

An aerial photograph of Frampton Church, a Gothic Revival style church with a prominent spire, surrounded by trees in autumn foliage. The church is the central focus, with its spire reaching towards the top of the frame. The surrounding trees are in various shades of yellow, orange, and red, indicating the season. The church's roof is a mix of dark grey and reddish-brown tiles. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, looking down at the church and its immediate surroundings.

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Editor...Dear Reader....



Thankyou so very much for supporting this magazine through 2019. The year is fast coming to its end and the New Year with all its uncertainties and expectations looms just around the corner.

Val Marriott has written a lovely tribute to Nell Beeson. I first met her when the WI took over the Kitchen for the November Craft Fair, her mince pies were legendary and I had no idea how much she did for St Michaels and the village as a whole. I wish I could say to Nell how grateful I am for all the times she hand delivered this magazine to her neighbours but I can't, so to the ladies and gentlemen who are about to push this magazine through your door, please accept my heartfelt thanks, and to the local tradesmen and women who continue to advertise and make the Magazine a financial possibility, many, many thanks.

While I'm on the subject of delivery, I am looking for someone to help me with the distribution of the magazine to the local distributors. For the past few editions you will have seen me delivering them, while I can do this it is just one more job and if there is anyone out there who could take this from me I would be very grateful, ideally we could do with two people so we could split the list, the whole round takes just over two hours, it's a very nice ride around the whole village and there are now over 800 magazines to be delivered to the local deliverers. Thank you to everyone who collected them from Carol Patricks last time, my holidays were disrupted by BA and I returned from my trip a few weeks later than I had expected. Carol would like to take a step back for a while from the magazine distribution hence my plea. We are also looking for a new deliverer for the Grosvenor Road area. Anne Bennett has delivered 47 magazines to everyone there for years and has asked me to look for a replacement so she can have a break from it. If you live there or close by could you possibly take it over? Please call or email me if you can. Whilst I'm in the process of asking for help, I would like to resurrect the farming/countryside column. Is there anyone out there who could write one for me?

I made a list of things to mention this month and the next one on my list is Jo Sutton (stage name Joanne Shields) my friend and neighbour. You may have seen her sing, or dance, or just while walking her dog. Jo is putting a show together with her band, next March at Blackfriars Theatre. The aim, to raise much needed funds for the We'll Meet Again Museum at Freiston Shore as well as the Blackfriars Theatre, both good causes and in much need of financial help. Tickets are £11 and are available from Blackfriars theatre.

Next on my list—Cadent UK Gas works along Church End.....A neighbour popped in the other day and said what a great job he thought they were doing and for him I'm thrilled he has had a good experience. For me—they removed the wooden reflector posts along my boundary and put them back so they now resemble a new work of modern art...they set fire to the road, accidentally I assume, and in the process a large area of my hedge has been scorched, we are hoping it will recover... They sent us a letter before they began explaining they were changing metal pipes for plastic and that they would take great care to make good any disruption they had to cause...I'm not holding out much hope. However as I write this, nightly I'm watching great areas of Lincolnshire and Yorkshire being flooded, the danger and misery this is causing is beyond words, so in perspective I'm not doing too badly!



I've covered Fire and Flood and if you count Cadent as a Pest, I'm starting to feel quite biblical, which is quite apt as Christmas is around the corner! As I write there are just 34 more sleeps. To help you feel more Festive the combined churches of Frampton and Wyberton have asked me to include in the hand delivered magazines, a card, inside you will find details of all the Christmas Services available, and it makes a very nice festive Christmas card too. Whatever you are doing this festive Season, however you celebrate or mark the Occasion, I wish you all a very Happy, Peaceful and Prosperous New Year

Vanessa xx

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Frampton Gardening Club



A few years ago I planted a quince tree, having been inspired by a lovely tree in the gardens at Coton Manor in Northamptonshire, with leaves and blossom similar to an apple, and eventually, hard, yellow aromatic fruit. This year we were rewarded with our first crop of about 10lbs of quince, now, after a period of storage to allow them to mature, they are ready for cooking, and I'm attempting to

make Membrillo. This Spanish preserve is traditionally served with Manchego cheese, or in Provence as a Christmas dessert. Time will tell how successful I'm going to be, (the Membrillo is still drying in the oven) but at least I've managed to combine horticulture, cooking and Christmas in one article, and if all else fails, I have the beautiful blossom to look forward to next spring, and, at the moment, my kitchen is full of the aromatic perfume of quince, which has to be experienced to be believed. If anyone is tempted to plant a quince, you need a sunny site and space, unless you plant a dwarf variety in a pot, which will do well on a shady patio.

