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Barkston and Syston Village Hall Regular Bookings

<u>Monday</u>	Parent and Toddler Group	10-00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
<u>Tuesday</u>	Dance Class	Noon - 4.00 p.m.
<u>Wednesday</u>	Vitality Fitness	9.45 a.m. - 10.45 a.m.
	Dance Class	Noon - 9.30 p.m.
<u>Thursday</u>	Yoga	10.00 a.m. - Noon
	Short Mat Bowls	2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.
<u>Friday</u>	Move it or lose it	9.30a.m -10.15 a.m
<u>Saturday</u>	Dance Class	9.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides meet weekly. For more information contact girlguiding.org.uk.

The Cardiac Chat Group meet each second Tuesday of the month, 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m..

The Macular Society meet alternate months.

The Lincs Trust for Nature Conservation meet every second Friday of the month (Oct - April) 7.00 p.m. - 10.00 p.m..

Bookings for private functions - Carol Bradford 01400 250744

County Council Representatives

Ray Wootten is County Councillor for Barkston, Belton and Syston Parishes. (Tel: 01476 400183 or e-mail cllr.wootten@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

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Mondays 9.00am—3.00pm Thursdays 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon
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Mobile Library dates

The library will be in West Street between 12.30 - 13.00 on the following Mondays, Jan 13th, Feb 10th, Mar 9th 2020.

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Please send to Wendy Card by 23rd February 2020

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Not From the Rectory – or in this case John XXIII, Emma’s Baptism and the Diocese of Lincoln’s Environmental Policy

Pope John XXIII [1958-63] inaugurated a new era in the Roman Catholic Church with his policy of openness and it was he who called the Second Vatican Council and today the English speaking Catholic church in Geneva is named for him and was our destination in September 2019 for the baptism of the newest member of our family, Emma Margaret; and having regard to the Diocese of Lincoln’s Environmental Policy we opted to take the train rather than fly!

In the first instance it was LNER to King’s Cross and then from St Pancras to Paris Gare du Nord by Eurostar where we took a taxi across the city to Paris Gare de Lyons where we boarded the TGV-Lyria 200mph double deck [Duplex] train for Geneva. The café bar on the upper deck offers the best views of the scenery. The TGV travels south east from Paris on the high-speed line as far as Bourg en Bresse where it slows to take the Haut-Bugey line which has been rebuilt to mainline standards in a joint French-Swiss project after having been partially closed in 1990.

Trains for Geneva have previously detoured south but this line shortens the distance by 47km and offers the passenger views of mountainous terrain, some inaccessible by road, through eleven tunnels and over eighty bridges and viaducts including the spectacular Cize-Bolozon viaduct over the Ain Gorge, a structure partly blown up

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by the French Resistance in 1944 and which took five years to repair.

The Baptism at the Church of St John XXIII was within the Sunday Mass where the priest reiterated in his homily that disciples of Christ must 'count the cost [of being disciples] and pay the price'. The church is close to the United Nations building and there was at least one diplomat in the congregation with his/her car displaying its 'C.D.' plate. The church was celebrating the bicentenary of the present Diocese of Lausanne and Geneva to which in 1924 Fribourg was added as this is where the diocesan bishop has his residence. The official commemoration was on Sunday 8th September, the patronal festival of the diocese because the Cathedral of Our Lady of Lausanne is dedicated to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The baptism of Emma Margaret was followed by a family meal a few miles out from Geneva at the Chateau de Bossey – an ecumenical institute overlooking Lake Geneva and which was acquired by the World Council of Churches in 1946, the chateau itself dating back to the first half of the eighteenth century.

This letter will come out in the January issue of 'In Touch' and I take the opportunity of wishing you all a happy and peaceful New Year. In the words of William Temple: Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this new year bravely, sure in the faith that, while men and women come and go, and life changes around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love.

Stuart Hadley [Rector of the South Cliff Benefice]

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Saying Yes to Life

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2020

Saying Yes to Life (Ruth Valerio; SPCK) was commissioned by Archbishop Justin and is his chosen book for Lent 2020.

