# BOSTON DEANERY PARTNERSHIP QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER DECEMBER QTR 2023

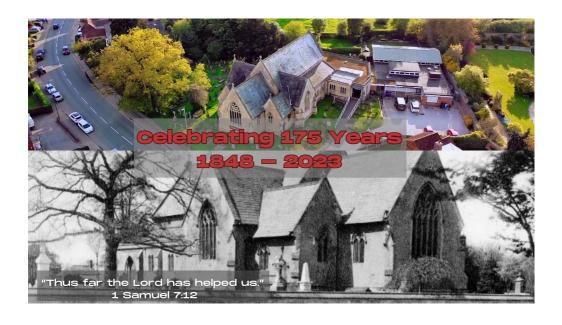


Issue 5 is here, so that means there will be all things Christmas packed into this edition.

Our featured church for this issue is Holy Trinity in Boston, as they have been celebrating their 175<sup>th</sup> birthday during 2023.

Happy Big Birthday Holy Trinity, lots of candles on that birthday cake.....

So, welcome to issue number 5 which will take us to the end of December 2023, after which we can all look forward to a slightly quieter time for about a week!



The 175th celebrations were launched appropriately enough on Trinity Sunday (4th June) and continued for just over a week, ending with the Big Birthday Party Community Lunch on 12th June. The church was wonderfully decorated for the occasion with contributions from the flower team and different groups such as Trinity Tots, Clubnite and Milk Shake Shack.

During the Sunday service on 4th June we were visited by Rev William Roy whose vision started the Trinity story a little more than 175 years ago. With the help of Jonathan Cooper we were reminded of how the church came to be built where it is today and how it was founded to reach the needs of the expanding population on the Skirbeck side of the town. We were reminded that the church family spans all ages and stages, and that many different people have contributed to help build the church over the years. At the end of the service we wrote names on "bricks" which were stuck up around the church to show the variety of people both past and present who have been the building blocks that have made Trinity what it is today. We are the body of Christ and it takes us all playing our part to bring growth.

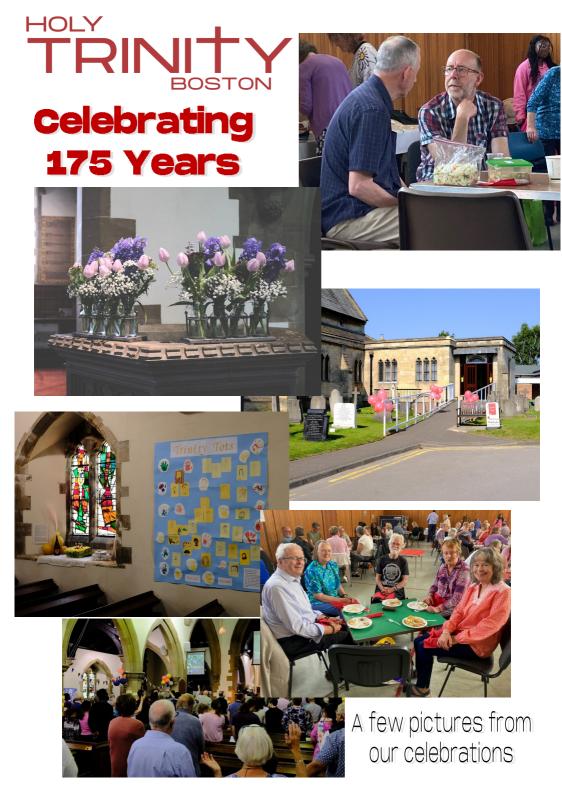
As the week went on the church was open as usual but visitors came in to see the decorations and to looks the many photographs and displays with people and activities from the past. Some of the faces are familiar still today, if a little older! Others were less known but remembered by some.

It was very special to see people who had not been in the church building for several years, and to meet relations and friends who had come back especially for the celebrations. Some booked in local accommodation for some of the time and enjoyed meeting up with old friends.

The theme song helped us to sing of the goodness of God as we recalled the things he had done in the past but also looked forward to the future.

For the celebration service on 11th June we were again visited by someone from the past, although not from quite so many years ago! Previous vicar Rev Simon Dowson and his wife Fiona came to visit so that Simon could preach for us during the service. He reminded us that God has guided us so far and will continue to do so whilst we remember to remember God and keep Jesus at the centre of all that we do. Simon's visual aid of a rock-or an Ebenezer-helped us all think about how we are stones on a pathway that continues into the future. We are all, whatever size or shape our pebble, part of the pathway and part of the Trinity family and the journey we travel on with God and with one another

We also welcomed the new Mayor of Boston, David Brown, and archdeacon Justine to the service. The archdeacon led us in our intercessions and blessed Trinity as we go on from the 175 into the future.

