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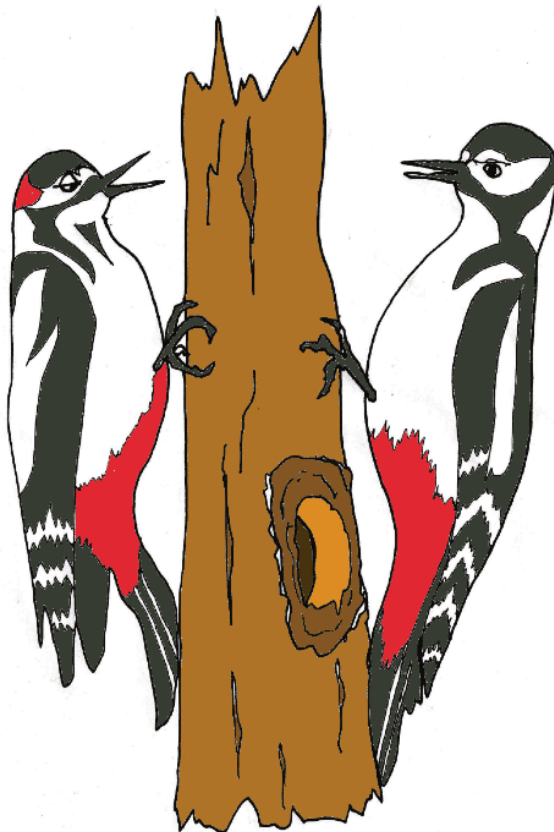
CLAYPOLE, DRY DODDINGTON, FENTON, STUBTON, WESTBOROUGH

# NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026

Thanks for our superb new nesting hole!

Not tonight, Josephine... I've got a headache...



## LOCAL INFORMATION

### CLAYPOLE

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**Parish Council website:** <http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/claypole>;

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**Claypole Brownies-** Please register at [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus) or contact Sarah on 07765 791882 for further details

**School Hall-** contact Claypole School 01636 626268

**Claypole Village Hall bookings:** [www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking](http://www.claypolevillagehall.org/onlinebooking)

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**Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:** vacancy

### FENTON

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# Letter from your Editor



Hello!

Back home with a nice big iMac to do the editing on - thanks heavens! I am not yet finished with treatment of one sort or another but at least I am home with a nice shower, peace and quiet and best of all - my lilac trees are about to bloom. Magic! The scent in early evening is magnificent.

Trying to pick up the pieces of life after nearly 8 weeks out of it all is proving surprisingly difficult. There are piles of bumf all over the place and I haven't time to deal with it all yet. I suspect I shall have to revert to my old working habit of 3 categories for paperwork : In, Out and LBW - the last standing for Let the Buggers Wait! Worked very nicely for years and I must include the large round grey metal receptacle on the floor close by...

I am really enjoying the succession of Spring blooms. I saw my snowdrops before hospital, received photos of my daffodils (thanks folks) and have been driven along the lanes from Long Bennington through enormous high hedges of blackthorn blossom stark white against the black twigs. My cherry trees are in flower as I write, and my plum and pear trees are white against the Hawthorn hedges. The apple blossom is just starting as are the lilacs. Oh I it IS nice to be home!

A new Calendar has appeared and it has taken quite a lot of detective work to get it all together from all over the place. There's a lot of fun stuff coming along so I hope we can support as much local effort as possible. Village life depends on its volunteers nut as always, the usual suspects can do with more help from more people. Some of us are getting a bit ancient...!

Yes, it's good to be back!

Best wishes, *Jane*

**Info for JUNE EDITION**

**By 16th MAY please**

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## From the Vicarage

May is a month full of life. Gardens begin to flourish, days stretch longer, and there is a sense that the world is opening up again. It is no surprise that this time of year we Christians reflect on and celebrate growth, renewal, and the quiet, steady work of God bringing new life where it was not expected.



In these weeks after Easter, our bible readings often take us into the early life of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, alongside passages from John's Gospel. We see ordinary people discovering that the resurrection of Jesus was not just a moment to celebrate, but a reality to live. They learned, sometimes uncertainly, how to become communities shaped by love, courage, and generosity.

