

SERVICES FOR ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MATTERSEY IN AUGUST 2011

Sun 07 August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wed 10 August	9.30am	mid-month Holy Communion in Everton Church
Sun 14 August	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sun 21 August	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Sun 28 August	10.00am	Holy Communion in Gringley Church - <i>United service for all 4 parishes</i>

From the Church Registers

Funeral

12 July 2011 Harold Hubert Burman (75)

13 July 2011 Antony Stephen (Tony) Cross (50)

YOUR CHURCH IS OPEN

The Parish Church is open on a daily basis, normally from sunrise to sunset. The building can be an oasis of peace in a busy world. Please feel welcome to make use of **your** church for prayer during these periods. Please also feel free to contact me on 01777-817364 if there are any concerns that you would like to discuss or pray about.

Jonathan Smithurst, Priest-in-Charge

Idle Talk

The Village Magazine of Mattersey & Mattersey Thorpe



*The Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be held in June 2012.
Turn to pages 3 & 8 for more information*

August 2011

Some useful telephone numbers:

Commercial Services:

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Deadline: 24th of Month

Editorial August 2011

How will Mattersey celebrate the Diamond Jubilee?

Next year the Queen celebrates the Diamond Jubilee of her accession to the throne. The government will "put back" the annual May Day Bank Holiday to Monday 4th June next year, and will add a special Jubilee Bank Holiday on Tuesday 5th June. It is reported that millions are expected to join the celebrations on the four day weekend, which will begin on Saturday 2nd June. It is also expected that many street parties will be held to mark the Jubilee. To this end, Buckingham Palace is to launch the "Big Jubilee Lunch", encouraging people across the country to invite their neighbours to share a meal with them.

An item in the Parish Council Idle Talk article of February requesting ideas for the how the Village should celebrate the Jubilee, apparently elicited no responses. In their article this month the Council has now called a Village Meeting on Wednesday 31st August at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. **Everyone who is interested in having a celebration event next year is encouraged to attend and be prepared, not only to suggest what should be done, but also to muck in and give practical assistance with the organisation of the event.** Such an event is potentially too big for any one group operating in the village to organise on their own and help is required.

As things stand an informal "Street Party on the Millennium Green" is one of the more practical ideas so people can bring along food/drink/tables/chairs at an the agreed date & time and have a bit of a knees up. It also fits in with the national "Street Party" theme. It also doesn't require a lot of external organisation as it is irrelevant whether 20 or 200 people turn up as the catering element is self managing. This basic theme can be enhanced by any entertainment that can be provided as well as lighting the beacon, plus any stalls, games, and displays that individuals feel willing to organise.

While this Jubilee weekend still seems a long way off, time passes very quickly and this is going to be a bumper time for event facilities such as Portaloos, entertainers etc and they will quickly get booked up.

So please attend the meeting on 31st August to show that celebrating the Diamond Jubilee matters to our community !

Steve Digby (Editor)

Message Board

SUFFOLK SHEEP-SHEARING - LAURELS FARM - JULY 2011



We were a bit late this year in shearing the tups and ewes due to inclement weather. The usual shearer from Lincolnshire came with his Australian friend and two friends helped with persuading the sheep to mount the ramp. They made short work of it all, completing 170 in total in just over four and a half hours, with a break for dinner and a chat. David and I managed to keep up with the 'wrapping' of the fleeces - very tiring work, bent double -hard on the knees and back!!

As the trailer of bagged fleeces reached the farm-yard, it just started to drizzle so we were very lucky to drive into the barn under cover. A task well done and a huge sigh of relief from David! (If fleeces are left on for too long, the ewe/tup stands to be struck with flies) so David has to keep a careful eye on them all during heavy, thundery or wet, humid weather. 'Fly strike' can be fatal and these sort must be killed with treatment when first spotted - a sheep farmer needs to be a vet too!!

Liz Clark

A big thank you to Ethel Dawson, David Capsticks and the Mattersey Thorpe T.R.A for a wonderful day out at Harewood House. Weather was kind and sunny all day. We really enjoyed ourselves. THANK YOU.

Margaret & David Pugh and Sarahjane.

