

The Parish of The Asterby Group
Newsletter

**November
to December
2024**



All information contained within this newsletter is assumed correct at time of publication.

Lay Chair Ramblings...

It's late September as I ramble in my thinking toward the end of 2024 and the dawn of 2025, but maybe the end of the world as well with the Middle East on fire!

Here in the Wolds, most fields are now bare and many already mucked, sprayed and tilled for the next sowing. I have however, spotted a few maize, bean and flax fields still awaiting the harvester's attention. Summer has gone and once again, plenty of rain has been falling. Autumn colours have browned and flamed and our resident, chunky hedgehog will soon be looking for a hollow in which to snuggle and over-winter. The cycle of the Seasons is nearing completion for yet another year as we sink towards deep climate-changed winter and approach the shortest day of the year. The darkest days are here and it's time to hunker down in the duvet or snuggle in front of the glowing log-burner with games, the TV or a good book.

Its 'build-up' time to another Christmas. Dark days need some jollity, lightness and brightness. How about singing a carol or, a rush to the shops to clear the shelves or, grabbing those gift catalogues pushed through the letter box (and thence to the bin?) to search for a little something for Auntie Mabel or, a last-minute dash to the computer for inspiration, for a forgotten present that can be on your doorstep tomorrow?

I hope you have strong family ties that will give you a buzz, a glow of expectation and lightness as Christmas approaches. Whether your Christmas is quiet and peaceful, a teaming and tumbling family party, a chance to escape from the dazzle, or sadly, a lonely time perhaps dogged by sickness or worse, bereavement, I hope you will have time to think about the Bethlehem story. Let it be longer than a glance at the images on Christmas cards; a cringe at the canned carols playing in a superstore or attending an off-beat Nativity play by the little ones at the village school. Just as we celebrate our birthdays, so the annual celebration of Christ's birth, God becoming man, well, an innocent baby at the time, is what makes Christmas so important for Christians.

In the Bible, John 3:16 says that 'God loved His world, this world, the Blue Planet, SO much that he had to connect with us at our level by being born among us as human (Jesus) so that if we can bring ourselves to believe and trust Him (thus avoiding self-destruction), we can have and will have Eternal life'. Amid all the searching and uncertainty in the world today this might be the only answer that works. I happen to think it is. Dust off that Bible and have a read.

The News and countless Charity Appeals tell us of hurt, chaos, warring, fear, greed, loneliness, sickness, famine and deprivation in so many places and lives. It is obvious how mankind is more expert than ever at making a mess of the world. In the meantime, I hang on to the 'HOPE' I have, that started with the baby Jesus. Ridiculous as this baby can seem he is the basis of the Happiest Christmas.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & MAY 2025 BE A WONDERFUL YEAR FOR YOU ALL

George

Who's Who in the Group

Priest in charge : Vacancy - Contact Partnership Office

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT CLLR. CHETWYND – TALBOT’S HOUSE

WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2024

Present ; Cllrs. Stewart (chair), Olivant, Raynor, Chetwynd–Talbot, South, Dyas.

Clerk – D Bailey

Apologies for absence - Cllr. Mcallister

Attendance by members of the public

One member of the public in attendance, who raised concerns about cyclists speeding through the village.

ACTION clerk to contact local cycling clubs to see if anything can be done to make people aware of events.

To receive declarations of interest accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 and consider any requests for dispensation

Noted that the appropriate documents have been previously completed by councillors and are currently held by Cllr. Raynor.

No declarations of interest were recorded.

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th June 2024, previously circulated.

Proposed that the minutes be accepted and signed.

Proposed – Cllr. Chetwynd – Talbot, Seconded – Cllr.Dyas

To receive Finance Officers report

Cllr. Olivant produced a report on the previous quarter’s activities.
The current balance stands at £5,293.59p.

Further expenditure with regard to grass cutting still to be confirmed.

Transition to internet banking is nearly complete – Cllr. Olivant to pursue

ACTION – clerk to investigate Parish Online to ascertain if the Parish Council needs to continue to pay this.

Proposed that the Financial Report be accepted.

Proposed – Cllr. Raynor, Seconded – Cllr. Dyas

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Planning

Continued concerns expressed by a member of the public, not in attendance, over the development on Meadow Lane.

