

# LodeSTAR

St Andrew's Church Magazine for the Parish of Soham

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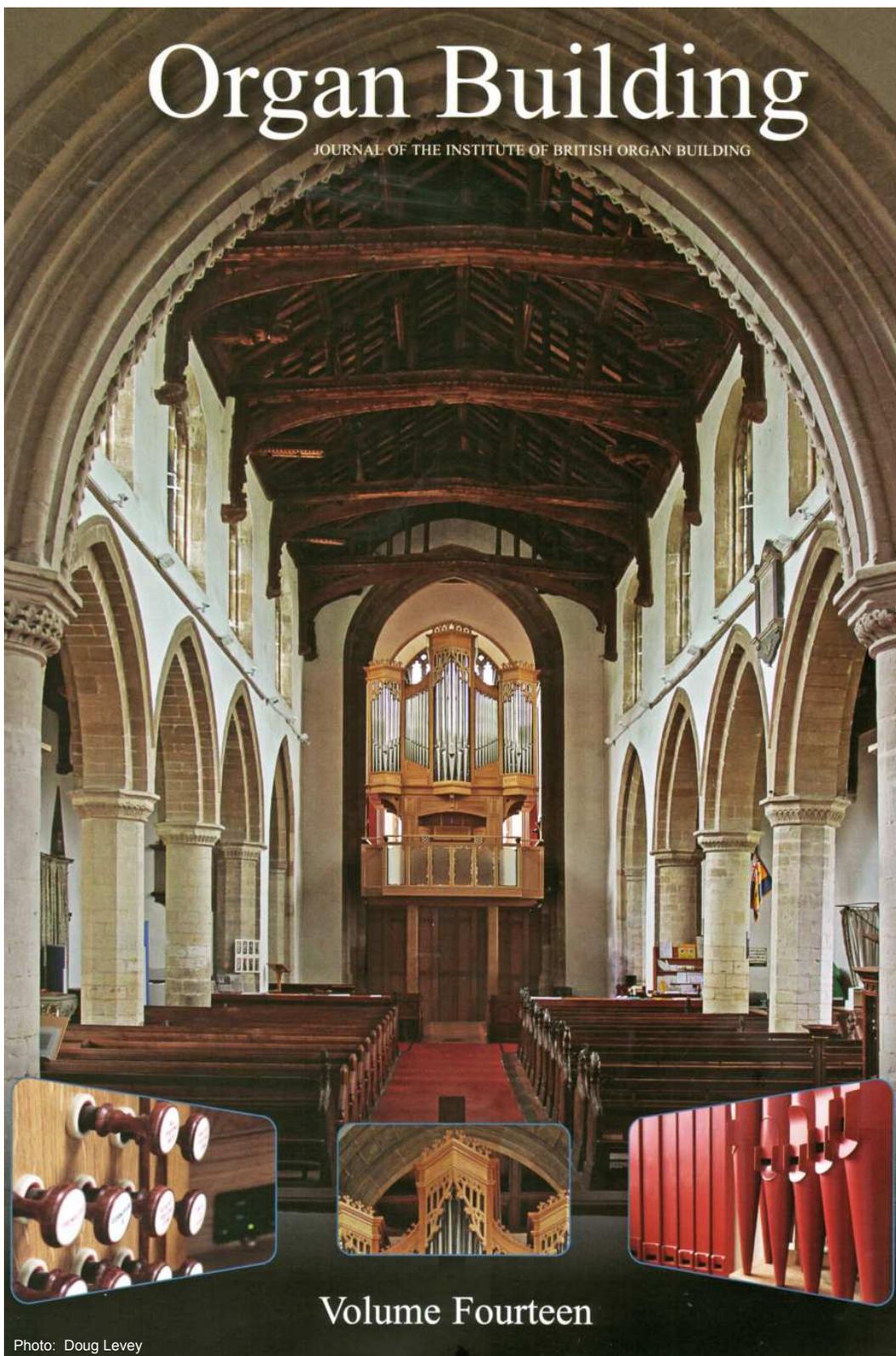
<b>Services at the Parish Church</b>	<i>1st Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Morning Prayer
Sundays	8:00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)	10.00 am Sung Eucharist (CW)
Thursdays	10.00 am	Eucharist (BCP)	<i>3rd Sunday</i> 10.00 am Family Service

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## National Magazine features our new Organ

# Organ Building

JOURNAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF BRITISH ORGAN BUILDING



## Volume Fourteen

Photo: Doug Levey

We have known for some time that our new Richard Bower organ was likely to be featured in the annual Journal of the Institute of British Organ Building, but it was a pleasant and unexpected surprise to find that it had been chosen to appear as the front cover. The article, covering seven pages with many colour photographs consists of sections contributed by Richard Bower, Tim Alban Jones and Peter Scott. The full article can be seen on a notice board at the back of church.

