

# 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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Last Saturday Soham Ecology Group had its second meeting and although we were small in number we agreed a few things and made some progress in thinking about what the group could be about. We agreed that we would meet monthly and that the main aim would be to encourage each other and our friends and neighbours, to think carefully about the impact we have on our planet and to find ways to help reduce the effects of climate change. With this in mind a few of us have joined the Green Christian movement and have signed up to The Way which suggests four principles for living gently on the Earth, details of which can be found at [www.greenchristian.org.uk](http://www.greenchristian.org.uk)

Green Christian also produce some leaflets which outline things people can do to limit their carbon footprint in order to 'live more gently' on the Earth and I would like to share these with you.

The first of these says simply 'Don't Fly' and almost immediately you can feel people say 'But what about...?' so I thought I would do some research into the greenest way of getting from A to B. First I looked at the car because living where we do public transport is a problem and most things outside Soham are not easily accessible by bike or foot. According to a government website the average CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for a new vehicle in 2015 was about 122g of CO<sub>2</sub>/kilometre. Another source worked it out at 2.4kg per litre but this was for all vehicles, so on average every time you use a litre of petrol or diesel you release 2.4kg of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. It's clear that the less we drive the better the planet will be. In the case of diesel cars there is also the problem of fumes which are harmful to people.



So how does this compare with flying? If we compare a trip from London to Edinburgh for example, by air this produces about 339kg of CO<sub>2</sub> whilst a car doing the same journey produces 129kg which is about two thirds less. However if we now compare a train journey of this distance it produces only 73kg of emissions which is only one fifth

of the air travel and just over half of the emissions produced by a car journey. Added to this planes release CO<sub>2</sub> into the upper atmosphere combined with water vapour and other gases which increases the warming effect. Sadly it would seem that flying is definitely one of the major causes of global warming and we should think carefully about whether we need to fly or whether an alternative form of transport would be better. If there is no other way of getting where we need to be then perhaps the effects of our flight could be reduced a little by giving to charities that work to alleviate the problems caused by global warming.

The problem of flight also means that we need to think about where our food comes from. If we only eat food in season and found locally then our carbon footprint will of course be smaller but there is also the problem of wanting to support farmers in the poorer areas of the world by buying fair-trade products. This helps to support some of those who are most affected by climate change.

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It is also worth considering that some products such as tomatoes cultivated out of season in this country would have to be grown in green houses which produce large amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> from the way in which they are heated. Living gently on the Earth will require some sacrifices but sometimes with a little thought and energy the problems can be overcome. Is this a price you are prepared to pay in order to protect this wonderful place we call home?



Our next meeting is on July 24th at 10am in the Meeting Room at Millbrook House, Soham and all are welcome. In the meantime questions or queries can be sent to Linda Logan at Lindalindamags@gmail.com

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## **SNIPPETS FROM THE PAST**

### **John Cyprian Rust, Vicar of Soham 1874 - 1927**

Recently I wrote about the first of two Vicars, who between them, served the Parish of Soham for 95 years from 1832 - 1927. The first was Henry Tasker and his successor was John Cyprian Rust. He studied at Pembroke College and took his degree in 1863. He was ordained in 1864 as Curate of St James' Doncaster, and was a master in Doncaster Grammar School. In the following year he was elected a fellow of Pembroke, serving subsequently as classical lecturer and as Dean. He was instituted as Vicar of Soham in March 1874 and commenced duties on Easter Day. During the 53 years of his time in Soham, he influenced the lives of so many people and a newspaper article reporting on his 50 year Jubilee presentation, emphasised the appreciation, love and respect given to him by the parishioners and quoted several comments expressing those sentiments.

He was well known as an Esperanto enthusiast. Esperanto is an artificial language devised in 1887 as an international medium of communication, based on roots from the chief European languages. It retains the structure of these languages and has the advantage of grammatical regularity and ease of pronunciation. John Cyprian Rust was a vice-president of the British Esperanto Association and he preached the first sermon ever delivered in the language at Geneva on the occasion of the second International Congress in August, 1896. He also preached Esperanto at Dresden and at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge. The Rev. Rust was one of the earliest writers of hymns in Esperanto.

He was heavily involved with education in Soham and a look at log books of the Church School in Clay Street, during his time as Vicar, shows how much time he spent in the school. He had an inspectorial role but he also gives the impression of being a great friend of the school.

The Rev. Rust may not have been too popular with some inhabitants however, as the following newspaper extract suggests. 'His first work consisted chiefly of visiting the working poor and from what he could recollect at the time, he saw too many public houses for the sale of intoxicating liquors, which were the cause of so much poverty and he resolved to work for the cause of temperance, which they all knew he had carried out to the letter and he had seen the closing down of several beer shops and less drunkenness was his reward.'

