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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>	Creation Station	9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	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>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 alternative 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

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The library will be in West Street between 11.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. on the following Mondays, 13 Mar 2017. April not yet known.

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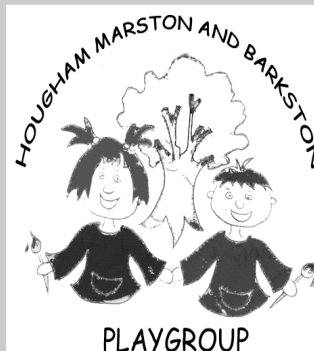
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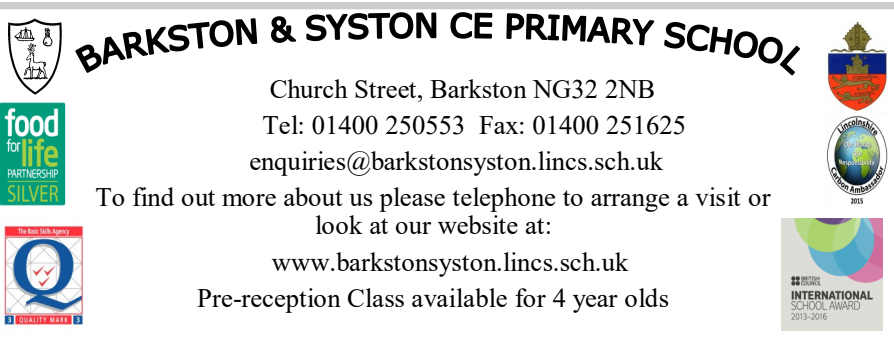
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NOT FROM THE RECTORY



May I open by thanking you for your welcome to me as the newly licensed priest in charge of the Barkston and Hough and Caythorpe groups of churches – as the rector designate of the South Cliff Villages Group [SCVG] which will be formed in due course by an amalgamation of the present two groups.

I know that I mis-hear what is said from time to time and I can understand therefore why some think I have been appointed by the bishop to work in the South Cliff Villages Group on ‘Sundays and two half days’ – in truth it is ‘Sundays and two and half days’ which is a little different! With the agreement of the Bishop of Lincoln I am continuing to live in Grantham so this letter will continue to come to you ‘Not From the Rectory’ whether it is written by me or by one or other of my colleagues – either Lilian or Valerie – who are happy to share in this task. I can be contacted either by telephone on 07398 390549 or preferably by e-mail at rectorsouthcliff@outlook.com

I have been working in the Barkston & Hough group of churches for the past 18 years and the opportunity arose on my retirement from the ‘day job’ to take on this new role as Rector Designate of the South Cliff Villages Group. With 10 parishes [12 churches] it is only with the help and assistance of a number of retired clergy, Readers and the members of the Ministry Team that we can offer the range of services you will find listed separately on the service rota. As he explains elsewhere [for those of you reading this in the Caythorpe magazine] Brian has now retired from active ministry so the pool of retired clergy to whom we look to take responsibility for services is reduced by one: may I add my thanks to Brian for his ministry during the recent vacancy and wish him and Joy every happiness for the future.

I suggested at our service for Sunday 1st January that what with the Brexit vote in the UK and the outcome of the presidential campaign in the USA, the year – 2016 – was best summed up by the Toblerone bar – the number of whose ‘peaks’ per bar had been reduced very quietly while these events on the world stage were taking place.

We then reminded ourselves of the other side of 2016 summarised by the plight of the citizens of Aleppo driven from their homes by the civil war in Syria and concluded by inviting people to cut themselves a peak of Toblerone in exchange for a donation to the work of UNICEF and its relief work with the citizens of Aleppo. Not only were people very generous with their Toblerone peak donations but in a spontaneous gesture Hough on the Hill – the host church for this service – announced they would be giving the collection from the service in full to Unicef and so as a result we have sent a cheque for £146.00 to Unicef UK for their work in keeping the children of Syria safe and warm this winter.

We reminded ourselves that in happier times Agatha Christie had been a guest at the main hotel in Aleppo and that in her novel ‘Murder on the Orient Express’ we meet Hercule Poirot in chapter 1 on the platform at the railway station in Aleppo as he prepared to board the ‘Taurus Express’ for the first leg of his journey to Calais.

Chocolate and trains: there you are – two of my interests now shared with a wider audience.

With every good wish, Stuart Hadley [Rector Designate SCVG]

BARKSTON AND SYSTON PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 9th January 2017. All members of the Parish Council were present, together with District Councillor Rosemary Kaberry-Brown. There were no members of the public present.

