



St. Mary's Dalton Holme Newsletter

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Services for October

1st	Trinity XVI	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
8th	Trinity XVII	9.30 am	Holy Communion
12th	Harvest Festival	7.00 pm	Thanksgiving Service (followed by Supper in Village Hall)
15th	Trinity XVIII	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
22nd	Trinity XIX	9.30 am	Holy Communion
29th	Trinity XX	9.30 am	Morning Prayer

Thoughts from Rev. John McNaughton

When we gather together for Harvest thanksgiving, it shows that we don't take our daily bread for granted. We recognise what a lot of hard work is involved in producing the food which is vitally necessary for life. There are times when we complain about the weather, but we do not often think of the frustration it so often causes for farmers. We probably never think about the seed which surprisingly comes to life when it is buried.

Gratitude is a lovely feature of human character which most us learned from our earliest days from parents who told us "not to forget to say 'please' and 'thank-you'." We were probably never aware of those little seeds of gratitude being sown into our character, but they were certainly important in the development of our friendships in later life.

Across the ages, wise men have recognised the importance of sowing the right seeds for the growth of our character, that most important feature of the life of every one of us. What do you think of these words ? "Sow a thought, reap a deed; sow a deed reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny."

Those words are worth at least a little thought and may help us to seek the highest inspiration life can offer, namely coming from God our caring creator Father. His own Son showed the greatest love that anyone can give, by laying down his life for his friends. He actually compared it to sowing a seed. Out of it has grown a world wide church on earth, an amazing crop of grateful friends who have looked at the facts of a life, death and resurrection which reveal our eternal destiny.

John McNaughton 01377- 270869

November Issue

The closing date for the November issue will be **Thursday 19th October**. Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at rac.pfl@btinternet.com

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South Dalton Ladies Club

Alan Lavender, ex-chef to four British former prime ministers, entertained a large group of us, including a group of ladies from Etton, with his account of life at Chequers, (the weekend country retreat of prime ministers). He could have spoken for hours, recalling the 24 years he worked as a chef for Margaret Thatcher, John Major, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair. He told humorous stories about some of the celebrities he met- several U.S .Presidents with their entourages and showed a very informal photograph of Diana, Princess of Wales with William, Cherie Blair and her children and Alan, all posing for the photo after a game of football. Diana died a month later.

Alan's talk was fascinating because of the matter of fact way he described the people he met. He did not gossip about anyone even though he must have been privy to all kinds of behaviour!

Thursday October 5th 7.30pm- Games Night at the village hall. Come and play board games you might have seen or taken part in and maybe forgotten. Tea, coffee and cake rounds off the evening very well!

Jan Nettleton

Happy Christening

May we once again say a very big thank you to Lord Hotham, Rev McNaughton & Giles Peacock for letting us have our great grandson's baptism in St Mary's Church, which was a truly memorable day for us as all 14 members of our family were together. Our youngest son who lives in the USA & his wife who had not seen Henry or his sister Rosie before were over for a 2 week holiday so we're able to join us on Sunday for the lovely service given by the Rev McNaughton. The weather threatened all day with rain but thankfully kept off & saved us all with a soaking!! Also thank you so much for opening the back entrance to enable my very disabled sister to access the church.

Yours very gratefully
Geoff & Pat Wren



Harvest Festival

A Thanksgiving Service will be held on **Thursday 12th October at 7.00 pm** followed by a Harvest Supper in The Village Hall.

An Evening of Sacred Music

This will be held on **Saturday 14th October in the church at 6.00pm**. The recital will be performed by Elaine Dave-Soprano, Dawn Walters-Mezzo Soprano with Robert Poyser as Organist. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

South Dalton Playgroup

Takes place in the village hall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 am till 2 pm,
Places are available.
Contact: Julie Wilson 01430-810151



To Autumn

“Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness.....

While barred clouds bloom the soft dying day
And touch the stubble plains with rosy hue.”

Thank you John Keats (1795-1821)



Battle of Britain Sunday

A service commemorating the Battle of Britain was held on Sunday 17th September and very well attended. The Youth Section of The East Riding Brass Band played, Standards were paraded and Royal Air Force Association members were present laying wreaths at the War Memorial. The Last Post was sounded by a bugler from the band.

Charlie, a spaniel shown in the picture below, was parachuted into Afghanistan and worked as a sniffer dog to locate IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) thus saving many lives, for which service he was awarded two canine gallantry medals.

Refreshments were served in the Village Hall afterwards.



