

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2020

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - KIRTON

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### KEEP WELL!;

We very much hope that everybody is keeping safe and well, both mentally and physically during this plague-ridden period!. Thankfully, we are blessed to live in this beautiful, rural area, where we are able to appreciate the fresh air and countryside every day. We have so many lovely places to walk and take our exercise - along the lanes, on public-footpaths, in fields or in the woods, and it is lovely to see so many people out and about, enjoying their walks, exercising with their children and their dogs - running, cycling or horse-riding. Let us spare a thought for those who live in built-up areas or towns, many of whom cannot enjoy these freedoms as we do !  
With the imminent arrival of a vaccine, let us hope the Covid ordeal will soon be at an end !

### INTERREGNUM ;

As many of you may know, Kirton is currently in Interregnum. We do not have a Parish Priest, and it may be some time before we do ! However, we do know that in future, our Parish group will be smaller than it was when Rev Zoe was our Priest-in-Charge. Then, it consisted of 12 Parishes, but now we have been informed, we will be separated from the Ollerton group. We are not sure yet what the configuration will be - no doubt we will be informed in due course ! Until we do have a new Incumbent, we are very fortunate to enjoy the voluntary services of Rev Alistair Littlewood, Rev Margaret Groves, and Lay-Readers, Heather Brown, Janice Hannington and Joan Wood, all of whom live in other Parishes. Thanks to them, and their generosity to us, we can keep the Church going, when it is allowed to be open!

### RIP

Sadly, we have lost more friends since our Spring/Summer Newsletter.

EVELYN WADESON, who lived at Boughton, died on August 2nd. Evelyn was a great support to the Church at Kirton, always attending Coffee Mornings and taking part in our 100 Club. She was also a keen member of the Ollerton WI where she had many friends. She will be greatly missed!  
BOB HANNINGTON, also from Boughton, died on September 26th. Bob was husband to Janice, our Lay-Reader, and he was often to be seen at our Sunday Services. We send our love and support to Janice and Aaron as they grieve his loss!

JULIE LORTON, who lived on Charlotte Close, Kirton, died in hospital on Thursday, November 5th, after suffering ill-health for some time. She too, supported the Church by taking part in the 100 Club, and, when she was well enough to do so, she attended the Coffee Mornings - on one occasion entertaining us with her amazing piano playing - rattling off 'Rag-Time' music for all she was worth ! Our love and sympathy goes to Liz, companion to Julie for 25 years, (and more lately, her Carer ) - and also, to her daughters, Susan and Karen and their families.

May GOD BLESS all of these lovely people - we will miss you all !

### FAREWELL;

We are very sad to lose two members of our Congregation. George and Kathleen Trimble have taken the decision to move to Tewksbury, in order to live closer to their daughter, and we will certainly miss them very much at our Sunday services and fund-raising events. However, we do understand their need to go and wish them every happiness in their future life !

Look after yourselves George and Kathleen X

#### CAROL-SINGING;

We had very much hoped to bring a little Christmas cheer by Carol-singing round the village, on the Monday before Christmas, but, unfortunately, the Tier 3 restrictions make this too complex ! It has nothing to do with the fact that we aren't allowed your alcohol- you do believe us don't you? We are mindful of the fact that we will be unable to send anything to the Children's Society this year, as proceeds from Carol-singing and the Christingle service are always donated to this charity. However, if anybody would like to make a donation regardless, please give it to Jonathan or Georgina, and they will make sure that it is sent !

#### CHRISTINGLE;

Sadly, there will be no Christingle Service in Church this year, due to the strict Covid regulations. However, Christingle services can be viewed on-line, at 4pm for those wishing to do so.

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICE;

There will be a Holy Communion Service at Kirton Church, on Christmas Eve, at 6pm. Masks must be worn (except for the act of Communion) and social distancing must be observed. Unfortunately, we will not be able to house a very extended congregation, as there is restricted seating, but if you would like to attend, please contact Jonathan, (01623 860249) and book a place.

