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HC – Holy Communion FS – Family Service  
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### St. Peter & St. Paul, Belton

There will be a service of Holy Communion at 11am on the first Sunday of each month. For the foreseeable future this will be led by Revd. John Cook.

Anne Burkle  
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### Holy Communion

Holy Communion is held in St Nicholas Close Centre on Wednesday 15th December and Wednesday 12th January 2011—both at 2.15pm.

On Friday 17th December at 2.15pm come and sing carols with us (with readings for Christmas) followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome.

Joy Bristow and Friends  
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### Prayer and Praise

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### **From the Rectory**

**What is the Church for?** In the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus said: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.'

This is the Church's primary purpose. **Every Christian should model his/her life on the example and teaching of Jesus and draw others to do likewise.** Jesus also said that his followers should love God with all their being, love one another and love their neighbour as themselves. When we do all this, the Church, the body of Jesus, is healthy, thrives and grows. BUT...

Our church buildings were built and for many centuries maintained, by wealthy patrons. Nowadays, the cost of their maintenance is mostly borne by the members of the local church. Where there are many members, the burden placed on each one is light. When members are few, each bears a heavier load. Over the years the weight of supporting the building grew greater, resulting in fewer resources for growth and the provision of fewer full time Vicars/Rectors. Neglect of its primary purpose fuelled decline.

To end this downward spiral, the Church has to re-focus on its primary purpose. It needs to concentrate on winning disciples for Christ – for their sake, not the Church's! Christians must support and encourage one another, be generous and outward looking and re-direct resources towards mission, all out of gratitude for what God has done for us in Jesus. Instead of, 'Lord, help your Church' we should pray, 'Lord, how can your Church help you?'

With every blessing,

Revd Alan

**Funeral:** From the Parish Registers  
**Keith Sharpe, St Nicholas, Barkston**  
 28th September 2010

**Baptisms:** **Isla Jennifer Gray, All Saints, Hough on the Hill**  
 24th October 2010

**Jack William Parker & Connie Louise Parker**  
**St Nicholas, Barkston**  
 14th November 2010  
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**Christmas Shopping Extravaganza in support of SANDS**  
**(stillbirth and neonatal death society)**

Earlier this year I gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, but unfortunately I had been told 7 hours earlier that my baby did not have a heartbeat. Since the utter tragedy rocked our world, we have had so much support from SANDS and for that I am wanting to say a big thank you for all that they have done. Therefore with the support of a local firm of solicitors, Chatterton's in Grantham, we are organising an Event which will be held on the 2nd December 2010. The evening will be held at Chattertons Solicitors, 30 Avenue Road, Grantham and starts at 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Entrance is £5 to include a glass of wine. Stalls to include Osborne Books, Thorntons, Avon, Vie at Home and many more. Tickets are available from Chesterton Humberts, Headroom and Chatterton Solicitors. There will be a raffle on the night and if you are unable to attend the evening but would like to support by buying a raffle ticket please contact me direct. I do hope that you will be able to offer some support to this event for such a worthwhile charity. My contact details are: Tel: Work: 01476 514514 or Home 01476 577719 or email julie.cooper@chestertonhumberts.com or menu22@ntlworld.com.

Julie Cooper  
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**Christmas Fair**

To take place at Barkston & Syston Village Hall on Sunday 21st November 10am to 3pm. Various stalls selling unusual items suitable for Christmas/birthdays, etc. Admission is FREE. Refreshments will be available all day. Christmas hamper raffle in aid of hall funds. Please come and support.

Janet and Tom Baker  
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**Syston Harvest**

A big thank you to all who decorated the church for the annual harvest service and also who supplied the lovely supper food and drink we enjoyed after the service. Thank you also for your generous response to the Bishop of Lincoln's Harvest Appeal to which Syston sent £95.60 from the harvest collection. The bishop's harvest appeal will support farmers in Burkina Faso in west Africa through Christian Aid, and people with leprosy in India through our link diocese of Tirunveli.