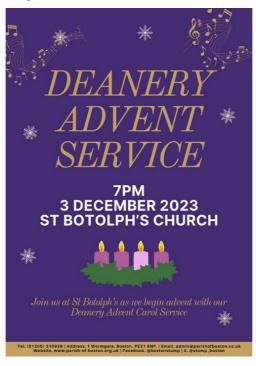


# **DEANERY NEWS AND EVENTS**

The deanery team would like to express their thanks for the long and wonderful service that Revd Charlie Robertson and Revd Jane Robertson have given to their parishes, and wish them a long, happy, healthy retirement. We also say a soft farewell to Revd Lis Ward as Rural Dean, however, she is still at Trinity Church, and will continue to be a faithful servant of the church.

Of course, this leaves great big gaps within the LMP and wider deanery until replacements are appointed, and we all understand that this can be a difficult time within our parishes.

If anyone has any particular concerns or questions, please contact Sudharshan, or Chris Ladner, and they will do their best to help you. They won't have all the answers, however, things may become clearer as the new appointments are put in place.



# **EVENTS AROUND THE CHURCHES**





#### **BUTTERWICK**



### FRAMPTON, ST MICHAELS







### St GUTHLACS, FISHTOFT

#### **SKIRBECK ST NICHOLAS**







Weekly Events @ HOLY TRINITY BOSTON





### **Upcoming Events @ HOLY TRINITY BOSTON**







ST PETER AND ST PAULS, KIRTON



## **WILDMORE, ST PETERS**



















# **Choral Singing in the Parish of Boston**

The Parish of Boston enjoys a rich choral tradition which spans several centuries. Over that time, St Botolph's has been widely known as a centre of choral excellence, something which we are keen to sustain and grow. Our choral tradition is historic but also very much alive and current. We are now looking for the next generations of singers to come to help us maintain our rich and diverse heritage and to ensure it continues to have a sustainable future.

In the Parish of Boston, we offer opportunities for singers of all ages and abilities. Please do explore the details below to see if you, or someone you know would enjoy the opportunity of joining one of our choirs.

Junior Choir - our Junior Choir is open to children from the age of 5-14 and rehearse on Friday evenings from 4.30-5.40pm in our new Song School. All junior choristers follow a programme of learning which supports them in developing their singing voice as well as their reading and concentration skills. All choristers receive pay for singing at Sunday services and in addition, when children become full choristers, they can access our free music tuition scheme, which provides opportunities to receive one-to-one tuition in singing or piano. There are also a range of social events and activities organised for our choristers, including 'film nights' and our annual Christmas party.

**B-16 Chamber Choir** - This choir meet on Wednesdays from 6-7pm and is aimed at young people between the ages of 14 and 19. Members of B-16 should be able to read music and be ready to learn a challenging repertoire, designed to develop their musicianship and their experience of choral music. Thanks to generous grant support from the Williams Trust and the Ouseley Trust, B-16 members are able to apply for a Choral Scholarship. The money available is to be used to support musical development, in return for a commitment to the choir. This group is ideal for any young musician who is seeking to develop their skills and experience. There are currently limited places available in this choir.

Adult Parish Choir - Adults who are interested in joining our Parish Choir would need to be able to read music and also have some vocal ability and experience. We are looking for singers who enjoy singing challenging music and who can commit to singing at morning services and also at Choral Evensongs. The Adult choir changes its musical repertoire weekly, in line with our service schedules and so

our rehearsals (Wednesdays from 7.15-8.45pm) are busy and intense but also fun and positive experiences.

**Boston Community Choir –** This choir welcomes adult singers of all abilities. If you have experience or have never sung before, why not come along to try? The community choir works hard to perform a range of music, with an emphasis of enjoying singing whilst still achieving high standards of performance. Rehearsals and performances are accompanied by live music, not backing tracks and so members gain a full experience of what performing in a choir is like and also learn how to use their voice well. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 7.15 until 8.15 in the Blenkin Hall, opposite the Stump. A moderate termly subscription is charged for this choir, but new members can 'try before they buy.'

For more information about any of our choirs, please email or simply turn up to a rehearsal or a service to hear one of our choirs performing.



Thank you to everyone who has supplied information – it is really lovely to see all the wonderful activities that our Deanery Family are providing for the local communities.

Please continue to let me know what is happening so that I can populate the next newsletter, thank you.

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THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE OUT DURING THE FIRST COUPLE OF WEEKS OF JANUARY 2024.
THIS EDITION WILL COVER ALL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2024

Please let me have your items for inclusion by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

