



# St. Mary's Dalton Holme Newsletter

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## Services for August

5th	Tenth after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
12th	Eleventh after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion
19th	Twelfth after Trinity	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
26th	Thirteenth after Trinity	9.30 am	Holy Communion (Rev M Craggs)

### ***Thoughts from Rev. John McNaughton.***

Long ago, an old soldier from the first World War, decorated for his bravery, told me a famous old funny story that had gone around among the troops: The order was; “Send reinforcements, we are going to advance.” The story has it, that by the time it got through to their Headquarters it read: Send three and fourpence, we are going to a dance!” (Money went a lot further a hundred years ago!)

It was just a funny old story which suggested that military communications were not always foolproof. Even today communications of one kind or another can sometimes bring frustration, perhaps even desperation. We tend to take for granted our amazing ability to communicate with one another, even in our everyday lives.

In relatively recent times we have discovered invisible channels of communication which have always existed. We have learned how to use them so that we can communicate spontaneously with people all over the planet, and even beyond. If we land anyone on the moon we can still keep in touch! It’s amazing.

Even more amazingly, for thousands of years we have known how to keep in touch with our Father in heaven by a very simple means which we call “Prayer”. It has led to the development of our civilisation through the development of human character.

Our modern world has become very busy, not necessarily with activity that is either creative or constructive. To our detriment, all these different demands are leaving less room in our lives for prayer. Nothing could be more important, but even in our churches we find it difficult to determine the best time for folk to come along.

Let’s hope that the month of August will bring everyone more time for this most important human activity. Let’s really try to recognise that we are always in the presence of an eternal being who cares about his children for time and eternity. Let’s try and say the Lord’s prayer slowly and thoughtfully. When we ask for daily bread, spare a thought for those who haven’t got any. When we ask to be guided into taking the right path and delivered from evil, we naturally want friends and family with us.

Don’t let me go along for too long. Have a really happy August and enjoy being in touch with such a wonderful creator.

## **September Issue**

The closing date will be **Thursday 16th August** Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at [rac.pfl@btinternet.com](mailto:rac.pfl@btinternet.com)

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## **South Dalton Ladies Club.**

No news has been submitted for this month.

## **Church Spire—continuing investigation.**

The visual investigation conducted in August of last year will be continued during the three days 20th-22nd August. This will be the conducting of a scan of the spire using a special meter to identify the location of any embedded metallic objects and the degree to which strengthening and supporting metal rods are penetrating the stone structure; and to what extent these may be responsible for the external damage to the stonework. After the conclusion of this survey we should be in a position to know what the full nature of the remedial work required will be and the cost thereof.

## **Prize Winning Caption Competition. No. 4**

The winner is Mrs Sharon Simpson (once again!) with Labrador and kitten “Paws for thought” and for the dormice “Hay! This is the last straw” Congratulations to her, with a prize to be delivered.