One of the recurring themes is simple, but searching: abide. Jesus says, "Abide in me as I abide in you." It is not a call to frantic activity or to having everything worked out, but to remain — to stay connected, like branches to a vine. Growth, whether in gardens or in faith, does not come through force, but through patient, sustained connection to the source of life.

We can find that a challenge. We live in a world that prizes busyness. Yet the invitation of this season is quieter and deeper: to root ourselves in Christ, to allow his life to shape ours, and to trust that something good is growing even when we cannot yet see it.

As the natural world around us bursts into life, perhaps May is an opportunity to ask: what is growing in me? Where am I being invited to remain, to trust, to deepen?

In this season, may we discover the steady, life-giving presence of God at work within us and among us and may we find the courage to abide.

Rev'd Jon Speirs-Davies

# Events Calendar 2026

## May

Sun 10 help needed at Laypole vh 10.00am onwards  
Fri 15 Dry Doddington Race Night  
Fri 15 Claypole film night 6.30 on Life of Chuck  
Fri 15 Claypole food truck 5-8pm approx Pizza  
Sar 16 Coffee morning, plant sale Westborough v hall 10-12.00  
Sat 16 Open house at Claypole vh 9.30-11.30  
Wed 20 Claypole vh AGM 7.00pm  
Wed 27 Claypole food truck 5-8pm approx Nathan's Kotchen Co  
Thur 28 Dry Doddington coffee morning  
Sat 30 Stormy Weather Boys gig Westborough village hall 700 open  
Sat 30 Claypole vh plant sale 9.30- midday

## June

Fri 12 Claypole film night 6.30 on Priscilla Queen of the Desert  
Fri 12 Claypole food truck 5-8pm approx Koala Kitchen  
Sat 20 Rummage sale/Pop-up cafe Stubton vh 10-12 noon  
Thur 25 Claypole food truck 5-8pm approx Pizza

## July

Fri 10 Claypole film night 6.30 on Next Goal Wins  
Sat 11 Bringing back Time Team Prof Carenza Lewis at Long Ben vh  
Sun 12 Westborough fete 1.00pm on  
Tues 14 Paul Dyson wildlife photographer at Westborough vh 7.30  
Thur 25 Dry Doddington coffee morning

**Send your event dates as soon as available  
Let's try to avoid clashes!**

**SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS FOR THE HORSES PLEASE**

**Thank you to all the kind people  
who have saved stamps for us this year**

**Collecting used stamps**



**Please pass stamps to Mavis Arnold or Jane Ford or any WI member**

**Remember they raise over £11,000 for the rescue charity last year!**

Claypole Village Hall

**Help at the Village Hall**  
10am Sunday 10th May

**We need your help!**  
On the "to do list" this time:

- paint the paddock railings
- jet wash the play park & front paths
- clear out the store rooms

The kettle will be on & there are always biscuits!!



JOIN US FOR THE 2026  
**CLAYPOLE VILLAGE  
HALL AGM**

**7PM, WEDS 20TH MAY  
THE COULBY ROOM**

COME AND FIND OUT THE LATEST ABOUT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE VH, ITS FINANCES, ONGOING PROJECTS, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, ETC.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME SO PLEASE POP DOWN IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, SHARE NEW IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS

**NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE MUCH NEEDED  
AND ALWAYS WELCOME!**

# STORMY WEATHER



## AN EVENING OF SEA SHANTIES

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Doors open at 7pm for 8pm start

Tickets - £7

Bring your own drinks & nibbles

Tickets available from Cheryl 07929852643



## Rummage Sale

(or jumble sale if you are old school)

With

## Pop Up Cafe

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026

10am – 12 noon

Stubton Village Hall

All donations of "stuff" gratefully received

(but please - no books or large items of furniture).

Please either leave things in St Martin's Church any Thursday or

Saturday or contact Fiona on 07923 873908 or by email at

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# HORSE RACING

NIGHT

# 15TH MAY

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Dry Doddington village Hall

# FREE ENTRY

## 100 club winners

1st No 60 Shirley Kerr

2nd No 26 Dawn Broomham

3rd No 91 Jackie Nullis

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## EASTER FAIR THANKS

A big thank you from both the church and village hall organisers for the fantastic support we were given at the Dry Doddington Easter Fair. We were able to divide nearly £800 between us.