ACTION clerk to continue investigations

To receive correspondence

Agreed that this item be removed from future agendas as all correspondence is now received electronically.

To receive clerk's report.

Attended LALC full day training course

Website course now put back to 2025. Clerk has met with Cllr. Mcallister to take over Parish website.

Parish News will include a short write up on the Barbeque.

2 saltbins reported to LCC for filling in preparation of the winter

Clerk on holiday 4 -10 October

At present, councillors are happy to receive the informational emails sent by the clerk. May be reviewed in the future.

Speeding in village and on Caistor High Street.

Cllr. Dyas reported back that he had held discussions with Lincs SpeedWatch, as he had received no response from the police to ascertain ways in which speed restrictions could be introduced within the village boundary. SpeedWatch confirmed that Benniworth does not fulfil the criteria for a 30 mph speed limit. They did offer speed gun. It was also suggested that there be "beware Pedestrians and Horses" signs at either end of the village mounted on gates at the side of the road which may have some effect, and also address the issue of speeding cyclists.

Update on defibrillators.

This item to be carried over to the next meeting as the person maintaining them is on holiday. Cllr Stewart agreed to check with Glebe Farm that the new defibrillator there has been registered.

To agree Christmas Celebrations

6th December, 7pm. For Christmas Carol Service with Barnovallum Band. Parish Council will contribute £100 towards the cost. Cllrs. Olivant and Raynor will also contribute.

People will be asked to contribute towards refreshments.

Cllr South stated that the Crib Service will take place at 3pm on Christmas Eve.

No tree to be provided, but battery operated lights to be hung in the trees.

Addendum. Cllr Olivant has contributed £50 to Cancer Research as a result of the Barbeque

For Sale / Wanted

To advertise **FOR SALE** items please submit details to Sue. Tel **07826 772452** or email moomoski@btinternet.com £2 per item listed to advertise

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Tel: 01507 343556 Goulceby.



Deadline for next Newsletter

All articles and adverts for inclusion in the January to February 2025 edition to be with Sue, on **07826 772452** or email: moomoski@btinternet.com by **10th December 2024**. Please let me have your items written out, or, preferably emailed, as you would like them to appear, and as early as possible, **please don't wait until the deadline**.

To place an advert please contact Sue on the above number. All items on behalf of the church have no charge. Any other events or adverts will have a minimal charge. This helps to maintain and develop your newsletter. Contact **Sue** by email here at moomoski@btinternet.com

Stamps, foreign coins, banknotes and postcards, used or new, are still being collected by Sue. All these items can be placed in the 'stamp collection boxes' in most of the churches or directly to me at Bramley House, Benniworth. **07826 772452**.

A big thank you to Martin for his donation towards the running of the newsletter.

The Asterby Group of parishes has a web site, which is now kept up to date with details of contacts, services and events in the group.

You can find it here > www.asterbygroup.org.

Please let us have any suggestions for additional content.

We also have a Facebook page, where we post last minute changes and where you can interact with the rest of the Asterby Group community.

You can find it here > www.facebook.com/groups/asterbygroup

In Remembrance

When shadows cast and twilight falls, We pause to heed the silent calls. Of those who walked this earth before, And left their marks forevermore.

Their laughter lingers in the air, Their love surrounds us everywhere. In hearts and minds, they still reside, A beacon, lighting paths untried.

Though time may heal the deepest wounds, In memory, their essence looms. A cherished whisper, soft and kind, A gentle touch within our mind.

So, let us honour, let us tell, The stories where their spirits dwell. With every tear, with every sigh, Their legacy, will never die.

The Importance of Kindness.

The holiday season is an important time to extend kindness and empathy to others. Small gestures of compassion can make a significant difference to someone feeling alone.

An unexpected invitation, a heartfelt message, or even a warm smile can brighten someone's day. While

Christmas is often depicted as a time of universal joy,

it's essential to acknowledge and support those who find it challenging. Together, we can create a more inclusive holiday spirit that embraces everyone, regardless of their circumstances.