The September Club meeting of Frampton Gardening club entertained our members with a very interesting insight into the National Open Gardens Scheme, and was given by Sally Grant, the Lincolnshire Organiser and plantswoman. The NGS provides unique access to over 3,500 private gardens in England and Wales during the summer and raises impressive amounts of money for nursing and health charities. The charity is focusing this year on the importance of the role of gardening and gardens in helping to create a positive path to health, and raise awareness of the physical and mental health benefits of gardens and gardening.

In October the chairman of the club Ray Harding, a keen amateur bryologist, gave an interesting illustrated talk about the amazing World of Mosses, a much underrated but fascinating species. The slides magnified the colour, beauty and diversity of the plants, inviting us into a normally unseen, intimate world beneath our feet, or on a roof or wet rock face. Ray's active interest in observing, recording and classifying mosses and liverworts has led him and his camera all over the UK in pursuit of a new addition to his collection.

The club's November meeting, on Thursday 28th November at Frampton Village Hall, at 7.30pm, the speaker for that evening being Dorothy Wood, a garden designer, who will give us help and guidance , and answer

horticultural related questions.

We do not have a December meeting, the last Thursday falling too close to Christmas, and instead have a New Year lunch at the Supreme, much anticipated and enjoyed by the members.

We have many varied speakers during the winter and spring months and two outings during the summer. These outings include visits to large houses and gardens and to more intimate ones, all with interesting plants and flowers for members to admire and be inspired by, usually with a chance to buy a little treasure or two. Our first meeting after Christmas is on Thursday 30th January, with entrance to the first meeting free and membership only £10 per year with £1 entrance per meeting, you can be assured of a warm welcome if you come along, with no horticultural knowledge needed, just a desire to enjoy flowers, plants and vegetables, and friendship of like minded people. Seasons greetings to you all and as Dicken's Tiny Tim said "God bless us, every one".

Maggie Welberry



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Frampton WI



It's been such a busy time of year once again for Frampton WI. We celebrated our 83rd birthday in October with a fabulous supper and we were entertained by Ben Lees a great local singer. He had us dancing in the aisles and singing along to all his well known songs across the decades from the sixties right up to the present.

A small group of members had a really enjoyable evening at the Savoy Cinema in Boston, watching

Downton Abbey. The experience of sitting in the new reclining seats with our feet outstretched was great, and one certainly to be repeated. The next visit is planned and imminent! What is so nice about our group is that whilst we enjoy our monthly meetings all together, there are small groups of ladies who meet up as and when they have something to do or somewhere they would like to visit – no commitment, just mutual company for shared interests. We baked, prepared and served the tasty refreshments at the recent Frampton Craft Fair. This has now become a fixed date in our WI diary, and whilst it is exhausting, serving copious amounts of bacon butties, delicious cakes and hundreds of cups of tea and coffee, and then all the washing up, it is the best place to be and a wonderful day. Once again, our ladies knitted and crocheted poppies – the village hall railings were adorned to show our respect for Remembrance Day – a lovely flash of colour in these dismal days, and our beautiful handmade wreath was duly laid by WI member Joan Deane on Remembrance Sunday at the Memorial in Frampton.



We have very lively, informative and fun meetings, and our membership is continuing to grow. We are always pleased to welcome more members, so why not come along to see what we do? Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 7.30 pm at Frampton Village Hall. Your first visit is free, and you will be assured of a very warm welcome. **Please note our next meeting on the 12th December will be held at the Wyberton WI/Scout Hall on Tytton Lane East due to the election being held in the Frampton Village Hall.**

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2nd Sunday 8th Dec	3pm Carol Service	9.30am HC 3.30pm Decorate & Refresh	*11am HC	Advent 2 * Joint Frampton
3rd Sunday 15th Dec	8.30am BCP HC	9.30am HC 3.30pm Carol Service +	11am Carol Service	Advent 3 + Kirton Band
4th Sunday 22nd Dec	9.30am HC	9.30am MP 3.30pm 'Messy Church'	11am HC	Advent 4
Christmas Eve	2pm *	5pm * 11.30pm Midnight Mass	3.30pm *	*Crib Services
Christmas Day	9.30am Breakfast & Holy Communion	-	-	Group Service
5th Sunday 29th Dec	-	(9.30am break-fast) 10.30am HC 	-	Group Service
2020		A New Year!		
1st Sunday 5th Jan	9.30am MP	9.30am HC	11am HC	Epiphany 
2nd Sunday 12th Jan		9.30am HC	11am HC	Plough Sunday
3rd Sunday 19th Jan	8.30am BCP HC	+10.30am Joint with Beacon	11am MP	+ Wyberton Parish Hall
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Focus on Faith

Something Special

It gives me great pleasure to be able to reach you through this newsletter once again!