It imaginatively connects the days of creation with today's ethical, environmental and social concerns. It lifts us from our daily lives, to issues which impact millions around the world. As people made in the image of God, we are entrusted to look after what God has made and to share in the joy and creativity of God, who sees his creation and names it good.

Asked to produce something theological in depth and global in scope, Ruth's book is reflective and practical while also a stirring call to action and contemplation. Archbishop Justin says 'Ruth Valerio's book is perfect for individuals and groups to think, reflect, pray and be challenged together'. Each chapter contains prayers and discussion questions to be used by groups meeting in Lent, with additional study resources and interviews available via a dedicated website.

Complementing this book, the Church of England has developed a #LiveLent Care for God's Creation campaign on social media. For the first time, the Lent book and digital campaign support each other, with emails, apps, web links and booklets for both adults and children that contain daily bite-sized reflections and actions. We can all join in!

To mark Lent, the next free Eco Church Workshop, 'A Church for our Planet', will take place on Saturday, 21st March 2020 (10a.m.–4p.m.) at the church hall of St John the Evangelist Church in Brigg (DN20 8JE). Booking is available via [Eventbrite](https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/saying-yes-to-life-lent-2020) (a link is available at <https://www.lincoln.anglican.org/news/saying-yes-to-life-lent-2020>), or please contact Sarah Spencer, Discipleship in the World Officer, on 01522 50 40 75 for more details.

For more on #Everyday Faith, please see

<https://www.churchofengland.org/everydayfaith>

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on 11th November. Seven members of the Parish Council were present, together with Councillor Ian Stokes (District Council). Parish Councillors Steve Elnor and Sue Evans, District Councillor Mrs Rosemary Kaberry-Brown and County Councillor Ray Wootten sent apologies. There were no members of the public present.

The Clerk, as usual, updated members on the progress with various matters in connection with roads and footpaths, which had been raised at previous meetings. In particular, it was noted that the double yellow lines were now all in place, following the approval of the waiting restriction order. 'School keep clear' markings had also been installed. The Clerk was asked to remind the relevant authorities about the need for enforcement.

The Council discussed the latest position in regard to the suggested Community Speedwatch Scheme. Publicity had been undertaken, to encourage volunteers to operate the scheme and as a result six residents had come forward, although more were required. The Clerk advised that Belton & Manthorpe had also publicised the scheme and so far had two volunteers. It was agreed that the proposed scheme would be a good deterrent to speeding through the village, and it was agreed to proceed with the scheme, subject to Belton & Manthorpe Parish Council confirming their participation at their meeting on 27th November.

Various results and comments made in regard to planning applications were reported. It was noted that the applicant for development at 12 West Street, Barkston had now appealed following the District Council's refusal.

There was still no answer from the County Council in regard to the picnic area land and the Clerk was asked to send a reminder.

The Woodland Trust had confirmed that the Council's request for some additional beech hedging to fill in gaps in the Burial Ground hedge had been agreed. The plants would be delivered in March 2020.

The next meeting is on Monday, 13th January 2020 at 7.45 p.m. in the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED

Contact the clerk on 01476 566984 or starlight_hall@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

FROM THE BISHOP

Finding God in everyday life

One of my favourite things about Christmas is the evening of Christmas Day, when stepping outside into the sharp, cold air you see your breath before you and feel the deep stillness of a world at rest. No cars revving, no lorries trundling down the motorway, no aeroplanes overhead, no trains rumbling past. The busyness of the run-up to Christmas gives way to a collective sigh. It's a moment when we allow the cosmos to breathe deeply, to rest and relax – for all God's creation to experience the blessing of Sabbath rest, to know the still small voice of calm. In the depth of the stillness you can discern the presence of God feeding our faith, inspiring us with hope, loving us.

In 1 Corinthians 13:12–13 we read:

'For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.' (NRSV).

