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**July and August 2026**



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## A Message from Kath Pickering



### **Rev Kath writes:**

I am sitting writing this on a particularly rainy day in June, and hoping by the time you are reading it, summertime has resumed. I have lived most of my adult life in the UK, and have long since learned to expect a mixed-bag of weather over the summer months. And yet we are ever optimistic that summer will hold opportunities to rest and play in the summer sun. (I confess to having put up my paddling pool early this year, though am currently just eyeing it from the warmth of indoors!)

I know many people take their holidays in off-season or work through most of the summer, but summertime itself evokes the expectation of rest and leisure. Perhaps the longer days alongside the warmer weather gives increased opportunity to sit out in the garden with a book and a cool drink, or take a long walk by the sea.

We all need rest and play, however busy our summers are and whatever the weather holds. The Bible tells us God created the world and then rested. Scripture speaks of the need for rest. In Matt 11.28 Jesus says ‘come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.’ Psalm 23 speaks of God restoring our soul.

For some of us that means sitting and doing nothing or very little. For others it means adventures and exercise by the sea or elsewhere. Whichever it is for you, I hope that you find at least a a bit of time to do what refreshes you best.

My prayer for each of us this summer is that regardless of sunshine or rain, the summer will hold opportunities to do the things which give us rest and restore our souls.

Blessings & Happy Summer!

*Kath*

# Helios



Luke Jerram's giant Sun Installation has been on display at Grimsby Minster. It has a diameter of 7 metres and shows detailed images of the sun's surface. There are multiple artworks touring the world. It can currently be seen in The Exchange, Birmingham, and from 12 June to 6 September at Wakefield Exchange . For more information see <https://my-helios.org/about/>

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## St Peter's Food Pantry

We have normally been closed on Bank Holidays, in the past when we had opened there were very few people who came to us despite being informed prior about our opening. This year we decided that in May we would try again, as there are two holidays in four weeks and the numbers attending now have increased. This time we went out of our way to ensure that people were informed and notes also left on tables as a reminder. Incredibly up to two thirds of our normal attendees took advantage of our opening despite there being no hot meals served on the day, so I think that seals our commitment going forward.

During May we have had a snap food safety inspection, as we serve hot meals as well as handle food parcels. I'm delighted to say that we received a very good rating and am grateful to the inspectors for their advice on how we maintain that position.

I've had a recent call from the Diana Princess of Wales hospital to ask if they can come again to perform hepatitis C checks on the homeless who attend the food pantry. This will be taking place in July.

Over the last few months we've seen an increase in attendance of around 15%. As we grow though so do the numbers of food parcels we provide and as such we are heavily reliant on, and deeply grateful to, our long standing supporters but would welcome any new contributors. Our top ten list for food parcels is below:

Bread

Tinned vegetables

Biscuits

Baked beans

Bolognese sauce

Cereals

Tinned fruit

Crisps

Cup a Soup

Pot noodles



Any of the above would be very welcome.

Also if anyone has, or knows someone who has, spare or unused backpacks or sleeping bags they would be gratefully received as well.

*Jan Jones*

*Donations can be left in the church hall on Friday mornings or in church any time it is open - normally service times + Tuesday mornings from 10:00am.*

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### Divine Illustration....

A teacher was observing her classroom of young children while they drew. As she came to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher said gently, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, the girl replied with perfect composure: "They will in a minute."

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## Keep on keeping on

In the church year, we've now come to that long season - it seems to go on forever - variously called 'Trinity' or 'Ordinary time'. Each of those labels tells us something about the approximately six months between Pentecost and Advent Sunday. 'Trinity' reminds us that with Pentecost, God has made himself known to us in all his fullness (or at least as much as we can bear) as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 'Ordinary time' tells us that this is the season where, now armed with the insights and power of the Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus with new eyes, new heart, see new things in the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

This is the time when those words of Jesus (John 15 v15) '*Everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you*' come into play. It may seem a long season, it may feel like the drudgery of 'Keep on keeping on' without the excitement of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost to lift our spirits, but it is ordinary time charged with the knowledge that we have everything we need in the resources of God. The love of the Father, the words and works of the Son, the power of the Spirit will energise us as we 'keep on keeping on' through this long season.

