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Services for August

4th	8th Sunday after Pentecost	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (Said)
11th	9th Sunday after Pentecost	9.30 am	Matins with hymns
18th	10th Sunday after Pentecost	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (Said)
25th	11th Sunday after Pentecost	9.30 am	Sung Eucharist

31st July: St Joseph of Arimathea – the man who buried Jesus.

Have you ever suffered from gossip? Ever discovered that people are saying some really wild things about you? If so, Joseph of Arimathea would understand – and sympathise with you. This decent, godly man of the gospels seems to have fired the imaginations of all sorts of odd people down the centuries.

Joseph was a rich, prominent member of the ruling Jewish council – the Sanhedrin. Mark's gospel describes him as having been 'waiting for the kingdom of God' for years, and even being a secret disciple of Jesus. He played no part in the trial or crucifixion.

When Jesus was pronounced dead, Joseph had the seniority needed to approach Pilate for the body – and get it. Near to where Jesus had been crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, cut deep in the rock. Joseph himself already owned it – and it was still new and empty. So Joseph laid Jesus there, and wrapped him in a linen cloth, according to Jewish burial custom. Joseph did not bury Jesus alone - Nicodemus helped him, while some women who had followed Jesus trailed miserably behind.

Matthew tells us that the last thing Joseph did for Jesus was to sadly roll a big stone across the entrance to the tomb, and then go away. With that, Joseph passes out of history - and into legend. For in the centuries that followed, Joseph was swept up into the Legend of the Holy Grail, the Legend of Glastonbury, and even bits of the Arthurian legends. It was said that the Holy Thorn, which flowers at Christmas, had sprung from his staff.

With acknowledgements to Rev. Mike Craggs

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The closing date will be **Tuesday 13th August**. Articles should be sent to me in **word format only** at rac.pfl@btinternet.com

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South Dalton Ladies Club

Thursday 4th July. A small group of us met Paul Schofield in Beverley for a fascinating and informative stroll around the centre of Beverley. In 700 AD, John, Bishop of York, founded a monastery which became a place of pilgrimage and the rest, is history!

Beverley was a port, enabling industries to prosper and grow. The building of the Minster began in the 1100's using stone transported from Tadcaster via the waterways. The town became fashionable and several inns catered for the influx of people, a few of which are still open today. Two large coaching inns, the Tiger and the Bluebell (Beverley Arms) provided stabling for up to 40 horses.

Paul mentioned the site of the ducking stool, down what is now Tiger Lane, where poor unfortunate men and women were punished for their 'crimes'. A plague pit was dug where the railway station now stands, to cope with the many deaths that occurred in the Middle Ages.

We could have spent hours listening to Paul who is an absolute fount of local knowledge, but he had to catch his train and we realised we could do as he suggested and read the Beverley Tourist Trail Guide which describes the quirky objects fastened to seats and paving stones, the fish on the pavements, prints of Elwell's paintings displayed around the town centre and the objects adorning the trail signposts.

We finished the evening with a cup of coffee discussing how we all thought we knew the town and actually we don't!

Thursday 1st August 2019- we are meeting at the Dog and Duck pub in Walkington for a meal and a chat.

Jan Nettleton

Clergy - House for Duty appointment update.

In the last issue I referred to the closing date for applicants being 1st July. The PCC have been informed by the Bishop's office that no suitable applications have been received. Consequently the post is being re-advertised with a revised interview date of 28th November, subject to suitable candidates applying.

In the meantime the PCC will continue to provide staffing for the four services held each month.

Future dates.

Battle of Britain Sunday. On 15th September Rev. John McNaughton will conduct the service at 10.30am.

Harvest Festival. The service will be held on Sunday 13th October at 10.30am when Bishop Alison will preach the sermon. Please note that the service will be held on Sunday morning and not on Thursday evening which has been the practice in previous years.

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