During the small hours of April 16th, 1901, The Rev. Rust was involved in a rescue from a fire at The Vicarage (now part of St. Andrew's Park), where five bedrooms, four rooms used as lumber rooms and furniture storage rooms, a workroom and other apartments were gutted. The Vicar, his daughter and three sons along with two servant girls were rescued by the local fire brigade.

John Cyprian Rust's impact on the people of Soham was immense and that was shown at his funeral in 1927. The whole community lined the streets as the funeral procession went through Soham, as a mark of love and respect. I have been asked in the past why Cyprian Rust Way on the Shade, is so named. Perhaps if there are people reading this who were unaware, they will appreciate that it is a naming that is well deserved. *Geoff Fisher*



## Looking Back

When I arrived in Soham in 1977 as a newly qualified physical education teacher, it was my intention to stay for possibly two or three years. It has not turned out like that; as in reality I have spent two thirds of my life living, raising a family and working within the Soham community. During these years I have taught, coached and tutored thousands of pupils and worked with many talented and dedicated colleagues.

Since 1977 the education system has changed greatly in Soham; The Village College (where I started my career) has more than doubled in size, The Old Shade School closing and a new primary school opening - The Shade School. Equally, both St Andrews and the Weatheralls have seen expansion and change. It was lovely to be part of the process at The Weatheralls especially the opening of our new building. Soham is an evolving community and its schools will continue to evolve with it into the future.



It has been a pleasure to have the opportunity to work with so many students and to see them travel along their educational route into adult life; I am even working alongside ex pupils now at The Weatheralls. I have taught at The Weatheralls

for twenty-four years, I began my time as a part special needs teacher, I then became a class teacher and of late I have had a senior management responsibility. As I approach my retirement (my husband says, 'some hope!') I look back at my time at the Weatheralls and all its past and present staff and pupils with great affection and I am sure that they continue to prosper in the future - I'm sure they will. Many thanks Weatheralls for all the wonderful memories you have given me. *Mrs Anne Bevan, Deputy Head*

## Vacancy Update

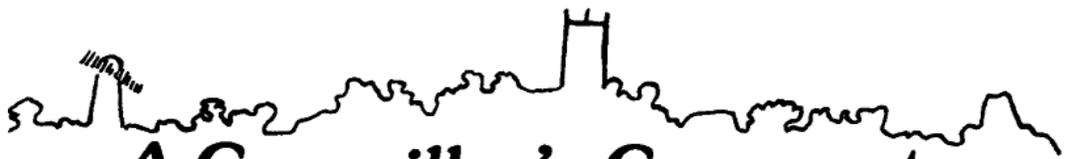
Following the withdrawal of a candidate the planned interviews for a new Vicar were postponed and the post has been re-advertised. We are expecting that interviews will take place at the end of July with the Archdeacon of Cambridge, representatives of the patrons (Pembroke College and the Church Patronage Trust) and our own parish representatives. Please pray that we will find someone suitable to lead us in our ministry.

## The Little Mermaid

Having previously hosted Viva performances of Pride and Prejudice and A Christmas Carol we are delighted to welcome the younger Viva members who will be presenting Disney's The Little Mermaid in July.



Performances are at 7.30pm on Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July with a Saturday matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets are £10 plus £1 booking fee from We Got Tickets or from the Viva office at 7 Churchgate Street.



# A Councillor's Comments

At our June Council Meeting two people took the opportunity to use Public Comment Time. First was Janet Metcalf who commented on the plan of proposed development sites that the council would consider later on in the meeting. In her opinion they could cause traffic problems. Second Ken Cranfield made reference to the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and that Soham did not mark the occasion. He suggested there was a need for Soham to have a flagpole and also suggested it could be erected near the war memorial.

Tracy Harding and Town Centre Development: She gave a presentation about how the town centres of Soham, Ely and Littleport could be improved. She spoke of the creation of town teams to consider ways this could happen. This is important in the light of planned growth. There was a need for an action plan for each town built on faith and trust. Trying to expand on various events so as they benefit each town and increase the footfall. So often events come and go and don't boost the town itself. So we look forward to see what we can do to improve our town because it will require all groups to work together to make this happen.

Call for Sites: This item called upon councillors to consider a number of sites arranged on a map to judge their suitability for development and place them in some order. These were only suggested sites and the councillors were being asked to approve them or otherwise. The task appeared complicated and it was suggested a small sub group tackle this, listing all the points for and against each proposed development and report back to full council with their findings. Others felt all should undertake the task. A group will take this on but all will be given details to look at these themselves.

Refurbishment of Pavilion: It was hoped that necessary information would have been available for this June Meeting. But hopefully this will be in place for our July meeting when full council will be able to make some decision.

