

Services at the Parish Church

Sundays 8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW)
Thursdays 10.00 am Eucharist (BCP) 3rd Sunday 10.00 am Family Service

MATT HISCOCK

We have two ordinands on placement with us in Soham and Wicken for the next year or so, Matt Hiscock and Staffan Dawkins. (An ordinand is someone studying at theological college before they are ordained). Staffan and Matt are both studying at Westcott House in Cambridge. They come to us with different life experiences - Matt Hiscock writes:



Matt and Staffan

“I’ve always found it slightly awkward meeting new people and trying to get to know something about that person over a brief conversation and a cup of tea. I’m sure I am not alone in this and so I thought I would very briefly share a little something about who I am and what has brought me to be with you in Soham and Wicken whilst I train for ordained ministry at Westcott House.

Probably the most unusual fact about me is that I am a quintuplet. (Like a twin - but with five)

- I grew up in Devon and was a chorister at Exeter Cathedral from 9-13.
- After leaving school I travelled by bus around America and Canada.
- I studied Creative Writing at university for a year.
- I worked as a barman for a year in London where I attended Quaker Meetings for some silence.
- I worked for The Salvation Army in California for four months, which was a very different and interesting experience, working with inner-city kids from Community Housing Projects in Los Angeles.
- I became an unofficial Geordie, moving to Newcastle where I worked for two years as a pastoral assistant in two very different parishes
- I have a wide and varied range of interests and hobbies, including whales, the coast, music, poetry, cake and beer.

I’m really looking forward to being amongst you during my time here and hopefully you will all get to know me a bit more and I hopefully getting to know you all, getting to know myself more, and getting to know God more.

Matt Hiscock

ROAD TRIP 2013 (2)

In June last year Mr C and I undertook a road trip in the US which took us into the heart of America and enabled us to visit friends and family as well as visit some of the places we'd seen before and some we had not.



We didn't have very long – just one night – in Memphis but we also managed to fit in a visit to Sun Studio – a MUST if you are ever there. Sun Studio is where rock and roll was born! The guided tour is well worth taking and the guides are incredibly

knowledgeable about their subject and also very enthusiastic...it's a fun visit! We were able to stand in the very studio where many a famous pop song has been recorded.

Obviously, this is not an original photo of Elvis Presley with Johnny Cash, Chet Atkins and Jerry Lee Lewis – it's a photo of a photo from the wall in the studio!

Again, Memphis comes alive after dark and



we spent an evening wandering along Beale Street, listening to the music coming from the various bars and clubs there.

Next morning we were off on our travels again and this time we had a long drive through the Missouri countryside – not particularly interesting, mostly straight highways – see photo! – to St Louis.

I had always thought that the archway

spanned the Mississippi River but not so! It is on the west bank of the river. St Louis is called the gateway to the West due to the fact that it was established by the pioneers making their way across America – they crossed the river and some decided to stay and establish the city there. It is famous for its Archway which we were able to go up inside....you go up in a kind of bean-can on a ratchet system...quite a rough ride but well worth it when you get to the top! [continued on next page



VIVA THEATRE COMPANY.

There are still a few tickets left for Viva Theatre Company's production of Acorn Antiques the Musical at the Brook, Thursday 6th - Saturday 8th November. Reuniting the partnership of Tickner and Kenna, an evening of fun and laughter is guaranteed.

A fundraising event for Viva is being held in church on Tuesday 18th November. Richard Mangan, author, raconteur and man of the theatre will talk about his life as, among other things, Stage Manager at the National Theatre. An entertaining evening not to be missed.

Tickets for both of these events are available from the Box Office: 01353 722228 or online at wegottickets.com.