#### CONGRATULATIONS;

Congratulations to Lynda Milner and Maeve Tombs, who have 'Walked for Cancer' and sold plants since the beginning of Lockdown, and are still continuing. The first £1,000 bought alarm pads for beds at the Bassetlaw Hospice in Retford, and now, they are due to present a second cheque for £800 - What an incredible achievement !

Well Done to you both!

If anybody would like to contribute to this excellent cause, please do so - we are sure that Lynda and Maeve will be happy to accept your donations !

#### MISTLETOE;

Lynda will be picking sprigs of Mistletoe and putting them out on her stall, between now and Christmas. If you would like some, please take a sprig and leave a donation in the money box. The donations will swell the funds for Bassetlaw Hospice. Lynda's stall can be found on the left pavement, half way up Kirton Park.

#### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING;

A Macmillan Coffee Morning was held on Saturday, September 26th, at Pasture Farm, Kirton. The event was organised by Dave and Samantha Surgey, who were helped on the day by Julie LeGrys. Although social distancing was the order of the day due to the Covid regulations, village folk came, and enjoyed this rare chance to see and chat with each other.

There was a very tempting array of home-baking for sale on the stalls - and a 'Colin the Caterpillar' competition, was won, much to her amazement, by Georgina Batty, with a randomly wild guess! A grand total of £379.50 was raised !

Dave and Samantha would like to thank all those who baked or donated - thanks to Jonathan Price for the loan of a hot water boiler - and thanks to all who attended. All in all, a wonderful effort which may be repeated next year - watch this space !

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH;

Would you like to join in and raise some badly needed money for 'Save the Children'? If so, your £2 will help provide help and care for under-privileged children this Christmas.

All you have to do, is rake out your old Christmas Jumper, no matter how silly, or indeed, how boring, ( you can trim it up with tinsel etc) - and take a 'Selfie' of you wearing it on the 11th, and then post it on the Facebook Community Page.

Donate your £2, by texting TEAMKIRTON to 70050.

(The text will cost you £2, which will be donated to the Charity, - plus you will also be charged the usual standard rate.)

## REMEMBRANCE DAY ;

Remembrance Day Commemorations in Kirton, were held on Sunday November 8th, at 11am. Although the Covid restrictions meant that the planned programmes had to be abandoned, the village still managed to honour the fallen, in a very meaningful way - remembering too, all those who presently serve in our Armed Forces.

After the two minute silence ;

at HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, a wreath was laid at the Memorial inside the Church by David Wightwick.

Three wreaths were laid at the MEMORIAL SOLDIER in the village, by Dave Surgey, on behalf of the Parish Council.

Apart from this, the village, already bedecked with colourful poppies, was enhanced even more by the beautiful poppy illumination on the Church building - a tribute made possible thanks to the electrical expertise of Bob Walters.

Thank you to those, who decorated the village with poppies for the 70th Anniversary year, and to all who contributed to making these commemoration events a success.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM !

## FACE-MASKS;

A big 'THANK-YOU' to Steff Wright, who has been making face-masks since Summer, which have been sold to raise funds for the Church. So far, a total of over £250 has been made - an excellent result !

There are still some Christmas masks left, and these can be bought for £3 each if anyone would like one. Please see Jonathan!

## 100 CLUB;

As many of you will know, we still have to make the final draw of the 100 Club. Please be assured, that as soon as we can do this safely, and with transparency, we will do so !

## CHRISTMAS FESTIVE LIGHTS;

After what has been a rather dark, Covid-dominated year, it is wonderful to see the Christmas lights appearing in the village!

A big 'Thank You' to Richard and Nicola Batty, for putting up and decorating the wonderful village Christmas tree - not forgetting the baby one, which is also twinkling away merrily !

And also - yet another big 'Thank You' to Bob Walters for the lovely Christmas lights in the churchyard, and the Christmas star on top of the Church tower.

The STAR reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas -

PEACE, JOY, LOVE - AND THE BRINGING OF HAPPINESS TO OTHERS

MAY WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS !