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From the Rector

The story of the Zeppelin raid over Washingborough on 16th September 1916 is a fascinating piece of Washingborough history commemorated in our Clerestory windows at St John's. L14 and L17 came in together over the Lincolnshire coast at about 10.00pm, and the two separated near Lincoln at about 10.45pm. There was a low mist that night hampering the searchlights and at about 11.45 L17 reached Newark and dropped an incendiary into the River Trent at North Muskham. L17 then continued towards Nottingham attracted by the lights and dropped incendiaries between Colwick and Sneinton. A devastating hit on 32 Newthorpe Street destroyed it and neighbouring houses, killing Alfred Rogers and his wife Rosanne and injuring eight other people. Meanwhile L14, numbered LZ46 and commanded by Hauptman Kunno Manger came towards Lincoln. A searchlight at Washingborough caught L14 in its beam allowing a 12 pounder gun at Canwick to fire 19 rounds at her. Presuming this activity meant he was already over Lincoln, near the Ruston Hornsby works, producing planes, engines, tanks, flamethrower gas and mortars, Manger released his entire bomb load which fell on the neighbouring villages of Heighington, Washingborough and Greetwell. There was no immediate loss of life but damage to a chicken shed, an orchard and a local garden. However, as crowds came to Washingborough to see the damage, at 4.30pm, the next day, the chain ferry being overcrowded overturned and two people died, a seven year old boy and a nineteen year old Lincoln man. In the Church you will see eight identical windows commemorating this incident. If you look on our website you can see an interesting window. Two Zeppelins are commemorated, neither of which took part in the raid, L30 and L32. Also, the ZZ motif in the windows is a bit of a mystery. L30 was the next generation of Zeppelins, the S Class and the most successful Zeppelin of the Great War. L32 was shot down; its crew perishing and they are buried with two other Zeppelin crews in a German Cemetery in Cannock Chase. L14 was the most successful Zeppelin over Britain during the Great War, undertaking 17 bombing missions, but it is not commemorated in our windows, which seems a little odd.

An interesting incident, which leaves its mark in our Church. Come and look at the windows, they tell a significant local story.

Rev George

From the Registers

Baptism

6th January Harrison W MACHIN St. Thomas'

Funerals

20th January Leslie George Benjamin Burrell St John's

20th January Robert Roy Cray St Thomas'

23rd January Leonara Anderson Thanksgiving Service Canwick House

28th January Roger Einstein Paul All Saints'

Services and events in March

Sunday 1st March Lent 1

9.30am Morning Worship All Saints'

9.30am Holy Communion St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion St John's

Sunday 8th March Lent 2

9.30am Holy Communion (B.C.P.) All Saints'

9.30am Morning Worship St Thomas'

11.00am Morning Worship St John's

Sunday 15th March Lent 3

9.30am Morning Worship All Saints'

10.30am Morning Worship, Joint Service with

WMC at Washingborough Methodist Chapel

Sunday 22nd March Mothering Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion All Saints'

9.30am Holy Communion St Thomas'

11.00am Holy Communion St John's

Sunday 29th March Lent 5

10.30am Benefice Service St John's

Midweek services and meetings

World Day of Prayer, Friday 6th March

2.00pm, St Thomas'

Holy Communion, Wednesdays 4th, 11th, 18th, 10.00am, St John's, followed by coffee

Lady Day MU Cluster Communion,

Wednesday 25th, 11am, St John's followed by Bring & Share Lunch

Lent Lunches Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 12.15pm, St John's

WMC Coffee Shop Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, WMC

Lent Gatherings, Thursdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 7.30pm, St John's

Mon 9th March 11.30am Holy Communion Beckfield House

Tues 24th March 10am Churches Together meeting, WMC.

Thurs 26th March 10.30am Holy Communion Canwick House

Mon 30th March 7pm AGM Canwick PCC

NOTICES

Washingborough with Heighington P.C.C. 100

Club Draw February winners

£50.00 Sue Dale Washingborough

£25.00 Margaret Saunders

Washingborough

£15.00 Frances Lyon

Washingborough

£10.00 Mick Saunders Canada

The next draw will be held at St Thomas'

Coffee morning on **Saturday 7th March**

St Thomas' Coffee Morning

February 1st, one month in the New Year gone already and time for our Coffee Morning. Our usual band of helpers was well on with the preparations and ready for the first customers at 10 o'clock. Again we had excellent support, £195 being raised for St Thomas' Church. My sincere thanks to all - those who gave and those who bought. Raffle winners were Judith Jelfs, Cynthia Logan, Jill Scoley, Irene Cartwright and Sheila Bowbanks. Hope to see you on **Saturday 7th March.**

Mothers' Union

We are having an informal Meeting on **Wed 11th March at 2pm** at The Pavilion, Craft & Chatter. Please bring something you have made recently or years ago! Photograph of item. Bring anything you are working on. It is an informal meeting and we are delighted that Elizabeth Page, our Diocesan President is in the area that day and will join us.

We are having a stall for M.U. projects at the Charity Market on **Sat 14th March**, but no Cake & Produce stall on Sunday 15th March.

Cluster Lady Day service 11am St John's taken by George when we will welcome new members from the branches in the cluster, Diocesan members and anyone locally who would like to join us. This will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch.

St John's Church care group

In addition to the last Friday of each month we plan an extra session 3rd Wednesday at midday. **This month Wed 18th at 12noon and Fri 27th from 9am.**

*Don't forget that the clocks spring forward an hour on **Sunday 29th March** and British Summer Time begins. We would hope you would replace the artificial flowers on the grave monuments with fresh flowers from this date.

**** See our mission statements on our website. We now have a plan covering what we would like to achieve at Church over the next five years. Do take a look and see how you might be able to help us to achieve our plans. After all, every Church is made up of people like us and we need a full range of personalities and ages to ensure the villages all benefit from the Churches in their midst. All ideas and offers of help will be very welcome.**

***** Charity market - Saturday 14th March 11am - 2pm. Did you know that we don't charge Charities for coming along and cover the hire of the Hall ourselves? This ensures that the Charities represented all get as much as possible for the wonderful causes they represent. Do come along and support the Charities. Make sure they raise as much money as possible to put into the amazing work they do.**