Stuart Hadley  
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**BARKSTON AND HOUGH GROUP SERVICES**  
**NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY.**

Date	Barkston	Belton	Brandon	Honington	Hough-ott-hill	Hougham	Marston	Syston	Notes
21 Nov Christ the King	11.00 HC JC		10.00 FS AS		9.30 MP JR / JL		9.30 HC SH		
28 Nov Advent Sunday	11.00 FS JB, RF, DF		9.30 HC SH		9.30 FS RW	5pm EP AL		9.30 HC JC	
5 Dec Trin 18	11.00 MP RF DF	11.00 HC JC			8.00 HC AL		9.30 HC AL		
12 Dec Trin 19	11.00 HC AL				9.30 MP BL	9.30 HC JC		9.30 HC SH	
19 Dec Trin 12	11.00 HC SH		6.30 pm Carols AS		Carols JR / JL	5pm Car- ols RW	5 pm Car- ols BG		Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Syston Carols SH
24 Dec Xmas Eve	4.00 Crib Service AL	3.30 Carols JC		6 pm Car- ols SH	11.30 pm HC BH		4.00 Crib Service RW 11.30 pm HC SH	11.30 pm HC JC	
25 Dec Xmas Day	11.00 HC SH					9.30 HC JC			
26 Dec St John			9.30 SH Group HC						
2 Jan Epiphany	11.00 MP BG	11.00 HC JC			8.00 HC (Said) AL		9.30 HC AL		
9 Jan Baptism of Christ	11.00 HC AL				9.30 MP RW	9.30 HC SH		9.30 HC JC	
16 Jan Epiph. 2	11.00 HC SH		10.00 FS AS		9.30 MP JR / JL		9.30 HC SH		

### **St Nicholas Knitting Circle**

(We knit for Feed the Children's Knitting Saves Lives Appeal)

Our knitting circle meets in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close, Barkston on the following Mondays from 2.00—4.00pm: 22nd November and 24th January. If you would like to join us for a knit and a chat, a welcome awaits you.

We invite you to our COFFEE MORNING on Friday 26th November at 10am in the Community Centre, St Nicholas Close. Coffee and Cake (By Donation). Raffle, books, craft, cakes, Christmas gifts and preserves. Proceeds towards expensive transit cost of our knitting with Aid to the Children in Africa.

Joy Bristow  
01400 250339  
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### **Friends of Barkston School**

Friends of Barkston School Christmas Carol Afternoon will be held in the School on Wednesday 8th December from 2—4pm. Come and listen to the children sing with a cup of coffee or tea and a mince pie and browse our Christmas stalls. Admission Free.

Vicky Phillips  
01400 250553  
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### **Ride and Stride Thanks**

Thanks to all sponsors and especially to all participants who took part in the Ride and Stride in September. A total of £380.50 was raised divided between St Nicholas Church and the Lincolnshire Churches Trust.

We are still on the lookout for a willing individual to donate a little bit of time to looking after the churchyard. If anyone feels they could help out please contact either Margot Anderson (Tel 251459) or myself (Tel 251137). Thank you.

Carrie James  
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Councillor Ray Wootten is your County Council representative for Barkston and Syston Parishes and will be happy to deal with any matters of concern. Tel: 01476 400183.

**Notes for inclusion in the next issue of 'In Touch' to the Editor,  
Sarah Critchley, 36, Hough Road, Barkston. Tel 01400 250750 (mobile  
07860503284) email: sacritchley@hotmail.co.uk  
by Monday 17th January 2011 please.**

### **Barkston and Syston Parish Council**

The Parish Council met at the Village Hall on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

Three members of the public attended the public forum, to discuss the recent planning application for a wind turbine at Frinkley Farm, Hougham, in view of its likely effect on residents of Barkston and Syston. 8 Parish Councillors were also present, and Councillor Ray Wootten (County Councillor) and Trevor Scott (District Councillor) also attended.

As usual, many highways matters were discussed. The problems in relation to scramble and quad bikes using the roads in the area of Barkston Gorse had been referred to the County Council and Police. There was still no response from the Police, and the County Council had confirmed that the public road stopped at the old Gorse Farm. The remainder of this network was bridleways, and this meant that the users were technically in breach of the law as wheeled vehicles were not allowed on bridleways. Councillor Wootten also agreed to chase up a response from the Police.

There had been no further response in relation to the School Safety Zone. It appeared that such schemes might be scrapped as a cost saving exercise by the County Council.

As mentioned in the last edition, the dog waste bin has now been received and has been installed near the Burial Ground entrance. DOG OWNERS PLEASE NOTE!

Apart from an acknowledgement, nothing further had been received in relation to the SKDC sites allocation consultation. All sites which had been suggested last November and recently were being assessed and further consultation in regard to the selected sites would take place in the spring of 2011.

A lengthy discussion took place with regard to the application for a wind turbine at Frinkley Farm. The Council took into account comments made during the public forum from a local resident. It was agreed to oppose the application on grounds of adverse effect on local residents by way of light pollution and the effect of "strobe" lighting caused by the warning lights showing through the turbine blades; the danger to low flying aircraft in the area (the turbine was on the flight path for local airfields); adverse effect on users of the neighbouring paths/bridleways (walkers and riders); environmental effects on wildlife; visual impact when viewed from many nearby areas; and finally the precedent which would be set for a string of similar turbines along nearby high ground.