Supermarkets and businesses are competing with each other to utilise the Christmas season to maximise their profit. Television shows try to paint an image about the “Christmas Spirit” without alluding to it and or fudging the real reason or meaning of Christmas. Some of you may have seen merchandise as early as September and Christmas advertisements in October.

The Christmas advertisements of most major commercial establishments are out now. John Lewis ad starring Edgar the dragon says, “Show them how much you care”, and Sainsbury’s ad with Nicholas the sweep asks, “Well if you can’t do something special for someone at Christmas when can you?” both, we could say have an underlying Christmas message. However, Marks and Spencer this year urges us to “go jumpers”. A few years ago I remember Marks and Spencer turned into Magic and Sparkle.

The first Christmas was neither magic nor sparkle. There was no room in the inn, no midwife or gynaecologist but a stable, manger, swaddling clothes and a vulnerable baby. Later King Herod wanted Jesus dead and to ensure that, he ordered the death of all babies under the age of two. Therefore to protect baby Jesus, Mary and Joseph had to flee to Egypt as refugees and asylum seekers.

Nevertheless, if we love Jesus and believe in him for our salvation, we have every reason to celebrate the birth of Christ, God's son as the Saviour of the world.

In 1 Kings 8, we read about King Solomon dedicating the newly built temple. In verse 27 he asked, “But will God indeed dwell on the earth?” He goes on to give the answer in the same verse, “Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you; how much less this house that I have built!”

For the people of Israel during their wanderings in the desert, they carried the ark of the covenant with them. Wherever the Ark of the covenant was, there was God. The Ark of the Covenant symbolised the presence of God for them. Many years later, King Solomon built the magnificent temple, and while dedicating it asked, 'how can this man made temple contain the creator God?'

In Luke's gospel in the New Testament the angels give us the answer as they announce the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."

So, God **can** dwell on earth. He did **something special** for all humanity at the first Christmas. Jesus did walk on this earth almost two thousand years ago. He lived and died and rose again and **showed us how much he cares**. His presence is not confined to a particular group of people, but for all who diligently seek him. He is eagerly waiting to have a relationship with us. If you do not know him already, it is my prayer that he will be born in your hearts this Christmas!

Have a Christ filled Christmas!

My wife and children join me in wishing you Peace and Joy this Christmas and always!

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Advance Notice: 2nd of February 10.30 – Group Holy Communion
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Mrs Nell Beeson

It was with great sadness that St. Michaels learned of the death of our dearest friend, Nell Beeson. We send our love and prayers to her family - to Dave and Jenny, Neil and Karen and their family. We also send our love to her sisters and families who have always supported St. Michaels. Nell was a very Christian lady, she visited the blind in their homes to make sure all was well, and she would visit anyone who was ill and she supported anyone in distress. She was kindness itself.

Nell organised the food for our Harvest Suppers, then Harvest Lunches, making sure the tables were properly laid, looking beautiful - her attention to detail was immaculate. She was a superb baker, her fruit cakes were legendary, as were her mince-pies on the cake stall which she previously ran at the Craft Fair.

Nell was also our `tea lady` at Pram Service, making sure all was ready for the mums and children after the service. She delighted, as we all did, in watching the children grow.

Nell was also a beautiful flower arranger, bringing foliage and flowers from her lovely garden. We spent many a happy hour decorating the Church for the Festivals. Nell joined in everything and anything and could be very funny - who could forget her dressed as the Christmas Elf, with pointy ears and bells on her shoes, or her and her beloved Ted`s rendition of `There`s a hole in my bucket dear Liza`?

Then there were the Frampton Handbells, of which she was a founder member. Together with Maria Freeman she arranged all the concerts, sorted the music into the correct order and folders. She also polished all the bells until they gleamed. She was our Leader and compere and tried to keep us in order. She was an accomplished player and we miss her a great deal.