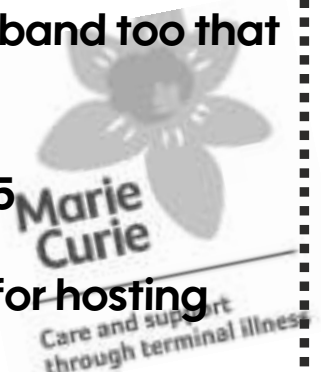


Marie Curie Tea Party Feedback

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and provided cake, raffle prizes and help on the day. Thank you to the band too that kept us jolly.

The total sent to Marie Curie was an amazing £1085

Big thanks as always to Maggie and Roger Lindley for hosting and organising the tea party. Well done!!!





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David Bellamy was elected as a councillor in an uncontested election. We are grateful to Dave for agreeing to be a councillor.

We have 2 further vacancies. It is hoped that the parish council will co-opt a further two councillors on 5 November 2024. If you would be interested in being co-opted onto the parish council please contact the clerk Mrs Viv Davies > doningtononbainpc@gmail.com

Flood Risk Management

The Parish Council is working to reduce future flood risk and has paid to get the culvert cleared. It has been noted during these works that properties adjoining the culvert have put their grass cuttings on the culvert side of their fence which are in danger of falling into the drainage culvert. This could cause flooding issues and will increase parish council expenditure in clearing the culvert. Please could residents backing onto the culvert dispose of their grass cuttings in the appropriate waste bins.

We are also aware of children playing in the culvert. Please could you ensure this does not happen.

DATES OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 5 November at 8 pm

Tuesday 3 December at 8 pm

Coffee, Cake and Chat
Donington on Bain Village Hall




First Thursday of the month at 10.30am - all welcome !

Scamblesby Church of England Primary School & Piggywigs

OPEN DAY & EVENING

OPEN DAY FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 9.30 am- 11 am

Open Evening 26th November
2024 3.30pm-5.45pm



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We look
forward to
meeting you!





Can you help?

Little Treasures Baby Bank

has been established in Horncastle since 2019 and our home is a unit on the industrial estate on Boston Road. Nearly all of our equipment comes from donations from local families and we are run by volunteer helpers who give freely of their time to help the community.

We work entirely via referrals from health care professionals who are supporting families in need. Our health care workers can be: social workers, GPs, midwives, schools and children's centres (in fact just about anyone working to support families in need) and we aim to provide all types of baby equipment - including: cots, prams, clothes, toys and games and nearly anything else you can think of! We supply equipment for children from birth to 5 years old - although if required we will try to obtain items for older children if we can.

In order to access our service, all we need from you is an email, message via Facebook or Whatsapp telling us what the family you are supporting needs, and we will try to find it and will arrange a time for you to come and collect it to pass on to the family. Requests can be small or large – from a few toys and books, up to a cot, pram, highchair plus clothes for a new baby.

If you know someone who you think might be struggling or you are already working with a family who might need a bit of extra help, please give us a call and see if we can help. You can contact us at littletreasuresenquiries@gmail.com or look for our Facebook page.

Coffee, Cake and Conversation in a warm space ...

All Saints Church, Goulceby

On Tuesday November 12th 10am to 12 noon
and Wednesday December 4th 10am to 12 noon.

All welcome



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Annual Parish Meeting

The latest meeting of the Parish Council took place at the Three Horseshoes on Monday 2nd September 2024 at which two parish residents and the elected district councillor were also in attendance.

The business that required conducting was quite short so there is very little to report from the Council itself.

New guidance for residents in the event of flooding is now on the Council website.

In December, the Council will be setting its budget for the next financial year 2025/26. If residents have any thoughts around any specific items/schemes that might benefit from funding through the annual precept, please contact the Clerk by email at agparishcouncil@mail.com.

A wreath has been purchased by the Council which will be laid during the remembrance service which will be held at All Saints on Sunday 10th November.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd December at 7:00pm at All Saints, Goulceby.

As previously reported, should anyone be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor they should contact the Parish Clerk, Diane De Halle, by emailing Diane at agparishcouncil@gmail.com

The current councillors are:

Jon Mold (Chair) - Sycamore Lodge, Goulceby

Ian Taylor - Lavoir, Goulceby

Graham Johnson - Lindores, Goulceby

Contact details are on the Council's website which can be found at <https://asterby-goulceby.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Winter fuel allowance

Following the recent changes to the eligibility for the winter fuel allowance by central Government, residents in receipt of the state pension are encouraged to look into .. /

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whether they might qualify for pension credit, as qualification for this will unlock the winter fuel payment. There is currently a drive by the DWP to encourage pensioners to look into whether they might qualify for pension credits. Please use the following link for full details www.gov.uk/government/news/you-could-get-pension-credit-week-of-action-to-drive-take-up. Some energy suppliers also offer help for those struggling with their energy bills.