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Once again, we didn't have long to explore St Louis and it is a city we would like to revisit one day, but we had places to go and things to see! Our next destination was Winterset, Iowa. Why? - you may ask!! I am a fan of the film *The Bridges of Madison County* and when we were originally planning



our route, I noticed that we were going 'near'! I use the term 'near' loosely as we actually had to make quite a detour...but it was so worth it! When we were 'researching' (another term I use loosely!) our tour we also found out that Winterset is also the birthplace of John Wayne. So, we HAD to go there! It

is a beautiful little mid-west town which we actually felt did not make the most of its fame!

However, on visiting the beautiful Roseman Bridge – in the loveliest, peaceful, remote little backwater, I was definitely not disappointed. The bridges were covered to protect the wooden floors and are quite famous in this area of Madison County. Back in town I was able to sit on the very same bar stool that Clint Eastwood had sat on in the film! Just one of those things that have to be done!! We were made very welcome by the locals – they don't see many visitors from the UK!



One night there and then we were off again – last stop Dyersville, Iowa! Again, you might ask why?! Well, Mr C is a big fan of the film *The Field of Dreams* – and I quite like Kevin Costner too!! So, Dyersville was our last stop. We visited the Museum of Farm toys – I have never seen so many toy tractors in my life! It is a small boys' heaven. There are toy tractors of all ages and sizes as well as models of state fairs dating back to the 30s. All very interesting

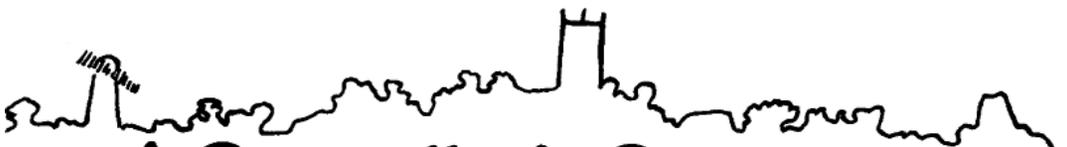


but once you've seen one tractor..... you know the rest!

A short drive out of town, you turn off the highway and eventually come to what was the set for the film. It is beautifully preserved and a peaceful place to sit and imagine the baseball players walking out of the corn.

Our final day was spent driving back through Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois to Chicago and our plane home. We had travelled 3000+ miles and visited 11 States – and we have hardly scratched the surface! Still lots to see!

Pam Cole



A Councillor's Comments

At our October meeting there were two people to voice their opinions during the 15 minutes allowed for Public Comment Time. A young Mum told us about her concern about parents with young children, smoking within the Play Area, and she would like to see a notice put up to request no smoking within the play area. The council will agree to this request but says it is difficult to enforce it. It will be up to the adults not to smoke in the presence of young children. Geoffrey Woollard spoke about the "Soham Debate", this is a site on the web which discusses issues about Soham. His concern was that this was out of control with some users resorting to the use of bad language and he wanted this stopped or controlled.

East Cambridgeshire Local Plan: This was the main item on the agenda where we were asked to consider the alterations made by East Cambs. to the local plan. They had considered that we needed more houses than was originally planned in order to meet future needs. They had identified various sites where these additional houses could be built. Recently these plans were on display in the Pavilion when we had a consultation day when Soham residents could look at these proposed areas of development and express their opinion. One area of particular interest was that of the Eastern Gateway where the newly formed CLT Community Land Trust under the name of Thrift, were hoping to acquire a portion of land in which to build homes under the control of the Trust which could then be allocated to local people at affordable rates, and these houses would remain within the control of the trust. This is a good way of providing affordable homes to local people, which is not happening at the moment as any affordable houses being built are often allocated to names on a list of people outside Soham. So it is hoped that our Trust will be able to make use of this opportunity to bring this scheme to fruition.