Many highways matters were discussed, and the Council received an update from the Area Surveyor in relation to matters which had been referred.

The Clerk reported on likely costs associated with the acquisition of the picnic area on Station Road, including insurance and mowing. It was also pointed out that there were a number of large holes which would need filling in before the area could be properly used. After a discussion on whether or not to consider acquiring the area, the issue was deferred for a decision to be taken during the discussion on the budget later in the meeting. (Subsequently agreed to proceed with the acquisition).

The Area Surveyor had agreed to look at improvements to the road edges

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The Council were advised that the Head of Barkston School had written to parents asking them to be aware of residents in St Nicholas Close when parking to pick up children from school, and to avoid blocking drives and accesses. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation.

It was agreed to request the Road Safety Partnership to undertake speed surveys on the A607 through Barkston, as it had been noticed that speeds seemed to be frequently well over the 30 mph limit.

Cracking in the pavements around the War Memorial was noted for referral to the Area Surveyor, as was the non-appearance of the marker posts in the eroded area at the bottom of the bank in the same area.

After a lengthy discussion on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, a report on which had been circulated, it was agreed to undertake a further house to house survey, with the help of Community Lincs in designing an information leaflet. In view of the small percentage attending the recent awareness session, the Council agreed to set a response level of 50% for this survey for it to be considered valid.

The Council had considered the BT proposals for the closure of public call boxes in the area, and had raised no objection to removal of the box in Barkston, which had had no calls from it in over twelve months.

The Council considered the budget report and made the following decisions:

1. to accept a quotation from BDG mowing for grass cutting in 2017. It was noted that the grass verge cutting formerly funded by LCC had now ceased, but the Council agreed to continue to fund the cutting in the interests of local amenity.
2. a request for a seat at the Hough Road/A607 junction was not agreed.
3. agreed to the installation of a new notice board at the Hough Road end of Thorold Gardens, and a new board in the location of the small and dilapidated board on St Nicholas Close.
4. noting that the Playing Field's tractor and gang mowers were considered to be at the end of their useful life, it was agreed to fund the purchase of a replacement self-propelled mower. Consideration was given to contract cutting, but this was likely to be more expensive in the long run.
5. Burial Ground charges were reviewed, and it was agreed to increase the cost of an interment from £95 to £100, and the cost of a memorial from £90 to £100.

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The Council agreed to precept for £13,665, which meant a small decrease in the Band D charge.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 13th MARCH 2017 at 7.45 p.m. at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall
Clerk to the Council

SHORT MAT BOWLS.

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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP

I am writing this letter to you on a cold and wintery January afternoon. This year, the Church's calendar gives a relatively long gap between Epiphany and the beginning of Lent, and I have a real sense of being in an 'in between' time.

Being 'in between' can be an uncertain and even challenging thing – we may be in between jobs, in between school and university, in between work and retirement, in between surgery and recovering to full health. Our nation is also in between, as we wait for outworking of last year's vote to leave the European Union.

Being in between one place and another can be a time to rest and take stock; but it can also be a time of fear and disorientation as the hopes and dreams that have motivated or even driven us thus far – doing well in our last job, getting into university or safely through an operation – no longer apply. We can find ourselves without direction as we wait passively for the next stage to begin.

W.H. Auden, reflects on this in his Christmas oratorio 'For the time being':

But, for the time being, here we all are,
Back in the moderate Aristotelian city
Of darning and the Eight-Fifteen, where Euclid's geometry



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LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER - SOUTH CLIFF VILLAGES GROUP

1st March	Ash Wednesday 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes, Caythorpe SH
8th March	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer for Lent and Address, Marston, LH
15th March	7.30 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline) and Address, Hough SH
22nd March	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer for Lent and Address, Fulbeck SH
29th March	7.30 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline) and Address, Hough SH
5th April	10.00 a.m. Morning Prayer for Lent and Address, Belton LH
12th April	10.00 a.m. Holy Communion and HC at home, Caythorpe SH
13th April	Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m. Liturgy of the Day, Barkston SH
14th April	Good Friday 10.30 a.m. to Noon Hot Cross Fun, Caythorpe Val R 2.00 p.m. Liturgy of the Day, Marston LH 7.00 p.m. Dressing the Cross, Fulbeck MT
15th April	Easter Eve 8.00 p.m. Easter Vigil, lighting of the Easter Candle, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and First Communion, Caythorpe SH
3rd March	2.00 p.m. Women's World Day of Prayer Service "Am I Being Unfair To You?" Caythorpe

Fridays 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st March and 7th April Ploughman's Lunch of bread and cheese served in the church at Caythorpe from 12.30 p.m.