Vandalism to Infant Swing on Millennium Green

Sometime between 3.30 pm on Friday 22nd and midday on Saturday 23rd July, someone cut through over 100 cable- ties on the cross member above the infant swing. The purpose of these ties is to stop birds perching above the swing seats and using it as a toilet, thus making the swing unusable or, at least, unpleasant for users. Additionally, during the cutting, the metal paint has been damaged, making corrosion more likely. Normally one would immediately blame youngsters but all the cut ties had been removed and not left lying about on the floor. Adults may be involved! Please advise anyone using the green to desist as, regrettably, future vandalism will be reported to the police.

Millennium Green Trustees

Can Anyone Help me Trace my Mattersey Family.....?

I recently visited Mattersey Cemetery where my great grandparents, Robert and Phoebe Ward, are buried. They have a headstone but my grandfather who is also buried there, along with his youngest daughter, Hazel, and his two brothers and three sisters, have no memorial. They were tenants of Rye Hall Farm.

I believe that some time after she was widowed, Phoebe moved to Rose Cottage (opposite the Post Office) & I would dearly love some information about this time. I also have no idea what Robert and Phoebe looked like, and also wondered if anyone has any photos. Phoebe's life was clearly very sad as she survived all her children except one, John Willy Ward.

Her husband died aged 42, their eldest son, also Robert, died aged 26, Florence May died aged 10, their son Victor Sidney died aged 22, my grandfather was 39 and his daughter Hazel one year and four months. There is also their daughters Gertrude aged 16 and Elizabeth aged 35. Their daughters Alice who married Fred Scuffham and Mary Ann who married Mr Tomblin and Edith who married Jackson Milner also died at a relatively young age (I think Alice was actually killed in a car crash). Phoebe lived to be 82. Also my grandma's parents, George and Clara Cant, lived at Yew Tree Cottage, Mattersey Thorpe, so if anyone knows anything at all about these family members I would be very grateful.

Diane Baines

(Editor's Note: If anyone can help please contact me and I will pass on contact details. I have to thank Joyce Toulson and Emily Campion who have already given some valuable information to assist Diane.)

An NHS Blood and Transplant advertisement. The top part features a red background with the text 'Give blood...' in large white letters. Below this, there is a photograph of three men wearing hard hats and safety glasses, smiling. The text 'Severed artery Monday 11.40am' is overlaid on the photo. Below the photo, it says 'WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR DONATION · PLEASE COME ALONG AND GIVE BLOOD AT'. The main text of the ad is 'THE NEW HALL STATION ROAD, BAWTRY FRIDAY 12TH AUGUST 1.00 - 3.30 & 4.30 - 7.15'. It also includes the website 'blood.co.uk' and the phone number '0300 123 23 23'. At the bottom, there is a logo of two overlapping hearts and the text '...you could save someone's life...today' and 'Please don't leave it to someone else'.

Villages Together

The 'Villages Together' forthcoming programme of events is published below. Do come and join us in Mattersey Church Hall at 1.45pm.

Tuesday 9th August - An Australian holiday Margaret Bennett

Tuesday 23rd August - Skeletons in the Closet Maggie Battersby

All are welcome to 'Villages Together' meetings which we hold every other Tuesday and if you have friends in other villages, please bring them along. See 'Idle Talk' for the programme or call Sue on 01777 818880 for further information.

Villages Together is supported by Blue Skies Community Initiative Tel: Sue for further information on 01777-818880 or 07921-132889



VISIT TO RHS HARLOW CARR GARDENS - HARROGATE.

SATURDAY 10th - SEPTEMBER.

TICKET PRICE £10 INCLUSIVE OF COACH AND ENTRY

**DEPARTING MATTERSEY @ 09.20 AM & EVERTON @ 9.30 AM
LEAVING HARLOW CARR AT 3.30 PM.**

**CONTACT ANN FRYER on 01777-816916
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE**

Royal Horticultural Society Gardens — Harlow Carr, Harrogate



The Royal Horticultural Society's garden Harlow Carr is one of four public gardens run by the Society. It is located on the western edge of Harrogate in North Yorkshire. The Garden is situated on Crag Lane, off Otley Road (B6162) about a mile and a half from the centre of Harrogate.

Springs of sulphur water were discovered on the site in the 18th century but development of the site as a spa did not take place for over a hundred years. In 1840, the owner of the estate, Henry Wright, cleaned out and protected one of the wells and four years later built a hotel and a bath house. People were charged 2s 6d

(12.5 new pence) to bathe in the warm waters. The gardens were laid out around the bath house and in 1861 the site at Harlow Carr springs was described as:

"A sweet secluded spot...the grounds neatly laid out, adorned with a selection of trees, shrubs, flowers, walks, easy seats and shady arbours."

