

MARCH AND APRIL NEWSLETTER 2021

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH - KIRTON

Clergy Contact; Anybody wishing to contact a member of Clergy, please ring the Churchwarden, Jonathan Price on 01623 860249

RIP;

It is with great sorrow that we report the death of George Trimble, on January 15th. George had been a regular member of the congregation here at Kirton, and it is not long ago that we were lamenting the fact that he and his wife, Kathleen, had 'upped-sticks,' (not long before Christmas), and moved to Tewksbury, in order to live near to their daughter. Regrettably, George was taken ill soon after their arrival in Tewksbury, and very sadly died shortly afterwards.

His funeral took place in Tewksbury, on February 11th, at 12 noon, when, as a mark of respect, a candle was lit in his memory at Kirton Church.

We send our love to Kathleen and her family. All friends at Kirton will be keeping you in their thoughts and prayers ! God Bless !

BEST WISHES;

May we offer our very best wishes to all those who are currently experiencing health problems. We remember;-

JO CATLING, VIC SALES and ROY MANN and pray for their return to better health in the near future.

FAREWELLS ;

We have to say farewell to Bob and Shelagh Walters, who have left their home at 'Greensleeves', and moved to Farnsfield. We will certainly miss them greatly, as they were both very industrious on behalf of the Church.

Shelagh has served as PCC Treasurer for many years, and we are very grateful that she is prepared to carry on for a while longer yet - thank you for that Shelagh !

It was Bob who voluntarily illuminated the Church and organised the lighting down the steps. Also, we relied on his electrical expertise inside the Church building, not to mention the star on the top of Church at Christmas! We hope that you have trained Jonathan to do that task in your absence Bob!

However, we send them love and best wishes for the future and hope that we still see them on occasion at services and functions in the village - and we will say a proper farewell sometime in the not too distant future!

On a brighter note, may we say 'Welcome' to Daniel and Samantha Woodhouse, who have now moved into 'Greensleeves'. We hope that you will be very happy here in Kirton!

LIZ OSMOND;

We also have to say goodbye to Liz, who has spent much of the last 25 years in the village. However, her situation has changed and she will be residing in West Bridgford from now on. She had certainly become part of our community and we will miss seeing her around, although she has said that she will return to attend some of our services and social events. We hope that this is the case ! Good Luck Liz !

100 CLUB;

We are pleased to announce that the 100 Club will take place again this year ! Please fill in the attached renewal form if you would like to take part and give to Jonathan or Georgina together with your money. Obviously, those who handed their subscription money and forms in to us last year do not need to do this as they have already paid !

100 CLUB RESULTS ;

The fifth and final draw of the 2019/20 100 Club eventually took place in Kirton Church on Friday, February 26th and the winners were ;-

1 Gala Middleton.	No 11	£50
2 R and S Wright.	No 46.	£30
3 John Middleton.	No. 48	£20

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS !

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING;

We would like to give notice that the Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday, May 4th, at 11am in Church. Anybody is welcome to attend this meeting, but only those who are on the Church Electoral Roll are allowed to vote on any issues that may arise.

PROMISE PROGRAMME;

May we thank all those who have continued to give to our Promise Programme. Your support has been very much appreciated, especially during the past year, when we have not been able to hold any fund-raising events. If anybody is interested in joining this scheme, please speak to Jonathan, and he will give you the details.

EASTER;

We are very pleased to announce that there will be a service in Kirton Church on EASTER DAY, (Sunday, April 4th, at 9 am). Masks must still be worn and seat-spacing will still apply as before. We are told that there will be another service towards the end of April, but unfortunately, we do not have a date yet. Please watch the Church notice board!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS;

For those who would like to follow the Stations of the Cross throughout Lent, please access the Community Facebook page where you will find them displayed.

MAY YOU HAVE A BLESSED AND REFLECTIVE LENT FOLLOWED BY A VERY HAPPY EASTER !

RECTOR OR VICAR ?

The Incumbent of Kirton is traditionally known as 'Rector'. In years gone by Rectors were appointed by the Patron of the Church - they may have been the son of an acquaintance of his, or a friend who needed a good 'living'. They were not required to have any theological learning, or required to do much work. They lived well, usually in a large Rectory, and were entitled to the largest tithes and rents from the Church glebe land. They might on occasion preach a sermon, but it was quite usual for them to employ a 'vicar' or deputy to do this for them. Vicars received a stipend, sometimes paid by the Rector, and could claim some of the lesser tithes of the parish, but they were very much a minion by comparison to the Rector! Nowadays however, there is no difference in their status, although the incumbent here is traditionally still known as Rector.

In the past, Kirton has had its fair share of dubious Rectors ! Two of these were - Rector John Blythe (1559 - 1583) who was accused of being 'often times so drunke that he could not say his sermon!'

John Clarkson was not impressed by the preaching of Rector Robert Blackwood (1585 - 1603) who was reported to the Archbishop of York (in whose Diocese Kirton then was) He said ' the roaring of an oxe in the toppe of an Ashe tree is better than all the preachings that he can preach'. They didn't mince their words then!

Hey ho !!