The proposed notice board in the Hough Road area was discussed again. The area was not controlled by the County Council, and it was not owned by any neighbouring residents, as far as could be ascertained. Subject to final checks on ownership, it was agreed to proceed with the construction and installation of the board.

With regard to financial matters, the Clerk reported that the audit for 2009/2010 had been satisfactory and the auditor had not found it necessary to bring anything to the attention of the Council.

The mowing contract was extended to the existing contractor for a further year, it being noted that the price increase was only 2.44%. Members discussed the budget for 2011/2012, and it was agreed to precept for £7825, an increase of £25.

The next meeting is on MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011 at 7.45 pm at the VILLAGE HALL.

Malcolm Hall  
Clerk to the Council

### Quiz Night

A big thank you to all who attended and supported my quiz night on the 24th September. The night was fun and a success raising more than £300 towards my working trip to India in July 2011. I only have a little further to go with raising the required funds. Thank you again to all those who continue to support my trip.

Amy Critchley  
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### Friends of Barkston Church

Margot and Andy Anderson (and all the Friends) thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning at their home. We particularly enjoyed meeting up with Alan and Jean Fiddymont. It was a really happy occasion with delicious refreshments. Thanks to the generosity of all who supported—£256.50 was raised to replace the stolen votive candle stand.

The fashion show was another happy event. We thank the models for doing their job so well, the Friends who provided refreshments, and Edinburgh Woollen Mill for making it all possible.

More recently a crowd of us enjoyed the Cheese and Wine evening at the home of Richard and Sue Watson. We do thank everyone who helped in any way, and in particular Richard and Sue for inviting us into their home. £356 was raised for the church and the raffle proceeds (£102) have been donated to the Lincolnshire Down's Syndrome Support Group.

Our next diary date is Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm, in the church, for our Christmas Concert. This again has the support of the school, the Guiding Units and local talent. No tickets – donations would be appreciated. We shall be giving donations to the Rainbow Hospice for Children and Young People, a most worthwhile charity. Come along and join in the fun.

Another date for your diary is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 in the Village Hall for our annual Bingo Night.

Margaret Elnor  
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### 1<sup>st</sup> Barkston Rainbows

The Rainbows have enjoyed a day at Belvoir Castle to celebrate the Centenary. We played games, had a barbeque, a campfire sing song and fireworks – only one of them falling asleep on the bus home.

Recently we went to the final ceremony at the football ground to renew our promises. There was a disco and again fireworks, finishing with a big 100 display.

We are now starting to practice for the Christmas Concert, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, which we shall be taking part in. We've had a lovely year, but still have lots to do with our many activities.

Pat Haynes  
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### Harvest Supper

On behalf of the Village Hall, I would like to thank everyone who helped make the annual Harvest Supper such a success, the men who set up tables and chairs, ladies and girls who helped plate up food and everyone who donated food and raffle prizes, not forgetting our local music man, who rounded off a lovely evening. £300 was raised which has now been divided between our two churches and the village hall. Thank-you

Janet Baker  
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### Mobile Library Service

**West Street, Barkston** (11.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.) and **Syston (Old School House)** (12.10 p.m. - 12.40 p.m.) on Tuesdays: 7th December. At the time of publication, Lincolnshire County Council had not published the scheduled dates for 2011.

**St Nicholas Close, Barkston** (1.45 p.m. - 2.30 p.m.); and **The Leas, Barkston** (2.40 p.m. - 3.35 p.m.) on the following dates: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

### Honington Community Website

Honington Community Website has moved to <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Honington/>. The site includes information on Honington Parish Meeting, Neighbourhood Watch, Community Events and History amongst other topics. If you wish to see other subjects included or have any comments on the site please contact Tim Carter via the website.

Tim Carter, Honington  
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### Quiz Night

In support of St Barnabas Hospice, Louise Wyles and Claire Drake are trekking through the Sahara and we are holding a quiz night on the 15th January 2011 at 7.30pm at Barkston Village Hall. There will be food and tea and coffee served. If you wish, bring a bottle. Max teams of 6 and the cost is £3.50/head. Hope you can come and join us.

Louise and Claire  
07951108007  
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### In Touch distributor needed!

If you are willing and able to take on the distribution of the In Touch Magazine within West Street, can you please contact the editor. Mr and Mrs Hathaway have decided to 'stand down' and big thanks go to them both for their support with delivering the In Touch over the many years.

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### Barkston & Syston 150 Club

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Week 9	Mrs S Card	95	Week 10	Mr A Harrison	37
Week 11	Mrs J Thorson	56	Week 12	Mr P Reah	140