The crafts stalls and the activities were enjoyed by all, not to mention the delicious cakes! The name of the rabbit was "Sir Hops a lot" and was guessed by Willow Virden and the number of sweets in the jar was 234. The nearest guess came from Iris McCallin who came so close with 232!

And a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, we could not have done it without you!

*Dick Loynes & Brian Beddows*



*DD's Community Cafe*  
*10am - 12pm*  
*Last Thursday each month*

*£2 - Unlimited Tea/Coffee*  
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## Claypole Village Hall

# ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
MONDAY	10:30am-12:30pm	Co-op Cuppa (every 3rd Monday of the month)	Join us for a cuppa, cake and a catch up.
	12:30-1:30pm	Crochet class with Jade	Meet in the Coulby Room
	6-7:15pm	1st Claypole Brownies	Sarah: 07765 791882
TUESDAY	10:30-11:15am	Pilates with Inspired Fitness with Karen	Karen: <a href="http://www.inspiredfitnesswithkaren.co.uk">www.inspiredfitnesswithkaren.co.uk</a>
	7:30-8:30pm	Pilates with MovewithChar	Charlotte: <a href="mailto:movewithchar@gmail.com">movewithchar@gmail.com</a>
WEDNESDAY	9:20-10:10am	Caterpillar Music (family class)	<a href="http://www.caterpillarmusic.com/class-leaders/anna-coggan">www.caterpillarmusic.com/class-leaders/anna-coggan</a>
	10:15-10:55am	Caterpillar Music (family class)	
	7:30-8:30pm	STARTING 6TH MAY! Secret Squirrel Fitness	Amanda: <a href="mailto:secretsquirrelhealthandfitness@gmail.com">secretsquirrelhealthandfitness@gmail.com</a>
THURSDAY	7-8pm	Boxercise with Sophie's Fitness & Beauty	Sophie: 07812 750905 <a href="mailto:sophie.fitnessandbeauty@hotmail.com">sophie.fitnessandbeauty@hotmail.com</a>
FRIDAY	9:15-10am	Cardio Tone (outdoors) with Sophie's Fitness & Beauty	Sophie: 07812 750905 <a href="mailto:sophie.fitnessandbeauty@hotmail.com">sophie.fitnessandbeauty@hotmail.com</a>
	10:30am-12:30pm	Crafty Cuppa with The Inky Nook (every 3rd Friday)	Carrie: <a href="mailto:carrie@theinkynook.com">carrie@theinkynook.com</a>

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CLAYPOLE VILLAGE HALL

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ANNUAL QUIZ NIGHT



**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who came to our first annual quiz night in March. It was a great success & we raised over £800 for the Village Hall. Well done to the winning team, "Norfolk & Chance" - we hope you'll be back next year to defend your title and retain the Coulby Cup.



## News from Claypole & District

**March Meeting** - on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> was our Annual Meeting. The Committee were voted back in, with addition of 2 new committee members. Our long standing President Jane Ford has stepped down from the position after over 20 years as President. The Committee & members thank Jane for all that she has done for our WI. Jane is remaining on the Committee, her help has been invaluable! We have a new President, Julie Greenberry. Julie has been a Committee member for a number of years & has always showed such dedication to our WI.

Kathleen the secretary does a quiz & usually there was something to do with Elvis, because Jane was a fan like Kathleen. Jane always joked that the answer was always Elvis! However, Kathleen decided that because Jane unfortunately could not be with us, that "Elvis had definitely left the building"!

**Note:** The Treasurer collected subs at the Annual Meeting & has asked, if they weren't paid at that meeting, then if possible to please pay them at the April Meeting? It can be cash or paid by Bacs transfer. Subs would normally be £54 for the year, but members are being subsidised and it will be £44.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** Tracey Ackhurst is going to tell us about "Poisons and Passions"! We are looking forward to an evening that we are sure will be fun!

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** We are going to find out about "Lincolnshire Poachers" with our speaker Nicola Hallam.

**Members:** we still need ideas about an outing in June, please?

**Jane's Art & Craft Group** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month & it is 9am to noon. It's a case of arriving at a time that suits you.

We are still going to support the Women 'Refuge all year round, not just at Christmas! Having met one of the staff in person, we are now clearer about what is required all year round. Kathleen takes supplies usually around once a month. Please let Kathleen know of any donations you have.