# February services

Sunday 8th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
Sunday 15th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Family Service (Healing Eucharist) (CW)

## Ash Wednesday 18th

	2.00 pm	Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at Wicken (Common Worship)
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion with the imposition of ashes at Soham (Common Worship)
Sunday 22nd	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist (Common Worship)
	3.00pm	Uniformed Organisations Thinking Day Service
March 1st	8.00 am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
	10.00am	Morning Prayer

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## Arrangements for LENT

Lent begins on 18th Feb. There will be the usual services to mark the beginning of this solemn season of preparation and penitence. The first will be at 2.00 pm in Wicken, and the second will be at 7.30 pm in Soham. At both these services we will have the imposition of ashes; this is an ancient tradition symbolising penitence and our mortality.

As a precursor to Lent we have our Valentine's Day Coffee Morning in church between 10 am and 12.00 noon. At this we will be launching our church Lent Book and there will also be the draw for the Starry Night Quilt.

Other Lenten activities will include:

**Contemplative Compline** Every Sunday evening during Lent at 6.30 pm.

**Lent Groups** Tuesday evening in Soham (7.30 pm)  
Wednesday evening in Wicken (7.30 at 39 High Street)  
Thursday daytime in Soham. (10.45 am in the meeting room in church)

**Sat. 21 March** Book Club Bring and Share Brunch. 10.30 in church.

## In God's Hands

'In God's Hands' by Desmond Tutu is the Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2015. The idea is that we read this beforehand and discuss it over coffee and toast, etc. Paperback copies and a Kindle version are available online, or you can buy locally. There should be time for us to share copies. There is a list at the back of church to sign if you are interested in this.

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## Choristers' Confession.

Almighty and most merciful Choirmaster,  
We have erred and strayed from thy beat like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the intonation and tempi of our own hearts.  
We have offended against thy dynamic markings.  
We have left unsung the notes we ought to have sung.  
And have sung the notes we ought not to have sung.  
And there is no breath in us.  
But thou, O Choirmaster, have mercy on us, miserable singers.  
Succour the chorally challenged.  
Restore them that need extra note bashing,  
Spare thou them without pencils.  
Pardon our mistakes.  
And have faith that we will follow thy directions.  
And sing together in perfect harmony. Amen  
*(from the choir vestry in Lichfield Cathedral)*



# PARISH



# REGISTERS

## Baptisms

Dec 7th	Harry Moorman
Jan 11th	Matthew Henry Neal
18th	Jessica Annie Elizabeth Campbell Kaiden Matthew William Jarvis

## Funerals

Dec 12th	Rose Lilly Munns
17th	Susan Claringbold
19th	Angela Blease
23rd	Bertha Hobbs
Jan 6th	George Hobbs
13th	Leonard Morrell
16th	Kenneth Pryke Kathleen Pickerill
20th	Jean Kidman Elizabeth "Betty" Pilath

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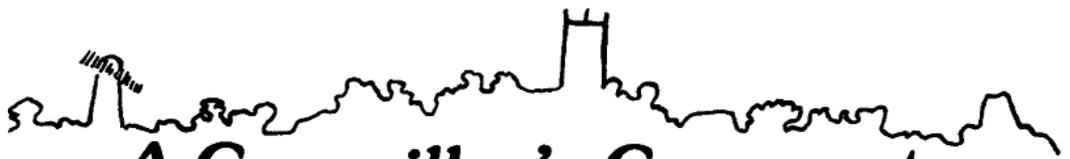
## Gluten Free Apple Chutney Recipe

*Ingredients* 3 lb Apples, peeled and finely chopped  
1 lb Onions, finely chopped.  
1½ lb Brown Sugar  
8 oz Sultanas  
½ pint Cyder Vinegar  
½ teaspn Cayenne Pepper  
2 cloves Garlic, crushed  
1 teaspn Sea Salt  
2 teaspns Pickling Spice  
1" piece Root Ginger

### *Method*

- Using a slow cooker (2.5 litre) on low heat, pour in the cyder vinegar and begin to warm. Add the sugar, garlic cayenne pepper, salt and stir until the sugar is melting.
- Add the sultanas, apples and onions and really stir to mix well.
- Put the root ginger, which I normally gut the skin off and slice up, together with the pickling spice into a "spice ball" or alternatively tie these up in a small square of muslin. Immerse the spices in the chutney mixture.
- Cook for approximately 8 to 9 hours, until the chutney is thickened and smells good!
- Spoon into sterilised jars. (This recipe makes about 6 large jars).