I`m sure much more could be said about Nell, but I will leave it to Proverbs 31 " many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all" God Bless you Nell, rest in the peace with Ted that you both so richly deserve.

From your friends at St. Michaels

Val Marriott

St Michaels



MILE OF PENNIES

St. Michaels is continuing to collect 1p and 2ps for this which was started by Nell. A cheque for £741 was presented to our Church before Nell died, and we are grateful for all she did for this collection So please keep saving them. Thank you



St. Michaels Services

There will not be Morning Worship Service on 1st December. The Morning Worship services on Sunday 5th January 2020 and Sunday 2nd February 2020 will be at 9.30am not 8.30am as previously

St Marys—100 Club

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We will also have tea, coffee and biscuits to enjoy, so even if you don't want a book or jigsaw come along for a chat and coffee with friends and villagers.

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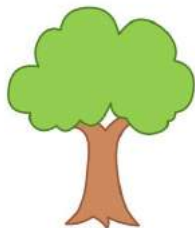
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Kind Regards

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Friends of Frampton Churches Update

We are now into our 7th year and in that time the committee has raised over £60,000 for our Churches, with the help of the community and surrounding villages supporting our events. We are a Charity status and every penny raised helps to keep our Churches open for everyone.

Our first event for 2020 will be a very entertaining evening with Neil Watson with the 'Story of Pantomime' Oh yes it is!! Neil presents the story of Pantomime, where along with the archive film and photos, his wife, Maryjane, (a theatre wardrobe mistress) also brings a selection of original costumes and wigs to look at and even try on!

Neil looks at the origins of pantomime, the sketches and routines, behind the scenes, set design and costumes, with video clips of famous pantomime stars from the past like Arthur Askey, Ronnie Corbett & Terry Scott. He also looks at our local Boston pantomimes, and brings along rare programmes from the New Theatre etc. featuring the likes of Al Read, Vince Eager and Jimmy Jewel & Ben Warriss. A night not to be missed!

Future events planned are the AGM on April 1st, F.W Fashion in May and Framfest, our star event on Saturday June 20th.

Anyone interested in joining our committee will be more than welcome and if you would be willing to sponsor an event it would be much appreciated, however small the donation.

Thank you for supporting all our events during the past years and we hope to see you all in 2020.

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Frampton Parish Council

Hello Parishioners!

The annual ceremony at the War Memorial took place on November 9th where our Chairman, Cllr Peter Burton laid the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish. Many thanks to Sally of WCG for keeping the War Memorial so lovely throughout the year and the lovely cross display of poppies she initiated. The white railings around the War Memorial have been scheduled to be painted when the weather is better.

Many of you are aware of the General Election on December 12th but there is also an election for a third Borough Councillor as Cllr Shaun Blackman has since resigned after being elected in May. The vacancy for a Ward Councillor is for both Frampton and Kirton. The usual two Polling Stations of Church House Village Hall and Hubberts Bridge Community Centre will be open from 7 am until 10pm as usual for voting.

I have recently moved from one part of Frampton to another (please note my new phone number) and I have noticed that more and more rubbish is being dumped. Remember you can report any dumped rubbish yourselves to flyswat@boston.gov.uk. The Borough normally respond very, very quickly.

Please ring me on 01205 612894 or email me at framptonparishcouncil@yahoo.com if you have anything to report about our lovely village.

Best wishes Alison





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Following the recent local Parish elections Frampton Parish Council has vacancies for a further three Councillors after the retirement of three long serving Councillors.

Local Councils are becoming one of the most important parts of local government as they are closest to the people and cover issues that really matter in a time of real disenchantment.

Frampton will be undergoing a huge change with the building of the new development in Middlegate Road. Our demographics will alter and new opportunities for the Community will arise.

Frampton Parish Council meet ten times a year at 19:30 on the third Thursday of each month. Councillors are expected to report on local issues such as the environment, and make collective decisions with regards to planning applications, financial planning etc.

If you think you would like to serve your Community and contribute towards the local environment please contact Alison, Clerk to Frampton Parish Council on 01205 612120 or email framptonparishcouncil@yahoo.com. Please also have a look at our website parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/Frampton which also has a section on Parish Elections and vacancies. Or why not attend one of our meetings to observe how the Parish Council meeting is conducted?

RSPB...A Mouse in the House



'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house. Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. But how true is this for you?

