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The Daily Office of Morning Prayer is said at 9.00am Monday to Saturday. The Evening Prayer is at 5.00pm Monday to Friday. All are welcome.

For details of our on-line services please refer to our website or facebook page.

If previously arranged any Baptisms will take place at 12noon on the first or third Sunday of the month.

# *The View From The Rectory.*



*Dear Friends,*

This month we are excited to be launching our new monthly Messy Church! Messy Church involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It is for any ages, though often children engage well and enjoy it. It is a fun time with crafts and games to explore a Biblical theme through getting messy, as well as hearing a story, and sharing a prayer, song, and meal together. Our monthly Messy Church will be meeting on the third Saturdays of the month 2:30-4:30pm, in the Green School, starting on Saturday 20th April.

Thinking about Messy Church has made me think a bit about 'mess' in general. Sometimes we shy away from mess, feeling the need to literally tidy the house before we have visitors, put our best clothes on before going out somewhere, or even trying to sort out all our problems before coming to a church service. The good news is, God loves us even in our messy lives. God does not check for dust in our living rooms or mind when we last had a hair cut. Jesus was human and knows what our human lives are like. He knows the state and messy situations we can get ourselves in. He understands the upheaval, the stress, the anxiety, the boredom, and the general 'mess' we get ourselves in, sometimes in trying to sort things out.

Sometimes we shy away from God, from church or prayer, as we are worried God, or maybe other's, will see us when we are in

times of distress. God wants to know us as we are though, in our honesty, whatever predicament we are in. God wants to see us, and to see us through, the chaos and the muddles. Too often in our lives we avoid family and friends when we are in times of trouble and unpleasantness, as we do not want others to see us like that. However, those are usually the exact times we need our family and friends -The one's who will help get us through whatever it is. It is the same with God. God loves us, as we are, even at the times we feel we are in a mess. Yes, God would like our lives to be content, calm and clear, but God understands our lives are not always (or even often) like that. So, if we wait for this, we might find we are waiting a rather long time! Instead, bring yourself as you are to God, with all your mess, uncertainly and stress, and lay it before God, who understands, loves you and cares for you.

*With all best wishes*

*Rev'd George.*

## Church Flowers

from Anne Guthrie

Thank you to everyone who brought a bowl of bulbs to decorate the church , it gave a lovely spring feel to the Easter service. What did you do with your bowl post Easter – gave it away, planted out at home, planted out in church grounds? We also thank the flower team who created the pedestal displays.

Now there will be flowers each week through to Advent - please let me know if you can help either creating an arrangement or maybe sponsoring the flowers. Looking forward to meeting some of you at The Deepings Flower Club, third Tuesday if the month in Priory church hall.

The timetable of Flower Arrangers is displayed at the back of church.




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## *Prayer for the month.*

Almighty God, you search us and know us, may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Safari Supper Saturday 22nd June

This is a fun social event and we hope that a large number of people will sign up to join the travelling food journey. The idea is that we gather in one home for drinks and nibbles, before being given your secret information about where to journey onwards to eat the first course. Each course will be hosted by a number of people, ideally the hosts and 4 guests. You change locations and people to ensure as wide a mix as possible. The Safari Supper ends with everyone gathering for desserts, cheese and biscuits and coffee. At the moment we would like you to note the date in your diary and think about the possibility of hosting a starter or main course. After Easter we will have sign up sheets in church, but if you would like any more information please speak to Helen Evans or Anne Guthrie.

Possible timings :

4.00 pm Gather for drinks and nibbles

5.00pm Arrive for your starters

6.15 Main course venues

7.45 Gather for desserts

Home time when you finish socialising, hopefully weather will be sunshine and a lovely light evening to sit and chat.

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# Church Cleaning and Church Brasses

We are grateful to all who help in any way in our Church and here I would like to particularly thank the cleaning teams who, week by week, clean and tidy around the church.

We would always welcome any more helpers to spread the load and as you can see teams now take responsibility for two consecutive weeks at a time, just checking on the second week where there might be a need.

***We also need someone to take responsibility for cleaning the church brasses.***

***Can you help in this way?***

Please do contact me if you feel you are able help with either of the above.

Kay Roberts 349021 / 07510267140

April 8th, 15th Susan Muspratt and Dorothy Harriss  
22nd, 29th The Stokoe Family

May 6th, 13th Chris and Keith Warren  
20th, 27th Carol Harrold and Carol Cooper

June 3rd, 10th Susan Muspratt and Dorothy Harriss  
17th, 24th The Stokoe Family.