You may think it strange that most chutneys available in the shops have some form of gluten in them, at least if you make your own, you can be sure that it is ok for a gluten free diet. This chutney goes very well with cheeses, salad and sliced Quorn. *Jo Sturgeon*



# A Councillor's Comments

## **December Meeting**

At the commencement of our December meeting our chairman called for a period of silence to mark the passing of Cyril Hempstead who for several years had been both a District Councillor as well as a Soham Town Councillor.

The Public Comment Time was taken up by Mr. Geoffrey Wollard who had two points to make. First he referred to other Councils who had a slot in the agenda for District and County Councillors to report to the meeting about what they had been engaged in. Second he referred to the project the council had been working on for a number of years now to refurbish the Pavilion. The project is now out for tender and the cost is well over a Million pounds, and he suggested that a referendum should be made to the people of Soham. The chairman pointed out that we have already had two consultations and displays of the proposals and there was no opposition then. The first consultation was to ascertain as to whether Soham needed a community meeting place following the sale of the Church Hall. The answer was that we did and added whatever we did in the light of this, the Pavilion needed to be refurbished. The council decided that instead of the effort and cost of finding a site and building a new Community Hall we would respond to the consultation's recommendation to refurbish the Pavilion.

Applications For Financial Support: a) Rural Cambs Citizens Advice Bureau. They said the demand for their services continues to increase due to the impact of welfare reform, benefit sanctions, under occupancy tax and work poverty. In Soham they dealt with 383 new clients with 699 problems. In the light of their increased workload we were happy to respond to their request.

b) Soham Comrades Band. They were keen to make use of the Bandstand but it needed to be repaired and repainted. Their request was simply for the cost of materials and asking the council if we could help. We were happy to do so but as they were linked with the Wicken Band we suggested they apply to Soham United Charities. This they will do and we look forward to Band Concerts again at the Cherrytree.

## **January Meeting**

At our January meeting Mr. G. Woollard again used the Public Comment Time slot. This time to refer to the previous meeting when he spoke about the refurbishment of the Pavilion, when he mentioned it's estimated cost, and suggested that a referendum be held to ascertain if the people of Soham wanted this refurbishment. This time he said that the cost was not mentioned in the minutes nor the suggestion of a referendum. He was told that this was an agenda item that would be discussed later in the meeting.

Community Facilities Working Party: At the latest meeting of this committee, they were told that Acre who had been looking for funding to complete the cost of the project had not been able to do so. In the light of this the project needed to be scaled back. Those who had seen the proposed plans will know that a large Hall was going to be built on the side of the refurbished Pavilion, this will now not be built and new plans and costing will be made to suit. This will enable the work to go ahead. It is hoped that in the future the large Hall might be built when further development of Soham will make funds available for this to happen. People will remember that the resolution from the first consultation said that Soham need a Community Meeting Place. Whatever happens the Pavilion needed to be refurbished, and the Council took this option onboard and worked hard and, despite disappointments along the way, got to this stage only to fall short of total funding. Even so the remodelling of the Pavilion, the new approach road and lighting will be a big and welcoming improvement. This in itself should give great encouragement to finish the job.

*Councillor Ginn*

# SCHOOL REPORT

Richard Liddington, Headteacher of St. Andrew's School



## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Hi, we are the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors who are responsible for ensuring that there is no bullying at St. Andrew's School.

We are specially selected to help educate the children about what bullying is and prevent it from happening. We meet every week to discuss what to do to help children and if there are any problems then we are able to solve them. We have asked a few people about how they feel about our role in school, Amy says that: "They are good help when you are in need and they're always there for you when you're alone." Also, Emily says that: "They work hard and make an improvement to the school." Our next job will be to start a club for children who feel lonely at lunchtime.



In October, 2014, we had a special guest called Ellie come to our school. Ellie works for the National Anti-Bullying Ambassador Programme and came to see how we were getting on. She came all the way from London to visit our school and watch the assembly

that we put together to advertise the Ambassadors. After the assembly we had a discussion about how we could improve friendships in our school. We came up with some great ideas that we are already putting in to action. Ellie was a great help and we are glad she came to give us a helping hand. Once she returned, she wrote a blog about us. Check it out at [www.antibullyingpro.com](http://www.antibullyingpro.com).

In October, as part of Anti-Bullying week we also made a whole school dance to the song "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift. We recorded it and put it on our school website to show us all shaking off unkind and unnecessary comments. William, a Year 4 pupil, quoted: "It helped everyone to recognise bullying and reminded us not to tolerate it." Leah thought: "It makes people feel a lot safer now." The dance is on the St Andrew's School website if you would like to watch it. We are proud of the fact that there are lots of actions we have taken to stamp out bullying and to make St Andrew's a kind and caring place for all children.

