

The Orthodox Christian Parish of

All Saints of Lincolnshire

meeting at

St Matthias Church Centre
Burton Road, Lincoln, LN1 3TX
Archbishop: Metropolitan SILOUAN.

Come and See!

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From Fr Philip:

The Terrorist Attack in Manchester and others elsewhere.



Last month you will have read the response from a Coptic cleric after a terrorist attack on a church in Egypt. Our response to the senseless, cowardly, futile and blasphemous suicide bombing in Manchester must be the same as for that one.

We must **pray** for all involved. Those murdered, those wounded, those bereaved, the emergency services and those brave souls who rushed to help at hospitals giving their time and even their blood to save others. We pray for those who are tempted by terrorism into more acts of violence and retribution that they may come to

see a better way. We pray also for our leaders, politicians, armed forces and police services, for those working in counter terrorism that Almighty God may guide them in their policies and actions. The Lord commands us to pray for those who hate us and therefore we must do so.

We must respond in **love** not hatred or vengeance. The Lord tells us to love our enemies. Love does not simply mean acceptance of them as they are (or ourselves as we are!) but we are to help them to change (just as the Lord loves us so much that He wishes us to change too.) Love is bound up with the hope and expectation that people of all sorts will



be brought together and marvel at, learn from and enjoy each others' cultural and social richness.



We must **forgive** and not seek to condemn to hell those who act in these atrocious ways. This is the hardest part of all. Our natural self often wants to wipe off the face of God's earth people who behave like this but God created them also, with divine tears He see all that they do supposedly in His Name. Forgiveness also means hunting the terrorists down, finding their networks and disrupting their work. Forgiveness means placing these people in prison, preventing there being future victims. But forgiveness does not mean sitting in the throne of God and condemning them to hell. Forgiveness also means trying to discover their motives and what has caused their hatred and doing something about that also.

So: LOVE, PRAY, FORGIVE.



Upcoming Parish Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Theotokos at Walsingham 19th July.

What is significant about Walsingham?

In the 10th Century the Lady Richeldis was instructed by the Theotokos to build a copy of the House of Nazareth. It became, and remains, the main site of pilgrimage in England and has been a site of healing and answered prayers since then. The original "Holy House" was destroyed by that monster King Henry VIII in the 16th Century when he systematically destroyed the monasteries and shrines after he divorced his wife and married his mistress.



The Roman Catholics began to return to Walsingham in the late 19th Century after the "Slipper Chapel" (where one removed one's shoes before continuing to Walsingham) was bought and then donated to the Catholics. This is still in use and the only remaining fragment of the original pilgrimage.

Then in the 20th Century an Anglican vicar built a copy of the Holy House a few hundred metres from its original

position. This is now housed in a rather unusual church in which there is also an Orthodox Chapel.



Some decades ago the Railway in Walsingham closed and the station was converted into a lovely little chapel dedicated to St. Seraphim of Sarov. This is where we will serve the Liturgy.



What is Significant about 19th July?

This is the feast day of the uncovering of the relics of St. Seraphim in 1903.

We have booked a 14-seater minibus which will leave St Matthias Church Centre 07:30 hours on Wednesday 19th July. There will be a brief stop about half way at a cafe that defies description.

The Kairon and Proskimidi will be

served at along with the pre - Communion Prayers at 10.30am. This will be followed by the Divine Liturgy in St Seraphim's chapel at 11am.

This will be followed by a Bring and Share picnic in the lovely gardens behind St Seraphim's chapel or, if the weather is poor, there are rooms available. Hot drinks will be provided.



During the afternoon there will be free time for those who want to explore alone or organised visits to the beautiful Orthodox chapel in the Shrine and the also beautiful Orthodox parish church in Great Walsingham. Those that wish to may walk to the Catholic Shrine which is only a mile away through beautiful countryside.

4pm We will gather for Tea at St Seraphim's.

5pm we will begin the return journey.

8pm approx we will arrive back at St Matthias Church Centre.

All the seats have now been bought BUT you may like to

travel privately or go as a separate group.



Dates for your diary:

1 July: Pilgrimage to St. Botolph's Church Iken, Suffolk. 11 am Liturgy.

8 July: Pilgrimage to Crowland. Liturgy 11am. The Metropolitan will be present.

16 July: AGM which will take place after the Divine Liturgy:

14-16 July: Orthodox Fellowship of St. John the Baptist Summer Conference "Sorrow into Joy."

Speakers to include Metropolitan SILOUAN and Metropolitan KALLISTOS, Mother Sarah of Bath and Dr. Razvan Porumb.

Venue: High Leigh Conference Centre, EN11 8SG More details from <https://forerunner.org.uk>

5th August: Pilgrimage to Ilam to the shrine of St. Bertram.



Calendar for June.

3rd: Saturday. 6pm: Great Vespers. Reception of converts. (Confessions).