This long season up to the end of November is a reminder that working out our love for God in our community is probably more about perspiration than inspiration. Few are called to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to faithfulness, and somehow or other, with the transforming power of the Spirit, we are all able to keep on keeping on, doing little things with great love.

Here's a lovely prayer I learned from our son's godmother which captures some of the mindset of the Trinity season/Ordinary time; it may help you 'keep on keeping on' through the months ahead;

*Let not our souls be busy inns that have not room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company; where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet space is kept for thee.*

Amen to that. Ordinary- but challenging!

**Reud Roy Shaw**, a retired but active priest in the diocese of York, where he is a spiritual director.

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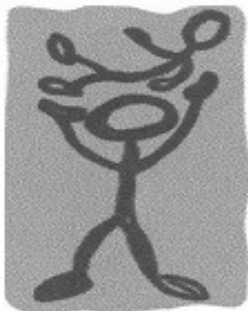
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# CELEBRATIONS

Last month our magazine celebrated the 160th anniversary of St Peter's. We continue our celebrations as the year progresses and there is much else to celebrate this summer.

At Pentecost we celebrated the birthday of the Christian Church with a cake and candles.

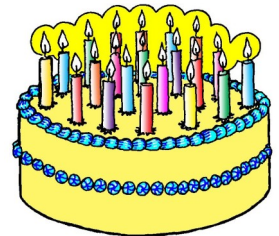
Armed Forces Day falls on 27 June and at the time of writing we are looking forward to celebrating this by opening up the church and providing a cool space where people can have a moment of quiet.

The last weekend of June we are also celebrating our patronal festival, 29 June being St Peter's Day.

**Looking ahead—some dates for your diary -**

**5 July 9:30am Big Birthday Breakfast Church –**

160th Birthday Special. Don't miss this special service which is actually on the date that St Peter's was consecrated in 1866.



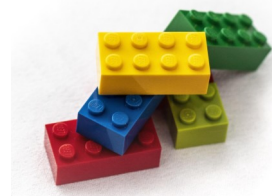
**19 July 9:30am A special sea-themed service**

A celebration of our wonderful seaside. See page 10



**18 Aug 1:00 - 4:00pm Brick Church open day**

Open Church with Lego and Duplo free play and building challenges.



**23 Aug 1:00 - 4:00pm Big Birthday Cream Tea**



## 'Seaside Sunday' 19 July 2026

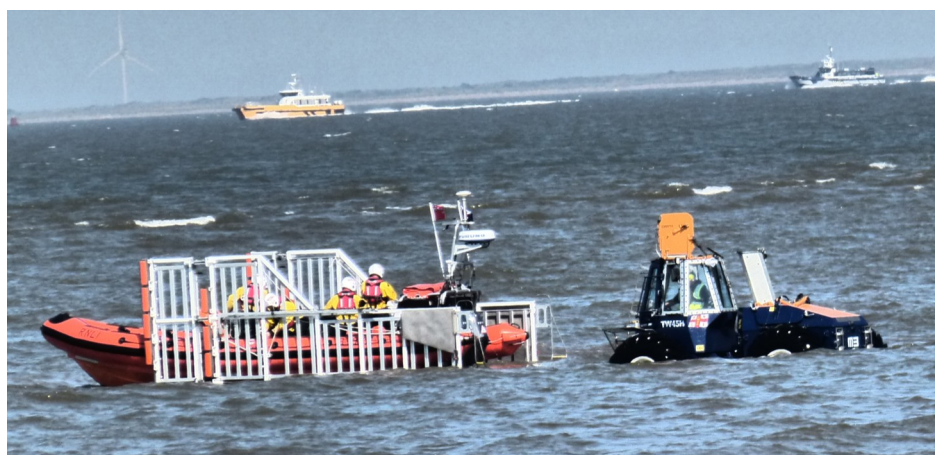
From the time I was a child I've always loved the sea. As a child my grandmother lived near the seaside, and holidays often included visits to the beach and hours playing in the sand and sea. As an adult I've had the joy of living a few times near the seaside both in Canada and the UK, so was delighted at the opportunity to move to Cleethorpes with the chance for regular walks on the beach and the chance for an occasional dip in the sea.

Our seaside location is obviously key to Cleethorpes as a place of leisure, a drawing card for holiday makers and day visitors and essential trade for many of our local businesses, far beyond the traditional fishing industries. I speak to many across our community who work at sea and those whose livelihoods are connected to the sea in some way.