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1st BARKSTON BROWNIES

I am writing to tell you about the Rainbows. This is the junior section of guiding, and is for girls aged 5-7 years. We play games, have outings, sing, earn badges, have craft activities and more. We meet in the Village Hall every Monday in term time from 4.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.. For more information please ring Pat on 01400 250291 or Margaret on 01400251886, we should be pleased to speak to you.

LENT 2017—YORK COURSE

There will be five weekly sessions during Lent 2017 on the subject of "Receiving Christ" from Monday 6th March at 4 p.m. at 38 West Street Barkston.

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Revd Stuart Hadley, Rector Designate, South Cliff Villages Group

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ALL WELCOME

And Newton's mechanics would account for our experience,
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The Time being is, in a sense, the most trying time of all...
In the meantime
There are bills to be paid, machines to keep in repair,
Irregular verbs to learn, the Time Being to redeem
From insignificance.

Redeeming the 'time being from insignificance' is the challenge of living life in between: in between the various stages and conditions that come our way; in between the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and his coming again.

As Christians, we believe that we do not remain 'in between' forever. We believe that in the fullness of time God calls each person, and in fact the whole of creation, into his Kingdom. We redeem the 'time being from insignificance' by asking God to maintain and nourish us on our journey, and to provide us with all that we need to take us on the journey from being in between, to being with God in his Kingdom.

ST NICHOLAS CLOSE COMMUNITY CENTRE COFFEE MORNINGS

We are holding a regular Coffee Morning in the Community Centre on the last Wednesday of each month, 10.30—12 noon. This is just a social gathering for which there will not be a fixed charge but any donation of cakes or biscuits would be most welcome. The March meeting will have a raffle in aid of Grantham Cat Rescue, any cat items or food would be appreciated.

A big thank you to all for all the support everyone gives us. Everyone welcome.

Our next coffee mornings will be March 29th. and April 26th.

Thank you

Janet Trickett & Mary Holland

EASTER

If you would like to make a donation towards Lilies to decorate the Church for Easter in memory of a loved one please contact Cora on 01400 250580 or Joy 01400 250339

THE SERVICE ROTA SOUTH CLIFFE VILLAGES GROUP

Village	1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
Date	5th March Lent 1	12th March Lent 2	19th March Lent 3	26th March Lent4 (MS)	
BARKSTON		11.00 HC/SH	11.00 WFA/LH	11.00 WFA/LH	
BELTON	11.00 HC/SH				
BRANDON			9.30 HC/SH		
CARLTON SCROOP with NORMANTON		18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	
CAYTHORPE		10.00 HC/Val R	18.00 CW	10.00 HC/SH	
FULBECK	10.00 HC/MC		10.00 HC/MC		
HONINGTON					
HOUGH ON THE HILL	9.30 MP/BW	9.30 MP/SH		9.30 HC/JC	
HOUGHAM		9.30 HC/JC		17.00 EP/SH	
MARSTON	9.30 HC/SH		9.30 MP/Vic R	10.00 WFA/LH	
SYSTON	9.30 MP/LH		9.30 HC/JC		

Other Barkston Services

Wholeness and Healing St Nicholas Church 7.30 p.m. Mar 9th, April 6th

Prayer and Praise 38 West Street, Barkston 01400 250339
4 p.m. Mar 6th,13th,20th and 27th April 3rd

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1st Sunday	2nd Sunday	3rd Sunday	4th Sunday	5th Sunday
2nd April Lent 5	9th April Palm Sunday	16th April Easter Day	23rd April Easter 2	30th April Easter 3
	11.00 HC/SH	11.00 WFA/JB		
11.00 HC/JC		11.00 HC/SH		
		9.30 HC/SH		
	18.00 EP/Vic R		9.00 HC/SH	9.00 HC/LH
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	9.30 HC/JC		17.00 EP/SH	
9.30 HC/LH		9.30 HC/LH		
9.30 MP/		9.30 HC/JC		

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Stuart Hadley

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Lilian Hall

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John Cook

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FROM THE REGISTER

Barkston 24th November 2016 Ernest Paddock R.I.P.
8th February 2017 Kevin Gilbert R.I.P.

ST NICHOLAS PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM

15th March 2017, 6 p.m. St Nicholas Church, Barkston