The Society leased 10.5 hectares of mixed woodland, pasture and arable land at Harlow Hill from the Harrogate Corporation and it opened the Harlow Carr Botanical Gardens in 1950. The chief aim of the venture was to set up a trial ground where the suitability of plants for growing in northern climates could be assessed. The original 10.5 hectares has been extended to 27.5

Harlow Carr has:

Winter Walk, Kitchen Garden, Gardens through Time, The Queen Mother's Lake, Woodland Streamside, Wildflower meadow and bird hide, Arboretum, Humus-rich terraces, Winter Garden, Scented Garden, Foliage Garden, Annual and perennial displays, Ornamental Grasses border and Alpine House.

It also has a shop, plant centre and Betty's Cafe Tea Rooms.

Rambling Rose

MATTERSEY PARISH COUNCIL

www.matterseypc.co.uk

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*Meetings are held 1st Wednesday of each month (except August)
in the Church Hall commencing at 7.30pm*

Rediscovered War Memorial

It has been decided that the War Memorial will be mounted in the cemetery just before the notice board. It was felt that this situation would allow everyone to be able to see it and would be a fitting tribute to those who gave their lives for their country. Estimates are now being obtained for the memorial to be securely fixed and it should be in place in the autumn.

Diamond Jubilee

The children in the school certainly enjoyed the Royal Wedding and an even bigger occasion for celebration next June will be the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen. The Fundraising Group have made suggestions for a special event to be held on the Millennium Green with games for the children, barbeque, dancing and a live band, but it does take a lot of hard work to organise.

A meeting is therefore going to be held on Wednesday 31st August 2011 in the Church Hall at 7.30pm to which **everyone is invited** to discuss your thoughts for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and encourage the involvement of as many residents of the Parish as possible to make the celebration one for the whole community to remember for a long time to come.

Hallcroft Domestic Recycling Unit

The recycling centre will be closed for 3 months for necessary maintenance work including upgrading drainage, removal of the tarmac ramp to create a flat open site offering greater capacity, resurfacing work, upgrading signage to create a one way system on site and the renewal of fencing and gates. The nearest alternative site in Bassetlaw is Shireoaks Road, Worksop. Arrangements are being made to implement a short term free collection for bulky waste during the period of closure so please contact the District Council's Environmental Health Department if you wish to take advantage of this service.

Next Parish Council Meeting

There is no meeting planned for August and the next scheduled date is Wednesday 7th September.



An afternoon for the family in
MATTERSEY THORPE

SATURDAY 20th AUGUST
1pm – 4pm

ARCHERY
KILTON PET & RAPTOR RESCUE DISPLAY
BOUNCY CASTLE
CLIMBING WALL
FACE PAINTING
STALLS ... and more

**Councillor Liz Yates to open
the Event**

Digital TV Switchover - What you need to know

From early August through to late September, 2011 television services in our area will be switching from analogue to digital. In practical terms this means that any 'old' TV equipment, including VCR tape or DVD recorders, will not work without modification after these dates although they will still play tapes or DVDs recorded previously.

Does this mean I have to take out a commercial subscription?

No - the national *Freeview* service provides BBC and ITV's digital channels plus (in our area) up to a further 50+ other channels. *Freeview* is subscription-free, you just pay a small premium as part of the set-top box or TV purchase price.

So do we have to replace any older TV that doesn't have the 'digital ready' tick symbol?

The answer to that is a simple 'no' - any 'analogue' TV can be converted to digital by adding a digital set-top box. Most of these plug into a Scart socket on the TV but if your TV doesn't have a Scart socket you will need to seek out one of the less common (but still freely available) boxes that links to your TV by a standard RF aerial lead.

Why all this hassle? The aims of the move to digital broadcasting include:

- to free up 'airwaves' for extra services
- New features such as on-screen listings, interactivity, audio description and subtitling for people with visual and audio impairments.
- to provide greater access to high definition services

Will the switchover give me High Definition (HD) television?

No - HD is a feature of your TV (and recording device) not of the digital service as such although an increasing number of *Freeview HD* channels are becoming available which can be viewed on suitable TV sets (look for HD-ready 1080p logos).

