doddington. Cost indications are currently being obtained to have this done professionally. Further details to follow.

Monthly Prayers in Church

Richard Billingham and Frances Clarke hold prayers and bible reading in Church at 10.00 am on the first Wednesday of the month for 45 minutes. Everyone is very welcome. Followed by coffee in the Farm Shop Café. (Just come and chat.)

The next dates are 5th October and 2nd November.