All Saints Church

The friends of All Saints Church, Goulceby held a successful Art & Craft Exhibition in September, which was well supported by both artists and visitors. The plasterwork repair is now complete and is drying out well. The next phase of the restoration work will be the repainting of the church. This will require a further fundraising effort and grant applications.

Over the winter season, monthly coffee mornings are planned to give the community a chance to meet in a warm, friendly and well-lit space. Future dates are Tuesday 12th November and Wednesday 4th December. Any groups wishing to use the church on a regular or one-off basis are very welcome to contact Caroline Taylor, 01507 343352, carolinetaylor@btinternet.com.

St. Martin's Church, Scamblesby

The recent Art & Craft fayre at the church was a successful event. Thank you to the exhibitors and stall holders and all that attended to support us despite it being a wet afternoon.



Brian Hague, who has done the grass cutting in the churchyard for many years has decided to 'hang his mower up'. A massive thank you to you Brian for everything you have done. We are of course looking for someone to fill Brian's boots and help us maintain the churchyard. If anyone has a bit of time to spare and would like to help the church, please contact Derek > edir2000@yahoo.com

In addition to the regular monthly services, we have the Asterby Group Remembrance service at St. Martin's on Sunday, 10th November at 10.45am and the annual Scamblesby Carol service on Friday, 20th December at 7pm. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thanks to all those who have already donated to this appeal so generously. Volunteers are beginning to prepare this year's shoeboxes ready for delivery & I will be taking all donations to Grimsby Christian Centre soon. If you have any of the following items, I will collect them if you telephone 07802 537239 or you can place them in Donington Church, or deliver them to me at Bramer House, Asterby.

TOYS – 'cuddlies', dolls, games, skipping ropes, balls, toy vehicles, dominoes, jigsaws, playing cards, building bricks, any toys & activities for girls&boys up to age 18 years.

STATIONERY – pencils, sharpeners, rulers, rubbers, crayons, felt tips, colouring pencils, pens, notebooks, colouring books, pencil cases, stickers, solar calculators, stencils etc

CRAFT ITEMS – glue sticks, decorative papers, craft scissors, beads, glitter, sellotape, stickers etc

TOILETRIES – toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, flannels, lip balm, nail brushes, manicure sets, perfume, talc, hankies, tissues, aftershave, make up, mirrors, plaster, bandages, small hotel toiletries

HAIR ITEMS – combs, brushes, slides, bobbles, 'scrunchies', 'Alice' bands, hair grips etc

COSTUME JEWELLERY – bangles, necklaces, bracelets, rings, badges, earrings etc

CLOTHING – hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, belts, Tshirts, children's clothes, new undies, tights, socks etc, teenage boys clothes particularly needed.

The volunteers at Grimsby Christian Centre cover the shoeboxes with Christmas papers & remake old Christmas cards. They make all sorts of things from textiles, wool, ribbons, buttons, gift decorations, jewellery bits etc. They always need needles, threads, pins, knitting needles, bits of wool, crochet hooks, small boxes to put jewellery/toys/marbles in, clean takeaway tubs etc. They cover old (empty) video cases with cloth to make pencil cases.



Feedback from the Benniworth BBQ

On a lovely warm evening in the middle of August, a good number of Benniworth residents gathered in the beautiful gardens of the Old Rectory for a barbecue, organised by the Parish Council.

The food was provided by the Parish Council, and a modest fee was charged to cover the cost. Everyone brought their own refreshments, and a number of people provided salads and cakes to add to the event. It was the first opportunity for a long time for people to get together in relaxed surroundings and chat to neighbours who, during the course of a busy week, may only get to stop to say hello. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Waterhouse for their generosity in providing the venue.



A letter from our rural Dean

To Wragby Group of Parishes, United Parish of Bardney, Asterby Group of Parishes, Hemingby Group of Parishes.