What does it mean to live faithfully, hopefully and lovingly as a Christian today, finding and following God in the ordinary and extraordinary stuff of daily life? We often allow the busyness of life to push out the 'main thing', the gift of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

BARKSTON SYSTON BELTON HONINGTON AND CARLTON SCOOP ANNUAL PRODUCE AND CRAFT SHOW

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Show this year. At our AGM we decided to donate £50 to the Children's Play Area on the Playing Field, £50 to the Barkston Rainbows and £50 to the Brownies. Next year's Show is on Saturday August 22nd 2020.

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Very Happy New year.

Vicki Strawson



FROM THE REGISTER

Rest In Peace

Belton
29th November 2019 William Douglas Nelson

Barkston
13th December 2019 Nena Ray Roberts

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who donated and attended the Table Top Sale in-aid of the Samaritans on 20th November. We raised the grand total of £551.

Mary, Chris, Linda, Mavis & Marina

THANK YOU BARKSTONIANS

I should like to thank the many friends, neighbours and busy people who have helped me with all sorts of 'odd jobs' keeping No.15 going. Barkston is a village of good will and kind people -let us keep it that way and all do our bit.

Have a Happy Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year (with less rain).

Jill Hawkins

1ST BARKSTON RAINBOWS.

Congratulations to Rainbow leader Pat who has been rewarded, for all her hard work over many years, by receiving a Certificate of Thanks and Recognition at the County Review at Lincoln. This is very well deserved.

Pat not only works hard for the Rainbows but also in fund raising for Barkston Church. Well done Pat.

Margaret Elnor

Being a Christian isn't a 'tick box' identity nor what we do in church; as Christians we are people who choose to yield to Christ, to invite Jesus to change and shape us, to access all areas of our lives.

Starting on Sunday, 12th January, we are invited to step into a 21-day journey of everyday faith, hope and love. The Church of England is launching a new resource called 'Everyday Faith', consisting of daily reflections and prayers to help us find and follow God in our everyday lives. It is available via emails, an app, social media, audio podcasts and can be purchased as a booklet from Church House Publishing. To sign up, go to: churchofengland.org/everydayfaith. The materials will help us find God at work in ourselves and the world around us.

In 2020 we will be hosting a range of 'Inspiring Everyday Faith' events, with the first to be held on Monday, 13th January, at Edward King House, Lincoln from 5.30p.m.. If you are someone who is passionate about finding God in everyday life and wanting to encourage others to do the same, then go to eventbrite.co.uk/e/inspiring-everyday-faith-tickets-81456315031, contact me on 01522 504075 or sarah.spencer@lincoln.anglican.org for more information.

Prayer:
Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

CHURCH SERVICES

8th Jan 2020	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion—Caythorpe
5th Feb 2020	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion—Caythorpe
26th February 2020	Ash Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Ashing—Caythorpe 8.00 p.m. Compline—Hough on the Hill

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	5th Jan	12th Jan	19th Jan	26th Jan	
BARKSTON		10.45 HC/SH			
BELTON	10.30 a.m HC/MC				
BRANDON			09.00 a.m HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/VicR		18.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.30 a.m HC/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.30 a.m HC/SH		10.30 a.m HC/MC		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	09.00 a.m MP/BW	09.00 a.m HC/SH		09.00 MP/BW	
HOUGHAM		17.00 EP/CB		09.00 HC/SH	
MARSTON	9.00 a.m HC/SH		10.00 a.m MP/CS		
SYSTON		09.30a.m MP/Cwd	10.30 a.m HC/SH		

In Addition: see church notice boards or web site www.southcliffchurches.uk

1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
2nd Feb	9th Feb	16th Feb	23rd Feb	
	10.30am HC/SH			
10.30 HC/SH				
		09.00a.m HC/SH		
	18.00 EP/Vic R		18.00 HC/SH	
	10.30 a.m HC/ValR	18.00 CW	10.30 a.m HC/SH	
10.30 a.m HC/MC		10.30 a.m HC/SH		
09.00 a.m MP/BW			09.00 a.m MP/BW	
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