## The Deepings Flower Club

We meet on the Third Tuesday of each month in Priory Church Hall, Deeping St James; 7.00 for 7.30pm.

Membership £40pa, Visitors £8 Tea and Coffee.  
Demonstrations followed by a Raffle of the Arrangements.

We welcome new members,

enquiries to Sue Lee, 01778 560362.

The report on February's meeting managed to squeak into last month's magazine and at the time of writing the March meeting has not yet taken place so as I'm thwarted in looking back, I'll have to content myself with looking ahead. April sees the Lady Day Service in Thurlby (held over from March 25th which fell in Holy Week) This will take place in St Firmin's Church on April 8th at 3 pm. It will be an opportunity to celebrate 100 years of MU witness in Thurlby and 110 years in Bourne. Then on April 15th Spalding Mothers' Union are to visit St Guthlac's to look round the church and have afternoon tea. All this before our own meeting on Thursday April 18th when we will be doing some seasonal craft activities, yet to be decided.



Looking further ahead, planning is now underway for the Autumn retreat which will take place in October at Washingborough near Lincoln. This was well attended and greatly enjoyed last year so I hope many members, and non-members will be able to join us then.

Remember our meetings are open to all with no commitment expected beyond the £2 donation which covers the cost of hiring the Green School. We'd love to see you there.

Kate Brown kabstg@btinternet.com 01778 343981

## Friday Craft Sessions

We have been enjoying creating flower arrangements under the tutelage of Ann-Marie, she is very helpful and encouraging, lots of praise. There will be two more sessions on the 3rd and 17th of May. At our April 19th session we will enjoy a demonstration of silver clay work and have the opportunity to buy beautiful earrings or necklaces – they make excellent presents!

# A Walk In The Springtime

by Carole Mills.

It was Spring, a fine sunny day in April  
and I walked in the land of my fathers, right to the crest of the  
hill.

Far below me was the valley, bathed in sunlight  
with its centinal crescent peak over to the right  
crowned in purple mist and at the base the Tarn;  
still and black; its secrets countless.

I walked in the fresh grass, so new and green,  
from this high place three church spires are seen.  
A cricket filled the air with its cheerful throng  
and on the left a lark has joined the song  
of praise unto the sun;  
and down in the valley where the dormice run

I hear the whispering river and the cool rushes,  
even the waterfall gushes and gurgles over the stones,  
smooth and wet – and 'tis here he lies –  
the rivers' monarch – a fat pike!  
No angler can forget his cunning and many a fisherman's tales,  
a full thirty pounds on the scales.  
Of his escapes I can't believe – and yet the eagle eye perceived  
the river is still his proud domain  
and to such a king it will remain.

Look! There, in the hawthorns, among the scented flowers white,  
a wren, darting between the sprays out of sight.  
What mischief are you about you pigmy of your race,  
and old boot seems to me a very funny place to have your  
home;  
but what a perfumed paradise, with sharp thorns to protect your  
fledglings. Twice you are blessed you wise and sweet voiced bird.  
Here on the hillside your loud refrain is heard.  
So homeward I walk along the dusty highway as the earth  
receives gratefully the first rain of the day.

# Churchwardens' Notes.

We hope that you and your families are all well.

Discussions are still ongoing regarding the repairs that are needed to the clock. We have a quotation from our clock specialist, Time Assured. This quote is being reviewed by the Fabric Group and then a decision will be made on how to progress things.

You may have noticed that our electrician has now removed the light unit in the Nave which hasn't been working. He is now investigating the cause of the fault and once this is done and the necessary repairs carried out the unit will be re-installed. We are grateful to Nigel for the loan of his stepladder which meant there was no need to hire a platform to access the light unit.

We are now in the time of year when many of the annual services and inspections are carried out. Since last month's Notes the Roof and Vestry Alarms have been serviced as have the CCTV and Emergency Lighting. Our Fire Extinguishers has also been checked. The annual PAT Tests have also been carried out to ensure all the Portable electrical equipment we have at church is safe to use. Finally, this month the Lightning Conductor will be tested. This happens every eleven months so that the test is carried out under different ground conditions.

South Kesteven District Council have now agreed to prune the yew which has become very overgrown at the south end of the churchyard. The Council are currently waiting to receive a quote for the work.

As ever, if you have any questions, please speak with one of us.

Pete Hilton    Keith Fowler

# *Ladies' Guild.*

from Liz Parkinson

At the March meeting members were treated to a fascinating presentation by Reverend David Bond on the "Villages of South Kesteven".