Dear Friends,

Sunday 3rd November 9.30 St. Swithin, Baumber - Holy Communion led by the Bishop of Grimsby.

At this time when many search for meaning, belonging and purpose there is so much that good people do through our local churches and in the community to share the Good News of God's love, care, and purpose shown to us in Jesus.

The bishops seek to visit each area of Lincoln Diocese, to lead a service for all the people in the area and to meet the local people. It is the turn of the Bishop of Grimsby to visit the area of the Wragby Group of Parishes, the United Parish of Bardney, the Asterby Group of Parishes, and the Hemingby Group of Parishes and to lead a service for this area. This episcopal visitation is an important part of the ministry of the bishop and is a valuable opportunity for people to meet and share with the bishop. It is hoped that, where possible, the usual services scheduled for the morning of this service are postponed to enable attendance.

The service will be Sunday 3rd November 9.30 St. Swithin, Baumber - Holy Communion led by the Bishop of Grimsby. It is a beautiful church with a very warm welcome.

Please could you share the information about this important service with the people and churches in your area, and perhaps arrange help with transport if required.

Thankyou, Peace, Hope, Love, Joy,

Rev. Mark Holden - Rector, Wragby Group; Rural Dean, Horncastle Deanery.

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Asterby Parish Services and Events

November 2024

Date	Location	Service	Time
3rd November	St. Swithins Church, Baumber	Holy Communion led by the Bishop of Grimsby	9.30am
10th November	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Remembrance Sunday Service	10.45am
10th November	All Saints Church Goulceby	Remembrance Sunday Service	3pm
11th November	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Remembrance Day Service with Primary School	10.45am
17th November	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	10am
24th November	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Holy Communion	10am

Prayer Circle

For many years now the ministry and concerns of our Parish have been supported, anonymously, in prayer by a small group of people making up the Parish Prayer Circle. As the needs, both of the Church and World increase, the value and importance of this Ministry of Prayer also increases and we are looking for others to join us in prayer during these troubled and worrying times. **If you think you would like to be part of our Prayer Circle** and would like to find out more, please give me a ring and I'll put you in the picture. In the meantime, if you would like a friend, or a particular situation, to be remembered by our Prayer Circle, do please contact **Ann on 01507 313792**

Parish Registers

Weddings :

10 August 2024 - Deana Bunn & Adrian Limb at St Andrew's, Donington-on-Bain.

17 August 2024 - Mollie Jebb & Henry Blower at St German's, Ranby.

Asterby Parish Services and Events

December 2024

Date	Location	Service	Time
1st December	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Morning Praise	10am
3rd December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Advent Celtic Prayer with Reflection	9.30am
6th December	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Carol Service with Banovallum Brass Band	7pm
8th December	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Morning Praise	10am
10th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Advent Celtic Prayer with Reflection	9.30am
10th December	All Saints Church Goulceby	Carols by Candlelight	7pm
12th December	St German's Church, Ranby	Carol Service with Choir	7pm
15th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Holy Communion	10am
15th December	St Peter's Church, Gayton Le Wold	Carol Service	3pm
17th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Advent Celtic Prayer with Reflection	9.30am

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Asterby Parish Services and Events

December 2024 to early January 2025

Date	Location	Service	Time
18th December	St. Helen's Church Burgh on Bain	Carol Service	7pm
20th December	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Carol Service	7pm
22nd December	St Martin's Church, Scamblesby	Morning Praise	10am
22nd December	St. Nicholas Church, Stenigot	Carol Service	3pm
24th December	St. Julian's Church, Benniworth	Crib Service	3pm
24th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Carols around the tree	6pm
24th December	St Margaret's Church, Hemingby	Bethlehem Mass	9pm**
24th December	St Mary's Church, Horncastle	Midnight Mass	11.30pm **
25th December	St. Andrew's Church, Donington on Bain	Family Communion for Christmas Day	11.00am
29th December	No Service in the Asterby Group	No Service	---
5th January 2025	All Saints Church Goulceby	Holy Communion for Epiphany	9.30am (TBC)

Please check the times of all these services as they may vary from our usual service times.

**There will be no BETHLEHEM MASS service in our parish on CHRISTMAS EVE but all will be very welcome to join ST MARGARET'S HEMINGBY at their Bethlehem Mass service at 9.00 pm and/or ST MARY'S HORNCastle at their Midnight Mass at 11.30 pm.