Request For Financial Support: This was the annual request to the council to pay the insurance cover for putting the Christmas Lights up. This is a necessary expense in order that Soham has a bright and cheerful display over the Festive Season

Councillor Ginn

HOST

HOST is looking for kind, friendly, hospitable people of all ages whose imaginations are caught by the idea of welcoming an international student at university here, far from his or her own family, to their home, for a day, a weekend or at Christmas. You don't need to live near a university, as students will travel for the privilege of meeting you, learning about real life in this country, and sharing their own culture. HOST is a voluntary activity which makes ambassadors for international goodwill of us all. Please see www.hostuk.org or call Mandy Talbott 01472 851084. Thank you



November Sunday Services

Sunday 9th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
	2.30 pm	Laying of wreaths at the War Memorial
	3.00 pm	Service of Remembrance in Church
Sunday 16th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 am	Family Service
Sunday 23rd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
Sunday 30th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)

December

Sunday 7th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00 am	Service of the Word (Common Worship)
	3.30 pm	Christingle Service



☆ **Soham Village College Christmas Fayre** will take place in LodeSide Hall on Saturday, 29th November between 1.00 and 4.00 pm with Seasonal Gifts & Goodies, Tombola, Craft Stalls, Raffle, Entertainment, Refreshments and much more. Admission 50 pence.

☆ **Items for the December edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Friday, 21st November. E-mails should be sent to peterdscott@btopenworld.com or printed copy left at 22 Sand Street, Soham CB7 5AA. Note that there is no edition in January.



Anniversary Recital

7.30 pm on Saturday,
22nd November, 2014

by

Andrew Lumsden

Organist & Director of Music
Winchester Cathedral

*with a wide screen projection
of the console at the front of
church*

Tickets £10.00 at the door
Concessions £7 - students free
(includes interval refreshments)

*To commemorate the anniversary of the Opening Recital on
the new organ by Andrew Lumsden on 23rd November, 2013*

Dates for the Calendar

- ☆ 14th November Remembrance Sunday
- ☆ 15th Pudding Evening in Wicken Hall (more details and tickets from Tim 720 423)
- ☆ 22nd Organ Recital by Andrew Lumsden
- ☆ 29th Wicken Hall Christmas Market
- ☆ 6th December Soham Winter Fayre (in and around the church from 5.00 pm)

Just a few words

Dear Friends

At the beginning of November every year we hold our annual All Souls' Service when we remember all those who have died and especially those who have died in the past twelve months or so. It is a moving service during which the recently bereaved are invited to come and light a candle of remembrance after a list of names has been read out.

The experience of loss and bereavement can be a very powerful one and some people feel can feel rather disorientated as a result. Here at St Andrew's we have a Bereavement Support Group which meets once a month (normally on the fourth Wednesday of each month). The aim of the group is to provide a safe and supportive space where people can come and, if they want, talk about their experience with others who have been through similar things. We meet from 10.30 – noon and the group is open to anyone. If you, or anyone you know, would like to come along the dates of the next few meetings are: 26th November, 17th December and 21st January. One of the group wrote the following moving poem which describes the author's experience of adjusting to being on her own:

*The Journey from We to Me
We has company, we is great
We takes for granted our soul mate
We has plans, dreams and hope
We has a future filled with scope
Then like a thief along comes grief
Just leaves a pain with no relief
Me is left alone and scared
Me was certainly not prepared
Me stumbles through those early days
In a disbelieving kind of haze
Me is empty yet heavy as well
Me sees each day as a living hell
Me feels overwhelmed by fears
Me is just awash with tears
Me can no longer turn and say*

*"Hello my love how was your day?"
Me sometimes sets an extra place
Then remembers me won't see that face
It's almost more than me can bear
To see smiling couples everywhere
Love in every film and song
A world to which me doesn't belong
Me has to suffer that lonely grief
Since joy was stolen by that thief
Me shall have to re-adjust
It's not a want, more a must
To make a meal for only one
Make an effort to have some fun
Me will have to live in hope
That one day me will learn to cope*

Tessa

With every good wish

Tim Alban Jones

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

5th October	Holly Heather Keenan Brooke Conroy
12th	Isla Elizabeth Clayton
19th	Michalina Skowron
26th	Phoebe May McDonald

Funerals

2nd October	Rose Marie Webb
28th	Joan Daisy Benton
30th	Gary Fretwell