## LIVING LENT

This year's Lent course, 'Living Lent with Mark', takes a journey through the story in Mark's gospel of Jesus' last few days, with reflection around the themes of supper, arrest, trial, denial, death and waiting. We will consider questions about betrayal, dealing with difficult situations, expressing faith, knowing God's will, God and suffering, fear and regret, expectations, loss and hope. There will be opportunity for both reflection and action, bringing the outworking of faith into daily life and enabling you to make this Lent a Living Lent.

*Ruth Dennigan*

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☆ **200+ Club winners for December** £10 Barbara Ashley; £15 Jessica Webb; £25 Lynne Webb; £50 Emily Sargeant; £75 Colin Smalley; £100 Jamie Humphrey  
Thank you to everyone who supported us in 2014 we made £960 for St. Andrews Church, tickets for 2015 will be available in February from Lynne Webb or Linda Palmer.

☆ **Items for the March edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Friday, 20th February. E-mails should be sent to [peterdscott@btopenworld.com](mailto:peterdscott@btopenworld.com) or printed copy left at 22 Sand Street, Soham CB7 5AA.

# Just a few words

Dear Friends

## The Future of the Church of England

There has been some modest coverage in the secular press of the current state of the Church of England which has experienced a period of decline for many years. The time has come to try to do something about it. In our diocese we have been embarked on a process of discernment and have produced the following Mission Statement:

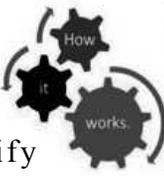
### We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ

This Mission Statement is supported by three ‘imperatives’.

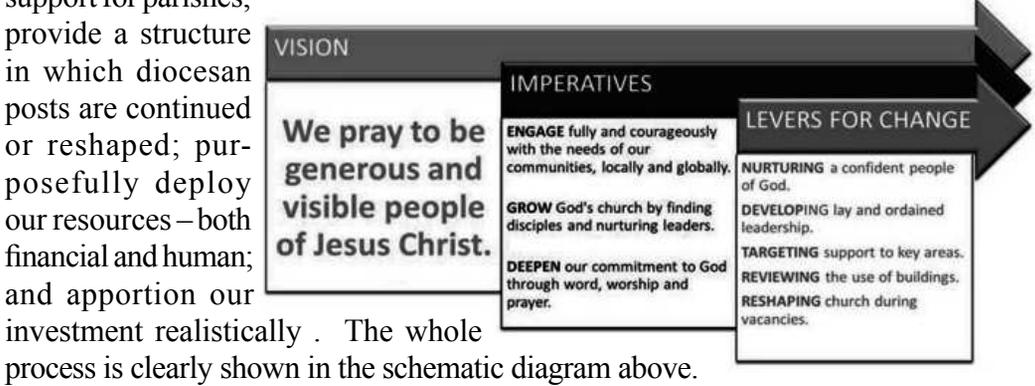
*Believing that God calls us to discover together his transforming presence in our lives and in every community, in Jesus Christ we pray:*

- To engage fully and courageously with the needs of our communities, locally and globally
- To grow God’s church by finding disciples and nurturing leaders
- To deepen our commitment to God through word, worship and prayer.

It is hard to imagine many people taking serious exception to this statement, but it is important to be able to translate these general aims into practical action in order to reverse the process of decline. The strategy group (of which I am a member) has come up with five ‘levers’ which we believe will be able to effect some significant change. The levers are designed to remove obstacles to growth, raise expectations and release energy and, as a consequence, enable us to shape our future; identify support for parishes; provide a structure in which diocesan posts are continued or reshaped; purposefully deploy our resources – both financial and human; and apportion our investment realistically . The whole process is clearly shown in the schematic diagram above.



**Our vision drives the strategy. It inspires us with something to hope and aim for. The imperatives highlight the key ingredients of a generous and visible people of God. The levers for change indicate particular areas where innovation and intervention will make a crucial difference removing obstacles, raising expectations and renewing energy.**



We are now in a period of consultation across the Diocese for people to have their say about how all this fits together. The consultation period ends at Easter and the strategy group will meet after that to look at the feedback. We aim properly to launch this new Strategy at the end of the summer. There are a series of Roadshows at which all this is being explained over the next few weeks and there is plenty of information on the diocesan website: <http://www.ely.anglican.org/about/documents/StrategyDocument.pdf>

Comments and feedback are very welcome but your prayers are even more necessary. Here is the strategy prayer:

We praise and thank you, God of the journey,  
 for all your gifts to us in the past.  
 We look to you as fellow-traveller and faithful companion  
 on the way ahead.  
 Shelter and protect us from all harm and anxiety;  
 give us grace to let go of all that holds us back;  
 and grant us courage to meet the new life you have promised us  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

Yours sincerely,  
*Tim Alban Jones*