South Willingham Parish and Village Hall Activities

November

SUNDAY 3rd – BRUNCH. 10am to 1pm. £10. Call Jan on 07834598703 to book

Wednesday 6th - Coffee & chat (free) & Willingham Winner Draw 10:30 – 12

Wednesday 6th - Art & crafts group 2 to 4 pm (Cecilia 07799156118)

Wednesday 6th - Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 7th - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Tuesday 12th - Reel Issues FILM NIGHT 7pm (Roland 07946259053)

Thursday 14th - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Wednesday 20th - Coffee and chat (free) 10:30 to noon

Wednesday 20^h - Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 21st - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Thursday 21st - Board games 2 – 4 pm (Jan 07834598703)

Thursday 28th - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Friday 29th 7pm Quiz then buy Pizza from catering van Quiz entry £2.50/person. Call Jan 07834598703 to book

December

Wednesday 4th - Coffee & chat (free) & Willingham Winner Draw 10:30 to noon

Wednesday 4th - Art & crafts group 2 to 4 pm . (Cecilia 07799156118)

Wednesday 4th - Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm. (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 5th - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Tuesday 10th - Reel Issues FILM NIGHT 7pm (Roland 07946259053)

Thursday 12th - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Wednesday 18th - Coffee and chat (free) 10:30 to noon

Wednesday 18th - Ballroom Dance group 6.50pm. (Paul 01507 313601)

Thursday 19th - Tai Chi class 11 – noon (Carol 07592071523)

Mobile Library Service



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Donington on Bain, Post Office : Arrives 10.00am - departs 10.30am

Benniworth, Tennyson Close : Arrives 10.45am - departs 11.15pm

Dec	Jan	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
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The Bible? The New Testament? Church? Are these relevant to me?

Another question that I asked myself many years ago, before I was a regular attender at church, before I had any faith. It is still a good question and one worthy of an answer.

Discerning the relevance of the message of the Christian church, more specifically the Bible's New Testament, in today's world can feel a bit like being a detective in a historical drama, minus the deerstalker hat and magnifying glass. Firstly, consider the context: the New Testament was written in a time of sandals and parchments, not smartphones and Cloud storage. Yet, its themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption are timeless, echoing through the ages like the world's longest-running soap opera.

One can look at the New Testament not just as a collection of ancient texts, but as a dynamic blueprint for living. It's about finding the universal truths nestled within parables and stories that transcend the first-century Middle East and feel just as at home in a 21st-century coffee shop.

The key is to engage with the subject critically and reflectively, asking not just "What does this say?" but "What does this mean for me, for us, in the here and now?"

In essence, discerning the relevance of the New Testament is an exercise in translation, not from Greek to English, but from ancient wisdom to modern life. It's a journey of 2,000 years, give or take, and the destination is understanding how these old stories spark new insights in the human heart.

While there are many different types of Christian church, most of them will have someone who can answer your questions. And if you're not quite ready to go to a church, there is a great (free) course called the Alpha Course which is run for people with no or little experience of the Christian faith, or those who want a fresh view. It's a place where you can ask all of those 'silly questions' (which I can guarantee will not be silly at all) that you've never been given answers for. The courses take place all over the country, and some run online too. Find out more here: <https://alpha.org.uk/try>

I wish you well with your exploring!

Neil Walker, Burgh on Bain

Roger Lindley

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6th to 9th November 7.30pm	Bugsy Malone
10th November 7pm	Remembrance Concert
15th November 7pm	The Haunting of Riverhead Manor
15th November 7.30pm	The Big Night Out
16th November 6pm	EDC Proudly Present - Once Upon A Musical
17th November 7.30pm	Hancocks Half Hour
22nd November 7.30pm	Lloyd Griffith - Baroque and Roll
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5th December 8pm	Comedy Night
6th and 7th December 2pm & 7pm	The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year
10th December 2pm and 6.30pm	It's A Pantomime... Get Me Out Of Here!
13th December 7.30pm	Watch That Scene Abba Tribute
14th December 7.30pm	Oasiz - Oasis Tribute
17th December 7pm	Macbeth - presented by Box Clever
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