Recent news stories of water related deaths have highlighted the dangers associated with water, and our own seaside is no stranger to that. Our local RNLI lifeboat station, Coastguard and Coastwatch station, provide essential care and rescue for those who play in and around our seashore, helping to keep us safe.

This July at St Peter's we have put aside a Sunday to pray for all those who work, play and rescue at or near the sea. Our 9.30 am service on Sunday 19th July this year will be a special sea-themed service to celebrate our wonderful seaside and pray for those who enjoy it, and work on or alongside it. Come join us for this special 'Seaside Sunday' service.

*Rev Kath*



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### The Frugal Lutheran

The frugal Lutheran walked into the house panting and almost completely exhausted. "What happened, dear?" inquired his wife.

"It's a great new idea I have to be a better steward of our resources," he gasped. "I ran all the way home from the stewardship committee meeting behind the bus and saved £2. "That wasn't very bright," replied his flustered wife. "Why didn't you run behind a taxi and save £15?"

## Saint Peter's Church Cleethorpes Lunchtime Concerts

Our 2026 season got off to a splendid start with a fantastic concert from The Orpheus Male Voice Choir. We enjoyed a programme of well-known songs from the musicals, interspersed with recitals by flautist, Eliza.

Regular contributor, Andrew, has written the tribute below -

### The Grimsby and Cleethorpes Orpheus Male Voice Choir Founded 1949

At any time on any day ar any hour  
What a joy it is to hear this choir.  
They've been around from days bygone  
These charming men with voice and song.  
They sing with splendour, joy and pride,  
This band of men by each others side.

*Andrew Winters*



We were so fortunate to have the opportunity to hear the two artistes who performed for our second concert. Vocalist Adele Dixon, who has been performing for over 30 years, was accompanied by professional musician Barry Whitfield, a past organist here at St Peter's. Barry also performed some piano solos and to our surprise and delight a piece on the organ.

See the programme for July and August overleaf

Saint Peter's Church Cleethorpes  
 2026 Programme of Lunchtime Concerts  
 Fridays 5th June - 28th August 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3rd July</b>  <u><b>The Nukuleles</b></u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Nukuleles Ukulele Band first decided to go out entertaining in 2017. We are still going strong as a seven piece band, and we look forward to entertaining you all with our multi genre songbook</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10th July</b>  <u><b>Swing Shift</b></u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Swing Shift is a dynamic and captivating saxophone quartet, that blends the traditions of jazz and classical music alike. They bring a fresh perspective to both beloved classics and contemporary works, creating an engaging experience for their audience.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17th July</b>  <u><b>Ancient Mariners Shanty Band</b></u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">We are an island nation and The Ancient Mariners celebrate this with their rendition of shanties which the sailors sang on board and in the hostelrys on land.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24th July</b>  <u><b>English Jazz Orchestra</b></u></p>	<p>A jazz session. Led by Martyn Stogden, English Jazz Orchestra are a classic swing band with vocals, playing standards by Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and more. For further information use this website at <a href="http://www.englishjazzorchestra.co.uk">http://www.englishjazzorchestra.co.uk</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31st July</b>  <u><b>Back to Brass</b></u></p>	<p>A troupe who play brass. "We play because we enjoy it, we don't take ourselves too seriously, all we ask is for donations for Cancer Research UK."</p>

Doors open 11:15 am  
 Light Refreshments Available  
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>7th August</u></b>  <b><u>Katriane Duo</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Flute and Guitar combine to play classical favourites and some you may not have encountered.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>14th August</u></b>  <b><u>Gabrielle Overton</u></b>  <b><u>Pianist</u></b></p>	<p>Gabrielle Overton has featured on The Piano (Channel Four). "I was diagnosed with Aspergers Syndrome in 2018 which is quite late on really," Gabrielle said. "I decided that I would use my skills as a pianist to perform and to raise awareness of hidden disabilities whilst inspiring others at the same time."</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>21st August</u></b>  <b><u>Thoresby Singers</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hailing from North Thoresby the choir will entertain us with well known popular songs with some surprises</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>28th August</u></b>  <b><u>Swing Easy</u></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Featuring Beryl Childs, this five piece band promise "Smooth Music with a touch of class."</p>