*Councillor Ginn*

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## PARISH



## REGISTERS

### **BAPTISM**

29th May      Beatrix Scott

### **FUNERALS**

10th June      Mildred May Malton (aged 87 years)

### **WEDDINGS**

4th June      Nathaniel James Higginbotham & Bethany Rae Shepherd

25th June      Daniel James George Salisbury & Natasha Sian Docherty

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## **July Quiet Service at St Andrew's Church**

On Sunday 17 July 2016 we will not be holding a quiet service at St Andrew's Church, but instead you are warmly invited to attend the final lecture in a series being held at Ely Cathedral. The lecture is entitled "A Vision for Anglican Theology" and leaflets from the Cathedral are available in church. The lecture will start at 6pm and take place in the South Transept at Ely. Admission is free. If anybody would like a lift, please meet us at St Andrew's church at 5.15pm on the day. Thank you. *Jo Sturgeon, Tony Brown and Phil Logan*



☆ **June winners for the 200+Club:** £5 - Diane Cole,  
£10 - Derek Shaw

☆ **Soham Museum Coffee Morning**, Saturday 2nd July,  
10am – 12 noon at Soham library. Bring along your items or photos of local  
historical interest to share with others, or just come along for a chat and a coffee.  
All welcome

☆ **Soham Museum History Group** presents 'Fenland Folklore', Thursday 7th July,  
7.30 pm at Berrycroft church hall. Dr Maureen James shares her research into the  
myths, legends and tales of the Fenland region. Admission £2.50 non members

☆ **Soham Museum Traditional Jumble Sale**, Saturday 16th July, 10 am – 12 noon,  
Soham Comrades Club. Admission 20p

☆ **Items for the September edition of LodeStar** should be submitted by Saturday,  
August 27th. E-mails should be sent to [peterdscott@btopenworld.com](mailto:peterdscott@btopenworld.com) or printed  
copy left at 22 Sand Street, Soham CB7 5AA. Note that there is no edition in  
August.

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## FoodBank Event

# The chicken shed



Cilla Palmer (of Fordham) has kindly offered to run a tea/  
coffee morning in aid of the foodbank at the Chicken Shed.

It will be on Friday 15th July between 10.00 am and 12.30 pm. It's in the  
gardens of Click-Cluck at 78 Mildenhall Road in Fordham. There will be tea,  
coffee and cake available and you can walk round the grounds and see bantams,  
pigs, goats and cattle or just sit and chat. Local crafts and produce for sale are  
also displayed inside the shed.

If you would like to help or make a few buns or a cake they will be welcome.

There are weekly events throughout the summer at the Chicken Shed and further  
details may be found on <http://fordhamchickenshed.weebly.com/whats-on.html>

If you want to go and need a lift please let me know. Hope you can make it.

*Howard Laver*

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## Teddies on the Tower



How brave is your teddy? Find out on  
Saturday 9th July  
from 10.00am – 12  
noon. The cost is  
£1.50 per zip-wire  
slide from the church  
tower. This event  
will be held inside if  
wet. There will also  
be refreshments, the  
Teddy Doctor and  
other activities. All  
soft toys welcome.

# Just a few words

Ruth Dennigan

Dear friends,

*Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too. (Richard Gillard)*

I love this song; it expresses beautifully the relationship that we, as the body of Christ, aim to have with each other. Jesus taught that as well as loving God with every part of our being we are also to love each other as we love ourselves. He demonstrated living compassionately, responding with love to all. He behaved as a servant towards his disciples, his friends. He calls us to do the same.

This is a song that has been much on my mind over the last few days. As I write the country is reeling from the results of the recent referendum. On both sides of the issue are worried people facing an uncertain future. Political parties are in turmoil. There are debates, demands, accusations, resignations, warnings. Alongside rejoicing and celebration are fear and regret. How can we as Christians, whichever way we voted, respond with integrity to this turmoil?

*We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*

Whichever way we voted, we are all in this together. On both sides of the debate are people loved by God, people with whom God desires loving relationship and for whom God will go to any lengths to make that relationship possible. We don't have to agree with each other in order to walk this life journey together; but we do have to treat each other as God's beloved creation.

*I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*

Maybe this needs to be our plumb-line when deciding how to respond to the turmoil. As people around us act out their pain, delight, disappointment, triumph, fear or vitriol they are still God's beloved creation. This is not a time for point-scoring. They need to be heard, held in their joy, pain or uncertainty, challenged when they risk damaging others, sustained when they are being damaged.

*I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

So maybe our calling, in this turbulent time, is to see each other as brothers and sisters, fellow pilgrims, loved as we are loved; and to live as loved people loving others.

*Ruth Dennigan, Licensed Lay Minister, Soham and Wicken*

Book Review: Creating a life with God: the call of ancient prayer practices by Daniel Wolpert (Bible Reading Fellowship, Abingdon 2014)

The aim of this book is to assist readers in their desire to deepen their relationship with God. It introduces twelve prayer practices using solitude and silence, the mind and imagination, creativity, and connecting with nature and community.

For each practice the author gives a brief, accessible overview and introduces figures from history who have pursued these practices; he then gives step-by-step instructions for learning each practice, both individually and as a group. If you are longing for something more in your relationship with God then this book could help you. It is available to buy from Soham Books.