As the weather gets colder, people increasingly find they have mice living alongside them. I know this from personal experience myself. There are four different types of mice in the UK. Of these, harvest mice are unlikely to come indoors, which leave three possible visitors

House mice, as the name suggests, do normally live in and around houses and other buildings. Their body is 8 - 10 cm long, with a tail a little bit shorter than that. They have dull brown fur, lighter underneath. Eyes and ears are small and neat. In comparison, the eyes and ears of wood mice are much larger. Their fur is a richer brown and they have white tummies. Their tails are the same length as their bodies, at 8 - 11 cm long.



Finally there is the yellow-necked field mouse. This looks very similar to the wood mouse, but can be slightly larger. The key feature to look for is a large yellow spot on its throat. Both these two normally live out in the countryside, but as colder weather hits they can move into houses for the extra warmth.

How do you know when you have a mouse in the house? Well, for me the first thing I noticed was nibble marks on a box of chocolates left open overnight. Unforgivable! Other foods might be attacked too, particularly packets at the back of cupboards. You may also notice their droppings or, with house mice, dark greasy marks along skirting boards. This shows particularly at corners of rooms. As they run along, they like to keep pressed up against the edge of the room for added safety.

So, if you do discover some unwanted guests, what should you do? Well firstly, make it hard for them to get in. A foam filler can be used to block holes. Though mice can get through unbelievably small holes, so be thorough. For the current residents, you can buy poisons. But many people (including me) prefer to use a humane trap. Baited with chocolate or peanut butter, this entices the mouse into a box before dropping a trapdoor behind it. You can then take it somewhere else and release it. I'd suggest taking it a couple of miles away though; else it'll just come back in!

Dr Chris Andrews

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A Good Read by Graham Rodwell



'Steps Along Hope Street'



by the Rev. David Sheppard

This book caught my eye on a used book stall in Taunton Parish Church whilst on holiday in Somerset. Having always loved cricket I recognized the authors photograph on the front cover. He was, of course, the very successful opening bat for Sussex and England from 1950 to 1963. Having written an earlier book about his cricketing years, this one has only casual mentions of his cricket career. It traces his journey from leaving Cambridge University, entering the Church and his climb up the ladder to become Bishop of Liverpool in 1975.

Clearly a very religious person he states several times in the book that his answer to any personal worry or trouble was to put on his coat and "go for a walk with God"

He began his ministry as a curate in a Church in Islington, London, then becoming Warden of the Mayflower Family Centre, Canning Town. He remained in London as Bishop of Woolwich until he moved to Liverpool to be Anglican Bishop, working closely with the City's Roman Catholic Archbishop. He and his wife are now retired and live in the Wirral.

He was always working to improve the lot of deprived people and was not afraid to clash with politicians and those in power if he felt people were being persecuted.

Although a little deep in parts, this book is an impelling and inspiring read and when I had finished it I had as much admiration for the author as a man as I had for him as a sportsman in my teenage years.





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Mains

Roast Pork, Date Stuffing, Roast Pots
Roast Norfolk Turkey, All the Trimmings (GF Gravy)
Pan Fried Salmon Supreme, Sweet Potato Mash, Wilted Spinach,
Parsley Sauce
Vegetable Curry Aromatic Rice (Vegan)
Pan Fried Chicken Breast, Creamy Barbeque,
Bacon and Tarragon Sauce
Traditional Nut Roast (Vegan) Brown Rice, Cranberries,
Sultanas, Apricot, Flaked Almonds

Desserts

White Chocolate and Raspberry Cheesecake, Vanilla Ice Cream
Warm Christmas Pudding, Brandy Sauce
Chocolate and Orange Tart (GF and Dairy Free)
Blueberry Ice Cream
Tropical Fresh Fruit Salad, Coconut Ice Cream
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Kirton Kids Club



What a lovely couple of months the children have had at the Kids Club. The weather might not have been nice to us but we have made the most of it.

Halloween was full of wonderful, fun arts and crafts and ended with the children receiving 'trick or treat' goodie cups full of sweets.

For Remembrance Day they decorated the club with red poppies and poppy wreaths and we talked about the significance of why we use the poppies.

Now we are gearing up for the 'Great Day' itself and involved in many Christmas decorations to make the club look in theme. The children are making everything again this year so there is a lot of colouring going on and we have a lovely white ash tree instead of our usual Christmas tree and the new decorations will hang from it this year.

Places have filled up quickly again but there might be a few on different days should you need one so please ask (07583 762072) – if we have the place we will book your child/children in.

We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and we wish you a safe and happy New Year.



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