## What's on in Cleethorpes in July and August?

Saturday 4 July	Music at the Lake 11am - 5:00pm	Boating Lake
Sunday 5 July	Farmers Market 9:00am - 3:00pm	Kings Parade
Sat/Sun 18/19 July	Beachside Comic Con 10:00am - 4:00pm	Cleethorpes Leisure Centre
Fri-Sun 24-26 July	The Great Grub Fest	Cleethorpes Prom
Sunday 26 July	Discover Cleethorpes – guided history tour 1:00 - 3:00 £6.00	<a href="#">Book online</a>
Saturday 1 August	Everybody Loves the Sunshine Festival 1:00pm - 11:00pm	Cleethorpes Meridian Showground
Wed-Sun 5-9 Aug	Cleethorpes International Market	Lower Kingsway
Wed 12—Mon 31	Tucker's Mega Fun Park	Cleethorpes Meridian Showground
Sunday 30 August	Farmers Market 9:00am - 3:00pm	Kings Parade

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## Cleethorpes Local Nature Reserve

The major attraction of Cleethorpes is our beaches, which can be admired while strolling along the prom. The significance of the walk changed on 15 March of this year, when it became part of the King Charles III English Coast Path. At 2,689 miles this is the longest coastal path in the world, so Cleethorpes is a very small part of it!

The path continues south along the dunes towards Tetney Marshes and passes through the Cleethorpes Local Nature Reserve, which since 2023 has become part of the Lincolnshire Coronation Coast National Nature Reserve - the first in the King's series and this stretches as far as Mablethorpe.

The Cleethorpes Reserve, which covers 33 square kilometres along almost 30 kilometres of the Greater Lincolnshire coast, is now part of a new initiative known as the DUNE Project - Dynamic Understanding of the Natural Environment. This is focused on protecting and promoting understanding of the natural heritage of our coastline.

The area is particularly important for wintering and migratory birds. It has recently become home to a glossy ibis, which would have one time been extremely rare but because of climate change it is a more frequent visitor and the summer of 2025 saw an influx of these birds into England.

This reserve is also one of the best examples of a wildflower meadow in Lincolnshire and in June the orchids are quite spectacular.

We have a Coastal Ranger - Josh, who monitors protected species, and promotes conservation through guided walks, school visits, and community outreach – all to protect this rare and vital habitat for future generations.

On the website he says *“We want the people of North East Lincolnshire and our visitors to be aware of the valuable and wonderful habitat that is Cleethorpes.”*

Read more on the [NE Lincs website](#)



*Ted Johnson*

How well do you know Cleethorpes?

Do you know where the following are to be found.  
Answers on page 22



No 1



No 2



No 3



No 4



No 5

## Summer Holidays

*'Summertime and the living is easy.'* George Gershwin's words could be aptly applied to August, when many of us take holidays. It's a month to focus on summertime (weather permitting!!): family and barbeques; the beach and ice cream; long days with no school! It's a time to wind down from the hectic pace of normal routine.

However, while summer is a season, it is also a state of mind. We all have periods in life, which are summer-like, when life goes well. How can we walk by faith in the summers or good times of our spiritual lives?

**Summer Distinctives:** When we go through times of sickness, financial pressure, difficult relationships and other problems, we more easily focus on God. In a spiritual summer season, we can subtly find ourselves enjoying the gifts without acknowledging the Giver! The greatest danger in the summertime season of life is to forget the One who is responsible for the good things we are enjoying.

**Summer Distractions:** Our normal routine revolves around clocks and calendars, but we can easily get distracted when we break these disciplined routines. In the spiritual summer seasons of life, there is a temptation to miss out on our regular times with God in Bible reading and prayer! Things that make summer seasons enjoyable can also become big distractions.

**Summer Directives:** How can we make the most of this summer season and keep focused on God? We need to maintain a gratitude attitude: thankful to God for all His blessings: 'When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God.' (Deuteronomy 8:10/11).

So let's stay close and stay grateful to God in this summer season of life!

*Canon Paul Hardingham*

### The Shell

Upon the sandy shore an empty shell,  
Beyond the shell infinity of sea;  
O Saviour, I am like that empty shell,  
Thou are the Sea to me.

A sweeping wave rides up the shore, and, lo,  
Each dim recess the coiled shell within  
Is searched, is filled, is filled to overflow  
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*From a poem by Amy Carmichael 1867 – 1951*



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A study by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs found that people who spend time by the sea reported increased happiness and better general health. They were also more physically active during their visit, compared with visits to other types of environment.