We are a friendly group for all ages, with varied interests. Are you thinking of joining, or coming back? The first visit is the same as the visitor's fee, it is £4. We hope you will join us and find out about all the interesting things that our Speakers/Demonstrators have lined up, as well having some lighthearted fun along the way. Our WI is a great way of meeting people and making new friends,

**STAMPS** – Please continue to save your stamps and pass them on to a WI member. They will then be given to Jane Ford and Mavis Arnold to help raise money for the horses charity.

**Contact** - Kathleen Thomas (Secretary) – telephone 01636 626860.

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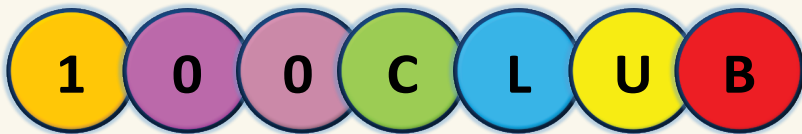
£716.50 was raised.

Great to see so many people there!



The next one is on Saturday 17th October so please keep your donations coming in, books, CD's, DVD's, jigsaws and items for the tombola. All items very much appreciated.

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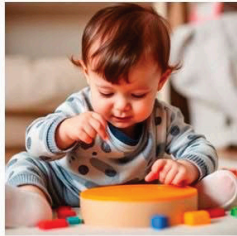
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**18th May**

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It's time to say thank you to Jon and everyone who contributes to the day to day life of our parish churches.

Our Church Wardens are elected at this time and I especially want to thank them for their wisdom and commitment.

Mavis Arnold and Libby Mason are standing down we are grateful to them for so many years of service.

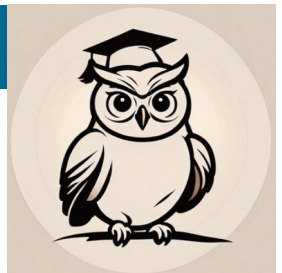
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Dry Doddington

## Farmyard tails

At the time of writing this 8 out of this year's expected 13 cows have calved. 4 heifers & 4 bull calves (the bull calves have been castrated and dehorned).

We decided to have 2 of the cows scanned last week and as we expected neither were in calf. One is Phillis who has been suffering with arthritis and so we have decided to retire her until such time that she becomes uncomfortable. The other cow is Kat. Kat has not had a calf now for a few years and because of this she has become rather porky. Apart from starving her there is no other option than to retire her as well. It is important to keep cows in calf or with calf at foot whenever possible to keep their weight down. More so when they are on rich and plentiful Lincolnshire grass!

Over the last few years we have started to retire a few of our older cows. Most farmers will take these 'barren' cows into market and from there they enter the food chain. That is what farming is all about. However, the Highlands have always been my dream, my hobby and my pets. As such we hang onto them until the time comes for them to be put to sleep due to illness or old age related issues. They are put to sleep on the farm and I am the last person they see.



Most of our calvings are straight forward but this year we have had a breech calf with 1 leg back. John had to ease the leg around the umbilical cord and get the leg inline with the other one ready for a back legs first birth. 40+ years of lambing experience certainly helped.

If a breech calf takes a breath when its head is still inside the womb it will drown. The key is to get the calf out as quickly as possible before the ribs and lungs expand. We have 2 ropes that we tie around each leg and we apply gentle pressure working with the cows contractions. When the hips are through we have to pull quickly but safely to get the calf out before that first breath or it's game over. In this instance we had a successful delivery thank goodness but it is always scary and always in the middle of the night!

Farming can be very challenging at times but also very rewarding. On a much lighter note.....

6 of the cows with calves at foot have gone out onto the field behind the barn. The lush rich grass will help the cows produce some lovely milk and the calves love zooming around and crashing out on the grass.

They have access to the barn for shelter, hay and their mineral/vitamin block.

The fields are being prepared ready for the cows to be turned on to with Ragnar the bull later on this month.

Lambing starts in May so once the cows are out we start to construct lambing pens. The ewes will come in soon and will have a high energy feed in preparation for lambing.

Never a dull moment 😊

Take care,  
Tracey



# The Green Page

With the result of climate change, every day is getting harder for bees just to simply survive. Bees do so much for our eco system and we can thank them for our ability to have beautiful flowers to display in our homes and gardens.