Do I need a 'digital' aerial?

The answer is very probably 'no' - there is nothing special about the aerial design required for digital *Freeview* reception. Given that the digital signal in our area is rated as 'strong' this suggests your current aerial, provided it is currently giving you good reception, should be good for the digital switch.

What recording equipment do I need?

With the demise of VCR tape recorders and incompatibility of early DVD recorders, what should we be replacing them with? This is an area where technology and prices are still changing rapidly, particularly prices - downwards for a change! VCR tape recorders have been eclipsed by later technology in both quality and ease-of-use terms.

The options now available are based on either DVD/Blu-ray (see *DVD or Blu-ray* under), a computer-like hard drive (HDD) based personal video recorder (PVR) or combination of the two.

Current expert advice (Consumers Association Which?) is that PVRs provide the best option for most people. Simpler models do not have DVD drives and so cannot play DVDs or record to DVD for long-term archiving. Combination PVRs with DVD playing/recording facilities are the most flexible options with prices generally in the £150-250 range.

A 'combi' VCR/DVD player will maintain access to old VCR tapes - and provide DVD player services if you decide to buy a HDD PVR although such combi units will be unable to record digital TV programmes.

If I decide to buy a new television will I still need a set-top box?

No - all sets currently on the market have *Freeview* tuners built-in. If you are looking for HD picture quality remember that your new set must have a 1080p capability. Remember that a plasma TV typically uses twice as much power as an LCD model and also that it isn't worth spending large sums on interconnection cables; avoid the very cheap, but £10 Scart leads are more than adequate.

For expert online advice, go to either:

<http://www.digitaltelevision.gov.uk/>

or

<http://www.digitaluk.co.uk/>

DVD or Blu-ray?

CD, DVD and Blu-ray discs are identical in size and usually mutually backwards compatible (i.e. new systems can play older discs).

The term Blu-ray comes from the blue laser used to read and write (for recorders) data as opposed to red lasers used in earlier systems. The shorter wavelength of blue compared with red light means that data can be packed more closely on a Blu-ray disc than a DVD giving longer playing time and/or HD quality.

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2011 PROGRAMME AT EVERTON VILLAGE HALL

August 15th Outing to Hardwick Hall

September 19th Wine Tasting (A must for everyone)

October 17th Surprise Evening

We are **not** ageist, we **are** friendly. Come and join us on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7-30pm in the Village Hall.

For more information ring:

Rosa Wright - 01777 816073 or Ann Hickman - 01777 818993

Everton Bowls Club



Home Fixtures in August 2011

Pensioners League:

2nd August v Crowle,

16th August v Misterton

Friendlies in August:

Thursday 11th v Tuxford @ 6.30pm, Sunday 14th v Rosebowl @ 10.00am

Weds 24th v Ordsall @ 6.00pm Weds 31st v Welbeck @ 6.00pm

Club member's roll up take place on Monday and Friday afternoons from 2-4pm and Friday evening from 6-8pm. We are looking for new members who play bowls or would like to try playing bowls (bowls can be supplied) for the summer of 2011.

Prospective bowlers will be welcome at any club roll up.

For more information contact Robin Jacques on 01777-817519

Crimebeat

A monthly look at ways to Combat Crime
With East Bassetlaw's Neighbourhood
Policing Inspector, Jenny Madin



Mobile phones...and metals – they are the current favourites with sneak thieves

We have been experiencing an increase in reported thefts of mobile phones and metals – including bicycles – during the recent good weather.

So if you leave your mobile phone lying around or any metal on your driveway or in the garden, you may well be leaving an invitation to a thief. Taking care of your mobile phone is simply a matter of common sense. First and foremost, don't leave yours lying around in the pub or on the desk at school

Thieves are always around and your phone will be stolen and sold within minutes

But just imagine how unimpressed the purchaser would be if the newly acquired phone didn't work – and you CAN take steps to ensure this is the outcome if yours is stolen. It's easy to do and only takes a few seconds. The first thing you need to do is make a note of your phone's IMEI number. This is a serial number that is unique to your phone. Dial *#06# on your keypad and the number will come up on the screen. Make a note of this number and keep it somewhere safe.