As you go through Uffington have you ever thought about the link between the ornate stone gateway to the church and the even more ornate gates opposite, and the grand house that once stood there? Or visited the Bertie Arms pub and known about how the Bertie family had shaped this estate village? Its neighbour, West Deeping, in contrast was an open village with no particular estate family and was more influenced by the river and the farming of the surrounding open fields. Unlike Uffington it took its shape along the old Roman King Street and not along the main road to Stamford.

We were then taken on a real voyage of discovery along part of the meandering River Witham as it wends its way through an 'arcadian' pastoral landscape of parklands shaped by the local estate owners. The villages of Denton, Stoke Rochford, Harlaxton, Easton and Belton are the ones we may know from signposts travelling up the A1!. Incredible buildings and pastoral scenes are so close to this busy road.

The evening left us all thinking about our local villages in a new light and with a new thirst to explore as the spring comes along.

Our next meeting will be one of Julie's tasting quizzes and the title tells it all - "Bread & Jam"! We hope to see you there.

Ladies Guild Committee: Julie Bacon 342737, Heather Dawson 346574, Jean Jones 07976 810654, Ann Lymburn 703269, Liz Parkinson 347020, Kay Roberts 349021



# Talks at Teatime

from Kate Brown

We resume this month on Sunday April 7th at 4pm at Kate's house when we will hear a talk recorded at the 2023 Greenbelt Festival. This month we will listen to Sophie Howe who is described as "the World's First Minister for the Unborn". Sophie Howe was the first Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, the only role of its kind in the world. She held the government to account on how their decisions affect future generations and has influenced other countries to follow suit including the UN. Names at number 5 in the BBC Women's Power List, Sophie is not afraid to call out the madness of short term decision making and is known for being a straight talking and inspirational advocate for those yet to be born.



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# Garden Fete 2024

This year's Garden Fete has already been advertised on the flyers that were delivered across the parish before Easter so the date, July 13th should be in your diaries. Planning is underway and if you have not yet been approached to assist with manning a stall or attraction you can still offer your services; Nick Evans will be delighted to hear from you.

We are told that "in the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Those of riper years may be contemplating less romantic but more horticultural pursuits. If the onset of British Summer Time means you are spending more time in your gardens planting seeds, taking cuttings or lifting and separating herbaceous plants, then please consider putting aside a few extra plants for sale at the Garden Fete or before.

Our Garden Fete attracts many families and so we like to offer plenty for the children to do. Our Young Explorers leaders will be manning the toy stall and teddy tombola and will be looking for donations of LOTS of preloved books, games and cuddly toys. Start clearing out your cupboards now and keep them safe until nearer the time. There will also be an exciting array of games and as we like to offer prizes for doing well and consolation prizes for taking part we would like donations of small packets of sweets such as Haribo or boxes of wrapped sweets like Heroes. See Andrew Mitchell if you can help in this way by popping a packet of sweets into your supermarket baskets.

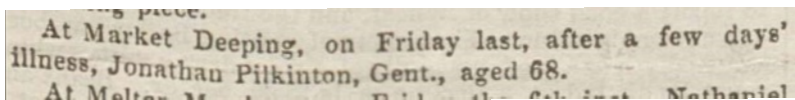
Another popular attraction over the last couple of years has been "Name the cuddly toy" so if you have an outsize teddy bear or similar that is cluttering up your house we'd be delighted to take it off your hands.

Kate Brown [kabstg@btinternet.com](mailto:kabstg@btinternet.com)  
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Andrew Mitchell [candyw@stguthlac's.org.uk](mailto:candyw@stguthlac's.org.uk)

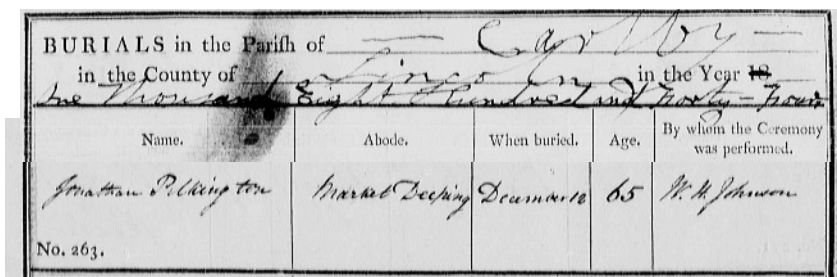
# Why Carlby?

Lyall Seale came across this interesting inscribed tablet on the floor of Carlby Church, and wondered why a Market Deeping man lies buried there.