In North America, four species of bee are struggling incredibly with one already extinct. The severity of the situation is proven with that - if one species is already extinct, how long do the rest of them have before they come to the same fate? And is there anything we can do to protect them?

Of course there is! Bees rely on flowers so just building a pollinator garden filled with flowers is incredibly beneficial. Habitat loss means that bees are running out of flowers to pollinate, so let's help each other!

One of the risks to bees' wellbeing is the use of pesticides, this is a huge risk for them long term. I ask of you, this month, to please consider using less pesticides and hopefully make this a habit! If you do use pesticides, the most ideal times to use them are early or late in the day - this is so they don't impact bees when they are going about their rounds!

Bees need us now more than never - remember without them we will lose our flowers! It is time to show them we care! So plant some flowers and leave some areas wild!



***Elizabeth***

# Kathleen's Kitchen

## Fish & Vegetable Bake

(Serves 2 & can be adapted for more people)  
(All weights & measures are approximate)

### Ingredients:

2 pieces of white fish - cod/haddock or any of your choice

1 lemon - juiced

Black pepper – a couple of twists on a grinder, salt – pinch

Half a tsp smoked paprika,

half a tsp dried oregano,

half a tsp garlic powder,

half a tsp ground coriander

1 bell pepper – red or yellow,

1 courgette sliced in rounds or as batons

Tomatoes – optional. If you wish to use them, then 1 – 2 large sliced

1 tbs of mild olive oil or any oil of your choice.

Use more or less herbs & spices according to your taste. Make sure vegetables are thin enough to be ready at the same time as the fish.

To serve, it can be served with any grains, pasta or potatoes.



### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 180C (350F). Line a large baking tray with baking parchment.

Arrange fish, pepper and courgette & any other vegetables that you would like to have on the lined baking tray.

Sprinkle over the oregano, garlic powder, salt and pepper.

Drizzle with 1 tbs of olive oil mixed with lemon juice & gently tossing the vegetables around a little so they are coated.

Bake for 15-20 minutes or more until the vegetables are softened and the fish is cooked through. Serve it with whatever you have chosen to have.





# News from Claypole & District Women's Institute

**April's Meeting** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> was a great evening. Everyone was pleased to see that our past President Jane Ford was at the meeting. Our new President Julie Greenberry thanked Jane for all she had done for many years for our WI.

The speaker Tracey Akehurst's topic "Passion and Poison" was a very amusing insight into how plants were used for their medicinal or aphrodisiac properties. She started off with how the philosopher Socrates who died in 399 BC by drinking a poisoned cup of "Hemlock" (Hogweed). Tracey made everyone aware that we often see "Cow Parsley" growing in our countryside, but not to confuse "Hogweed" with it, which is highly toxic & poisonous. She said that while it looks the same, it can be recognised because it has splashes of pink/red on it's flower heads.

**Note:** The Treasurer collected subs at the Annual Meeting in March. If any member was not at the meeting to pay, then they need to be paid as soon as possible. They can be paid by Bacs transfer. If you have any queries, then please contact the secretary and she can let the Treasurer know. Subs would normally be £54 for the year, but members are being subsidised and it will be £44.

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May** We are going to find out about "Lincolnshire Poachers" with our speaker Nicola Hallam.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – outing.** This is in the process of deciding where we will go out of various places that the Committee has a list.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** - Paul Dyson, Artist and Wildlife Photographer

**Jane's Art & Craft Group** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday in the month & it is 9am to noon. It's a case of arriving at a time that suits you. Bring. Your own project to work on or ask around for ideas and get help as required. £2.50 to cover the cost of the hall.

**We are still going to support the Women 'Refuge all year round.** If you have anything that you think would help them, please speak to our secretary Kathleen. She makes arrangements with the Refuge and will take things in near to the arranged dates.