4th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. 8th Sunday of Pascha. Holy Pentecost.

7th: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

8th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

10th: Saturday. Great Vespers 6pm. (Confessions).

11th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. 1st Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints. Tone 8.

12th: Monday. Beginning of the Apostles' Fast.

14th: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

14th: Wednesday. 6pm Parish Council.

15th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

17th: Saturday. Great Vespers 6pm. (Confessions).

18th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints of Britain. Tone 1.

21st: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

22nd: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.

24th: Saturday. Nativity of the Forerunner. 10am Divine Liturgy.

24th: Saturday. Great Vespers 6pm. (Confessions).

25th: SUNDAY 9.15am Matins. 10am Divine Liturgy. 3rd Sunday after Pentecost. All Saints of Lincolnshire. Tone 2.

28th: Wednesday. Church open 10am until 4pm for private prayer, confessions and services.

28th: Wednesday. Divine Liturgy for the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul.

29th: Thursday 2pm-3pm: Choir practice in the Hall.



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Safeguarding Officers:

Emma Bonner and Svetlana Gibson (Assistant)

Cleaning the Temple: Friday Mornings.

Volunteers are needed! You don't need to give up a huge amount of time but every minute will be gratefully received!

Choir:

The Choir meets every Thursday from 2pm – 3pm to practice the music for the coming weeks. If you are able to come then and you can sing then you are very welcome.



The Orthodox Community of All Saints of Lincolnshire			
Management account for the period			
1 April 2017 to 1 May 2017			
Income		Expenses	
Collections-	326,98	Hall-	Electricity 115,00
Weekly Offering -	277,00		Electricity 46,24
Standing order-	551,00		Oil 267,00
Donation General			Water rates 23,00
Donation General (DC bank)		Priest	370,00
Donation (Funeral, Memorial)		Priest assistant	370,00
Donation for Roof	300,00	Bishop Fund	170,00
Candles	146,35	Caretaking exp.	90,00
Hall rents	540,00	Booklets	61,78
Hall rents (Bank)	132,00	Candles	111,29
Kiosk sale	20,63	Sills & Betteridge(Charity)	420,00
Easter collection	323,12	Paint for floor	383,86
Parking	10,00	PAT test	54,00
		Parcelforce	42,06
		Books for Prison	100,00
Sub-total	2627,08	Sub-total	2624,23
Current account	20226,29	Current account	20229,24
Business account	28354,46	Business account	28354,46
Community account	5000,00	Community account	5000,00
Bank Balance B/F 1 April 2017	53580,75	Bank balance C/F 1 May 2017	53583,70

Can you sing? Please see Natasha Taylor and come to the Choir Practice.

Can you serve in the Altar? Please see Sub-deacon Fanourios. He will train you.

Kidnapped Bishops:

Pray, love, forgive!

Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL

It is now 4 years and two months since Metropolitan JOHN and Metropolitan PAUL were kidnapped. There is still no news of either of them.



We continue to keep these Bishops and all the suffering people of our Patriarchate in your prayers. Please pray for the Christian leaders and the faithful of our Patriarchate, for their courage and wisdom to continue. Pray also for the Greek people who continue to suffer and in their suffering continue to support those who make it to their shores.



However, young adults arrived at a venue in Saffron Walden for the weekend at the end of May.

Speakers included Sr. Vassa (of “Coffee with Sr. Vassa” fame) and Fr. Alexander Tefft and others.



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Festivals and Conferences

Orthodox Fellowship of St. John the Baptist Youth Festival.

This is badly named as the “Youth” range from 18 – 35 years old!



However the talks were not the main attraction but spending time with other young Orthodox Christians from a variety of traditions where we chatted, walked, ate, learned and prayed together. Everyone made new friends.



The Antiochian Archdiocesan Conference.



This started on the Bank Holiday Monday and lasted until after lunch on Wednesday. We met in the beautiful grounds of the Hayes Conference Centre in Swanwick. This is a very comfortable place to be (although the food reminds one of being back at school!).



For many the subject seemed arcane: basically how to perform the various services. This is, however, very



important and everyone went home having discovered something new. You may well find the odd change to our services too.

There were talks on The Liturgy, Matins and Vespers, Serving in the Altar, The Paracletis and Compline.

Each day had Matins (Orthros) and Vespers (Espirinos) and on the final day we followed Matins with the Divine Liturgy with a very large number of priests and three deacons. A new Subdeacon (Terrence) was ordained for Stoke and a new Subdeacon (Kevin) and Reader (David) for North Norfolk.



There were also bookstalls, icon stalls, and people selling prayer ropes (komboskini / chutki) or different sizes and various odds and ends that people like to buy.

However, as with all these things the best bit was being with each other. Praying together, meeting new people, cementing old friendships – these are the main reasons for such events.

Glory to God in all things!