Like Lyall I was intrigued and did some Genealogical research. Jonathan Pilkinton was baptised in Stamford St George's in November 1779. He made it into the first census 1841 when he was living in 'East Street' with his wife Elizabeth (nee Grummitt) whom he had married in Deeping St James in October 1813. He died in 1844 after the short illness referred to, looks like a stroke. Although described as a Grocer and Draper he seems to have been a man of substance; just look opposite at the newspaper report of the Auction of his estate in May 1850.



Strangely apart from these two lines in the Deaths column I cannot find any local newspaper report of his funeral, despite his wealth and standing. I have not been able to ascertain why he was not buried in Deeping but the Register of St Stephen's in Carlby confirms his burial on 12 December 1844. There may be a financial reason in that he was a Benefactor or Patron of that parish. Any suggestions?



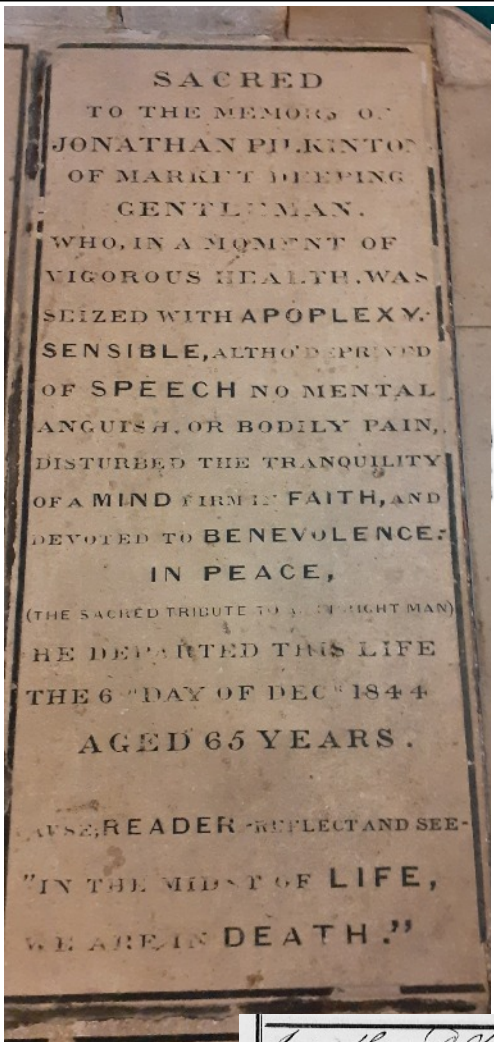
Name.	Abode.	When buried.	Age.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
Jonathan Pilkinton	Market Deeping	December 12	65	W. M. Johnson

No. 263.

## A Footnote.

In the course of my research I came in contact with Cindy in Colorado USA, a descendant of Johnathan. She has compiled her Family Tree but was not aware of this information, which I have shared with her.

GFT.



Jonathan and Elizabeth were obviously educated people as they signed their own names when married.

By Mr. JAMES RICHARDSON,  
At the Bertie Arms, Market Deeping, on Wednesday the 16th day of May next, at Six o'clock in the Evening, and in the following or such other lots as may be agreed upon at the time of sale (by order of the Trustees for Sale under the Will of the late Mr. JONATHAN PILKINTON);

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**Lot 2.** All those Granaries, Warehouses, Counting-house, Buildings, Yards, and Premises in Market Deeping aforesaid, lying West and South of Lot 1, and abutting South upon the Stamford and Spalding turnpike-road. And also, all that Wharf and Coal-yard lying immediately opposite, abutting South upon the River Welland, with the Granaries erected thereon; the whole of which premises are now in the tenure of Mr. John Perkins.

*N.B.* A plan of Lots 1 and 2, showing the rights of way, &c., may be seen at the Bertie Arms Inn, for a fortnight previously to the Sale.

**Lot 3.** A Message or Dwelling-house, with Granaries, Yards, and Premises, lying Westward of Lot 2, and abutting North upon the Stamford and Spalding turnpike-road, and South upon the River Welland, now in the tenure of Mr. John Perkins and Mr. Gervase Willders.

**Lot 4.** All that Message or Dwelling-house and Shop, near to the Bertie Arms, in Market Deeping aforesaid, in tenure of Mr. John Russell, abutting South on the River Welland, and North on the Stamford and Spalding Turnpike-road.

**Lot 5.** A handsome Stone-built House formerly the residence of Mr. Jonathan Pilkinton, and lately occupied by his Widow, pleasantly situated in Market Deeping aforesaid, with a South aspect towards the River Welland, &c., with a capital Stable, Coach-house, Granary, and Paddock, containing One Acre (more or less).—Immediate possession of this Lot will be given.