**We are a friendly group for all ages, with varied interests.**

**Are you thinking of joining, or coming back?** The first visit is the same as the visitor's fee, it is £5. If you plan on joining, then your 1<sup>st</sup> visit will be free and then choose when you would like to have your next 2 visits at half price. You will then be expected to join at the meeting after your 3<sup>rd</sup> visit. So why not come along and find out about all the interesting things that our Speakers/Demonstrators have in store for us. As well as having some really interesting topics and at times learning about something that perhaps you knew very little about, we like to have some lighthearted fun along the way. Our WI is a great way of meeting people and making new friends,

**STAMPS** – Please continue to save your stamps and pass them on to a WI member or Kathleen. They will then be given to Jane Ford and Mavis Arnold to help raise money for Bransby horses charity.

**Contact** – Julie Greenberry (President) – telephone 01636 627079  
Kathleen Thomas (Secretary) – telephone 01636 626860.

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## LINCOLN CATHEDRAL



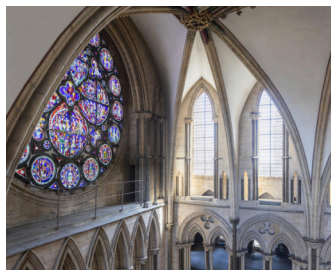
Lincoln Cathedral, also known as Lincoln Minster, is formally known as the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln. It is the seat of the bishop of Lincoln and the mother church of the diocese of Lincoln. The cathedral is governed by the dean and chapter, and is a Grade 1 listed building. It is the 4th largest cathedral in the UK, after Liverpool, St. Paul's and York.

The earliest parts of the cathedral date to 1072 when Bishop Remigius moved his seat from Dorchester-on-Thames to Lincoln. The building was completed in 1092 but severely damaged nearly a century later, in 1185, by an earthquake..

After the earthquake, a new bishop was appointed. He was Hugh de Burgundy, and became known as St Hugh of Lincoln. He began a massive programme of rebuilding and expansion, beginning with the choir and the eastern transepts between 1192 and 1210. The central nave was built in the Early English Gothic style, with pointed arches, flying buttresses and ribbed vaulting.

There are 13 bells in the south west tower, 2 in the north west tower and 5 in the central tower, including the bell known as Great Tom.

There are 2 large stained glass rose windows, the Dean's Eye completed in 1235, and the Bishop's Eye installed a century later. A contemporary record refers to the meaning of these 2 windows. One window is on the dark north side, and the other on the light south side of the cathedral. North represents the devil and south the Holy Spirit. The Bishop faces the south in order to invite in the Holy Spirit, and the Dean faces north to shun the devil. With these eyes the cathedral's face is on watch for good and evil.



In 1237 the main tower collapsed. A new tower was started and in 1255 the cathedral petitioned King Henry III to allow them to remove part of the town wall in order to enlarge and expand the cathedral, including the rebuilding of the central tower and spire. The original small rounded chapels were replaced by a large east end to the cathedral, to cope with increasing numbers of pilgrims coming to worship at the shrine of St. Hugh.

Between 1307 and 1311 the central tower was raised to its present height of 271ft. The western towers and front of the cathedral were also improved and heightened. A tall lead-encased wooden spire topped the central tower but it was blown down in a storm in 1548. With its spire the tower reached a height of 525ft, making it the tallest man-made structure in the known world for over 200 years.

Hugh of Wells, Bishop of Lincoln, was one of the signatories to Magna Carta, and for hundreds of years the cathedral held one of the four remaining copies of the original. It is now housed in Lincoln Castle, with the other 3 copies being held at Salisbury Cathedral and the British Library (2).



A 13th century carving in the Angel Choir is known as the Lincoln Imp and has become the symbol of the city.

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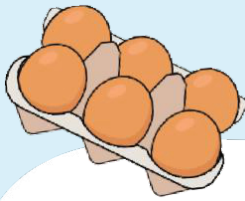
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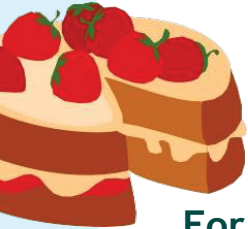
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# Sunday Worship Times

## May

<b>Sunday 3rd</b>		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
<b>Sunday 10th</b>		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
Stubton	6.00pm	Evening Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 17th</b>		
Allington	10.00	Holy Communion/Morning Worship TBC
Claypole	10.30	Holy Communion
L B	10.30	Morning Worship
Foston	3.00pm	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 24th</b>		
L B	10.30	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 31st</b>		
Westborough	10.30	HC Group Service

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