Then, if your phone is stolen, all you have to do is call your mobile phone service provider, give them the IMEI number and within 48 hours the phone will be blocked – and therefore useless to whoever stole it and anyone who buys it.

Similarly take good care of your bike – on one day last month FIVE were reported stolen. Always LOCK your bike even if you are only leaving for a few minutes outside your house or while popping into a shop. And don't leave your bike in isolated, dark

or dimly lit places. Leave your bike where a potential thief is likely to be seen.

Invest a few pounds in a good bike lock. A hardened steel D-shaped lock is the MINIMUM you should use. Check out the website www.soldsecure.com for certified locks or check with your local cycle shop for a recommendation.

Wherever possible, lock your bike to an immovable object, such as a bike rack, a lamp post or railings.

Make sure any removable parts are as secure as possible and take smaller items such as lights and quick release saddles with you.

And why not have your bike security marked or engraved. You can even register your bike – just call in to your local police station for advice.

Finally metals: old sink units, boiler sides and tops, boilers themselves and radiators left on your drive or in the garden are sure to attract the attention of a thief.

Thieves are always about, and they don't need encouraging.

And one last thing. If you see any suspicious vehicles cruising round your area I would like to encourage you to report them to the police. Make a note of the registration number, the date and the time and report it to your neighbourhood police officers. The drivers MAY be genuine, but the likelihood is they are looking for something to steal, or looking up you driveway for possible targets.

Orienteering for Beginners - Wednesday 3rd August 2011

Disappear onto the Reserve with map route & clues to see what you can find. Children must be accompanied, Starts at 10am. £3 per person. Booking essential.

Wildlife Photography - Thursday 4th August 2011

Join the team and take some photographs around the Idle Valley Reserve. 11am - 12.30pm. £3 per child. Booking essential.

Idle Valley Health Walk - Tuesday 9th August 2011

A brisk hour-long walk around the beautiful Idle Valley Reserve. Meet 11am at the Learning Centre. No dogs please. Participation is free and there is no need to book.

Discovering Trees and Hedges - Wednesday 10th August 2011

Help us collect information for a national survey all about trees and hedges. 10.30am - 11.30am. £3 per child. Booking required.

Moles and Voles - Thursday 11th August 2011

Learn more about these fascinating creatures, how they live and how to find them. 1pm- 2pm. £3 per child. Booking required.

Identifying Birds - Tuesday 16th August 2011

Ecominds Project aims to promote mental health through conservation, and wildlife gardening, and this is open to anyone with direct experience of mental distress. 10.30am - 2.30pm. Booking required. Bring sturdy footwear and packed lunch.

Making Music at Idle Valley - Wednesday 17th August 2011

Come along to the woods and see what we can find to make a musical instrument. At the end of the session we will all play our instruments. 10am - 11am. £3 per child. Booking essential. Aimed at children under 5 who must be accompanied by an adult.

Making Music at Idle Valley - Thursday 18th August 2011

Make some wind chimes and listen to nature's sounds. 10am - 11am. £3 per child. Booking essential. Aimed at children age 5 or over. Under 8s must be accompanied

Build a Bench at Idle Valley - Wednesday 24th August 2011

Down in the woods we will collect the materials to build a bench, and put it together. 1.30pm - 3.30pm. £6 per child. Booking required. This is for children age 8 and above.

The Big Picnic - Thursday 25th August 2011

All are welcome to visit and enjoy a walk, followed by a picnic. Bring your binoculars and your own lunch. 11.30am - 1pm. £2 per person; please book in advance.

Seasonal Recipe
Sautéed Pork with Peaches,
White Wine, Cream and Herbs



Ingredients (to serve 1)

- 200g/7oz pork fillet, diced or sliced
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- salt and freshly ground black pepper
- ½ red onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 peach, stone removed, cut into wedges
- 2 tbsp honey
- 50ml/2fl oz white wine
- sprig thyme
- 50ml/2fl oz double cream

Preparation method

1. Heat the olive oil in a sauté pan, season the pork with salt and freshly ground black pepper then cook for 5-10 minutes, or until brown on all sides.
2. Add the onion and sauté for two minutes. Add the garlic and peach pieces then sauté for three minutes. Add the honey, wine and thyme and cook gently for five minutes, then stir in the cream and cook for a further two minutes.
3. To serve, spoon into a bowl and garnish with a sprig of thyme.