**Lot 6.** A Message or Tenement in *Horsegate* in Deeping Saint James, with large Garden, in tenure of John Jackson.

**Lot 7.** Two Tenements in Deeping Saint James, with extensive Gardens, now in tenure of John Sutton.

*N.B.* The Dwelling-house and Garden (part of Lot 5) are Freehold, and the remainder of the property is Copyhold.—For further particulars apply to Mr. Thomas Pilkinton, Stamford; or to Messrs. MOORE and PEAKE, Solicitors, Sheaford.

Sheaford, 19th April, 1850.

*Jonathan Pilkinton* of the Parish  
*Market Deeping Bachelor*  
and *Mrs. Grummitt* of this Parish  
*Spinder*  
were married in this *Church* by *License* with Consent of  
this *twenty eighth* Day of  
*October* in the Year One thousand eight hundred and *thirteen*  
By me *J. Moxon Cur.*  
This Marriage was solemnized between us *Jonathan Pilkinton*  
*Elizabeth Grummitt*  
In the Presence of *J. Wilton*  
*Mary Payne Pilkinton*  
No. 12.



# The Magazine.

Thank you to all who contributed this month. Articles for the May issue are required please not later than Wednesday 17 April.



Articles can be handwritten or typed, I can transcribe them. The most convenient (for me) is by email using Word with images in any format, jpeg, png etc preferably not less than 150k for clear printing. I can accept PDF but am not keen as it does take time to convert to a usable format.

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## Sun 21st

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Holy Communion  
9:45am Young Explorers in the Green School  
10:00am Parish Holy Communion  
Acts 4: 5 – 12, John 10: 11 - 18  
Ladies' Guild in the Green School  
10:30am Said Holy Communion  
2:30pm Rose Lodge  
7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice  
6:30pm Choir Practice  
7:30pm Wine Tasting evening in the Green School  
12:00noon Soup and Social in the Green School

## Sun 28th

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:00am Said Holy Communion  
10:00am All Age Holy Communion  
Acts 8: 26 – end, John 15: 1 - 8  
**6:30pm** Evensong  
Isaiah 60: 1 – 14, Revelation 3: 1 - 13

## Diary dates for May

- Christian Aid coffee morning Saturday May 11th  
APCM Sunday May 12th after the 10:00 service  
Churches Together Pentecost celebration Sunday May 19th  
in the afternoon  
Christian Aid Soup and Social Saturday May 25th

### *Chuckle With Charlie;*

Last week I went shopping for some new camouflage trousers although I couldn't find any.



What did the drummer call his twin daughters?

Anna One, Anna Two!

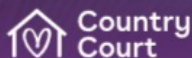
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10.00am	Dorothy Harriss Kay Bunn Keith Warren	Dorothy Harriss	G Edwards C Gaughan L Oaten
7 April			
8.00am	Anne Guthrie	Anne Guthrie	
10.00am	Joy Elliman Roger Clarke Di Wheatley	Lyall Seale	G Bacon J Johnson D Fowler
14 April			
8.00am	Anne Guthrie	Anne Guthrie	
10.00am	Henry Roberts Kay Roberts Chris Warren	Neal Bacon	N Bacon L Ward E Denton
6.30pm	David Betts	Dorothy Harriss	
21 April			
8.00am			
10.00am	Janis Hewitt Lyall Seale Keith Warren	Nick Evans	A Gray C Gaughan L Ward
28 April			
8.00am	Jean Jones	Jean Jones	
10.00am	Carol Cooper Lorna Mellowes Geoff Chambers Nick Evans	A Child	G Edwards L Oaten C Gaughan
6.30pm	David Betts	Joy Elliman	

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Here's Jamie Johnson with the 2023 Garden Fete "Name the Cuddly Toy". See the article on page 14 to read about this year's Fete.





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# Rose Lodge Care Home



Our care is the kind we'd all want our loved ones to receive. Our care home in Market Deeping has a warm and homely atmosphere. Our friendly staff team take a family-led approach, providing person-centred residential and dementia care, tailored to each individual. Our residents enjoy a range of sociable activities, home-cooked meals and the comfort of 24-hour care on hand whenever they need it.

To find out more about life in our care home in Market Deeping please contact Home Manager Luz Andallo on **01778 344 454** or email [luz.andallo@countrycourtcare.com](mailto:luz.andallo@countrycourtcare.com)



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