Rebecca Pow, the then Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, said spending time by the sea “has a welcome impact on our wellbeing. This makes it all that more important that we take care of our environment.” In England, we make 271 million recreational visits to the sea each year, and more than 22 million of us live within five miles of the coast.

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## Have you noticed the Seagulls recently?

Or rather – the lack of them?

A recent survey published by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), found that the total number of gulls wintering in the UK has fallen from 3.9 million to just under 2.5 million over the past two decades.

It is thought that the reason for the decline of gulls is due to improvements in waste management, both on our streets and in landfill. Avian flu, agricultural practices and climate change may have also played a part.

The survey targeted the black-headed gull, common gull, lesser black-headed gull, herring gull, and black-backed gulls. It found all species, apart from herring gulls, had declined.

The great black-backed gull, the UK’s largest, saw a 66 per cent drop in numbers wintering in the UK. Black-headed gulls declined by almost half. Common gull numbers fell by 26 per cent, and those of lesser black-backed gulls dropped by 47 per cent.

Emma Caulfield, a BTO research ecologist and survey co-ordinator, said: “These figures are pretty alarming. Despite these smart and adaptable birds figuring out how to live alongside us, the ever-changing world appears to be moving too fast for them to keep up.”



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Planned Giving	7,100.00
Gift Aid Tax Received	3,507.45
Collections	2,129.94
Donations	6,355.48
PCC Fees	1,612.15
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Sundry Income	0.00
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**Total** **24,736.91**

### Payments

Clergy Expenses	133.11
Salaries & Organist Fees	9,352.95
Utilities	5,189.21
Insurance	2,215.14
Repairs & Maintenance	874.20
Security	332.16
Upkeep of Services	1,743.65
Hospitality	392.05
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Covenant giving	4,285.00
Charitable Donations	0.00
Sundry Expenses	237.63
Governance	487.00
Fixture & Fittings	0.00
Concert expenses	0.00
Transfer CBF	0.00

**Total** **27,186.35**

**Net Surplus/Deficit** **-2,449.44**

## HALL 2026

### January - May

<b>Receipts</b>	<b>2026</b>
Rents	3,218.17
Donations	0.00
Donations (Thursday Group)	5,412.14
Donations (Friday Coffee)	638.81
Donations (Food Pantry)	415.00

**Total** **9,684.12**

### Payments

Salaries (Hall)	2,851.97
Co-Ordinator (Thursday Group)	1,332.50
Utilities	2,874.95
Insurance	1,103.50
Repairs	932.16
Consumables	498.02
Security	332.16
Fixtures & Fittings	0.00
Resources (Thursday Group)	3,065.82

**Total** **12,991.08**

**Net Surplus/Deficit** **-3,306.96**



*Andrew Longbottom*  
*Treasurer*

## Answers to quiz on page 16

1. Squirrel sculpture in Haverstoe Park
2. Taphouse Lovers on Discovery Centre Wall
3. Metal Sculpture in gardens near The Leaking Boot
4. Window mural on library wall
5. Seagull on the Leisure Centre wall—one of many on the Seagull trail

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Entertainment and Outings, Information & Advice  
Free Monthly Club Meal

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

31 May 2026 Daniel Parker  
14 June 2026 Luca Arlo Ellis



### Funeral

21 May 2026 Andrea Carol Shepherd



## FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Come and join us for a cuppa and a cake  
St Peter's Church Hall,  
Cleethorpes.



Fridays 9:30am to 11:45am



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**ST PETER'S CHURCH CLEETHORPES  
PARISH SERVICES  
JULY AND AUGUST 2026**

**SUNDAYS**

**1ST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH**

**8:00 AM EARLY EUCHARIST  
9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

**OTHER SUNDAYS**

**9:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION**

**MIDWEEK SERVICE AND BIBLE STUDY  
10:00 AM WEDNESDAYS**

Tea/Coffee is available at the back of church before and after Sunday services and after Wednesday services.

The next Parish Magazine is the **September 2026** issue. We hope to publish both in print and electronically. If you have any articles or news please submit these to the editors either by email or via the Parish Office by **8 August. Note the earlier date.** We always welcome contributions from our readers! Thank you.  
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