August Occasions

1st August - Lammas Day



In some English-speaking countries in the Northern Hemisphere, August 1 is Lammas Day (loaf-mass day), the festival of the wheat harvest, and is the first harvest festival of the year. On this day it was customary to bring to church a loaf made from the new crop. In many parts of England, tenants were bound to present freshly harvested wheat to their landlords on or before the first day of August. In the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, where it is referred to regularly, it is called "the feast of first fruits".

24th August - Saint Bartholomew's Day

Saint Bartholomew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the patron saint of butchers and tanners and beekeepers, whose feast day was celebrated with great fairs. The ripening pear and apple crops played a great part in the proceedings. He is supposed to bring the "cold dew", the cooler autumn weather, and it is his day that ends the forty days of rain promised by a wet St Swithun's Day.



Garden Lore

"If Bartlemas Day be fine and clear
Then a prosperous autumn comes that year"

"All the tears St Swithin can cry
St Barthelmy's mantle can wipe dry"

Rambling Rose

Phil's Sunday Quiz at The White Swan Drakeholes

Every Sunday starting at 9.00 pm
Challenging Fun Quiz for teams of
any size

Nominal Entry fee.

Cash Prizes, Snowball, Knockout.

Free sandwiches & snacks provided



Retford Ramblers

Retford Ramblers are enjoying getting out and about enjoying the countryside both near and far. We have walks to suit all tastes. Our usual Sunday morning meeting place is Chapelgate Car Park in Retford at 9.30am, we operate car sharing from there if needed. We are a lively friendly bunch so come along for a taster walk or two. There are still plenty of long summer Sundays to enjoy a walk with us. Hope to meet you soon.

Sun, 7 August @ 9.30 am 7.5 miles Rother Valley & Sculpture Trail
Sun, 14 August @ 9.30 am 8 miles Vicar Water Country Park
Sun 21 August @ 9.00 am 8 miles Bigby
Sun, 4 Sept @ 9.30 am 9 miles Boughton Brake Circular

For further information contact **01777-818055**
or **01777-838763**
or e-mail to reford.ramblers1@btinternet.com

Sally Fraser — Chairman — Retford Ramblers Group





HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday 4th September
9.30am Family Service in church
 Gifts and any money collected will be given to Mothers' Union 'Away From It All' project.
 Suggested gifts: tinned and packaged food
 Pick up a flyer in church.

1.00pm Harvest Lunch in Everton Village Hall
 on Church Street, Everton.
 This is a joint Mattersey/Everton event.
 Tickets from Anne Mills (818398) or Gail Foster (816062).

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST
ANNUAL RIDE & STRIDE
Saturday 10th September
from 10am to 6pm

Do you want to take part in this sponsored event in which individuals are sponsored according to how many churches they visit?

Half the sponsorship money goes to the church and half to the Notts Historic Churches Trust.

Sponsorship forms available from church or from the churchwardens,
 Anne Mills (818398) or Gail Foster (816062).

Our Vicar now really IS the Vicar

Dear Friends

For something over 5 years, whatever you have called me, I have had the official title of '*Priest-in-Charge* of Everton, Mattersey, Clayworth and Gringley-on-the-Hill'. At a special service in Southwell Minster on 6th July I was made Vicar of the parishes. Although this has some legal significance, in purely practical terms the change makes little difference so far as the parishes are concerned - I was and remain the Parish Priest. However, as the notes to the service at Southwell Minster stated: '*What could be seen purely as a legalistic change gives our clergy a chance to renew and reassess the ministry and leadership they are called to; it gives the lay people of the Church the chance to pray for the clergy and rededicate themselves to the ministry of the whole people of God; and it gives us all the chance to worship and praise God who calls us to **Join in his Transforming Mission***'.

I shall be most grateful for your prayers for me as I pray for you. I also wish to thank all who work so hard to support our churches in many ways. May we all strive faithfully to serve God with our different gifts for, as St Paul wrote:

'There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone' (First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians, chapter 12, verses 4-6).

Yours in Christ
Jonathan

Contact details for our parish priest:
 For all queries about weddings, baptisms, funerals or other pastoral need-please contact: the Reverend Jonathan Smithurst, The Rectory, Abbey Road, Mattersey, Doncaster, DN10 5DX. Telephone 01777-817364.
 His day off is Friday.