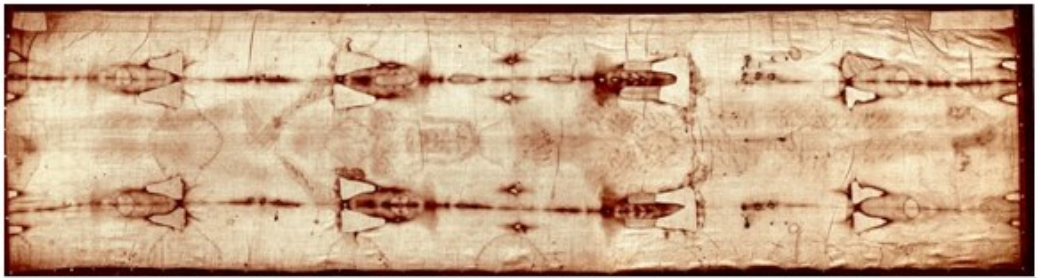


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Rejoice



Give thanks to the Risen Lord

Calligraphy by Pauline McSherry

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MASS TIMES

Saturday

Vigil Mass at 6:00pm

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Sunday

Mass at 9:30am

Holy Family Church

Mass at 11:30am

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

Vespers and Benediction at 4:00pm

Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation



CONFESIONS

Saturday

10:30am — Holy Family Church

5:00pm — Church of Our Lady of the Annunciation

***ALL OTHER SERVICES CAN BE FOUND ON
THE PARISH WEBSITE***

The link to our YouTube channel is:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8V030I7usRZiKoTlrwBAKg)

Mass readings are daily uploaded on the Parish Website:

<http://www.catholicparish-kingslynn.org.uk>

**The parish newsletter for the week
can also be found on the website.**



EDITORIAL

Now we are uplifted and full of the simple joys of spring that come through beauty: the beauty of new life, the longer days in soft, calm light, congregations of violets, primroses, bulbs and countless other blooms that just cannot wait to open up to take in the fine impressionist light, the still fresh breeze of air and the distinctly charming twitter of bird speech.

Lent is like the long shadows of still leafless trees that create the counter weight to the force of the boundless pace of new life.

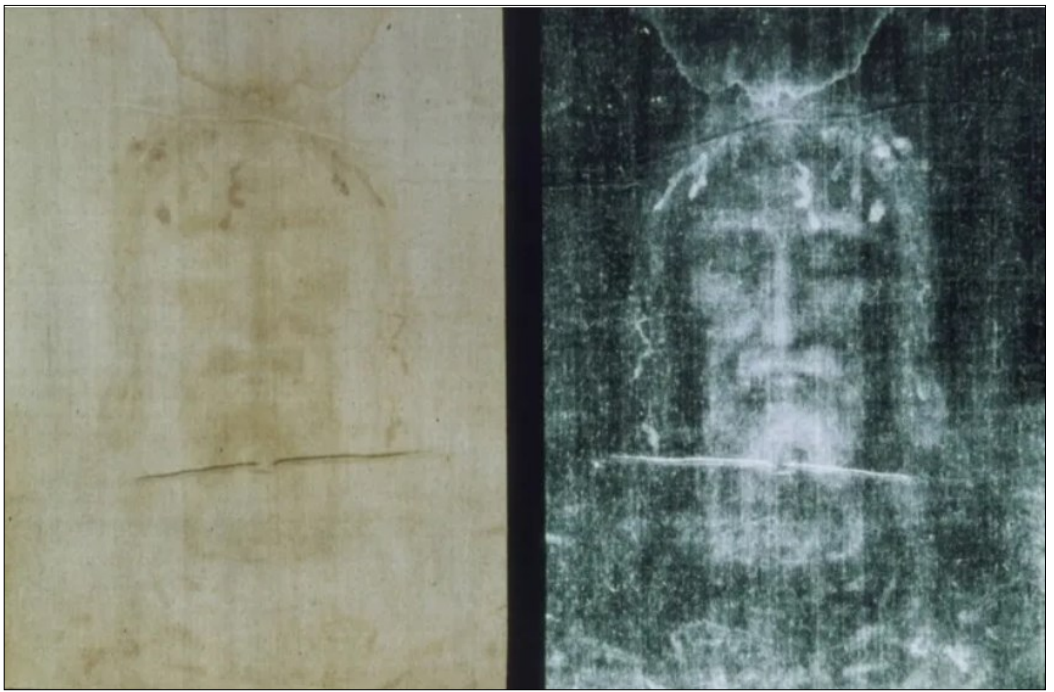
In 2 Samuel 14.14 is a very contrasting, a rather disturbing statement “Like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be recovered, so we must die.” But this is followed by “But that is not what God desires; rather, he devises ways so that a banished person does not remain banished from him.” These two statements are, undeniably, held together by a hinge: death. The Carmelite Nicholas Madden wrote in his essay ‘Thoughts on Death’: “Where there was movement there is an eerie stillness; where warmth, coldness; where speech, silence;...tears run down the face ...and death pierces the heart.” Everyone has experienced this at some point.



No pieta shows happy countenances; these paintings are heavy with pain, sadness and grief.

As the story continues, the convert Joseph of Arimathea asked for Jesus' body. “And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a

clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away. – Matthew 27:59-60”



- Then come the encounters of the risen Christ first with Mary Magdalen, then his disciples: *“Peter saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen”*. This cloth is believed to have miraculously survived. It has been brought to France in 1354 by the knight Geoffroi de Charnay, Seigneur de Lirey, measuring over 14 ft. long by 3.5 ft. wide. This burial cloth, now called the Shroud of Turin, “wrapped the corpse and encoded the image of a tortured man, who was scourged, crowned with thorns, crucified, and pierced by a spear in the chest,” according to *Heritage Journal*. In November 2024 it has been dated to the time of Jesus Christ after years of scientific studies.

We are not Thomases when we are amazed and excited by these results. No, it is like stepping out of the dark and looking into the bright sunlight that almost blinds us with its intensity or, in the much more powerful words of Pope John Paul II, “...the shroud is

a mirror of the Gospel.”

Before Jesus died, he promised that he would be with us always. Paul then wrote in his first Letter to the Corinthians : *“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time,...”* And so it is: Jesus is with us, he is with us always, he gives us hope.

Pope Francis named this Jubilee Year the year of the “Pilgrims of Hope”.

May the beauty that God bestows on us so freely bring endless joy and growth to the “kingdom of God” that “is within you”, may the infliction of sadness, suffering, pain and upset bring us to greater understanding and may this year of the ‘Pilgrimage of Hope’ be our illuminated counterweight in the bright light of hope, faith and love contrasting the disturbing and bewildering goings on in the world.

As Jesus promised:

‘I will be with you always’, may this promise be our pilgrim’s walking stick.

I wish you all a very happy and beautiful Easter.

Lotte



Lotte

LOOKING BACK IN TIME — 1954

Red Mount Field celebration of the Royal Charter in 1204.



The King's Lynn Pageant, with a cast of over 1000 people, celebrated the granting of the Royal Charter in 1204. Five evening performances were held on the Red Mount Field, commencing on 22 Jun 1954. Mr J.A. Claxton, in the centre of the photograph, played the Abbot of Holme in what the Lynn News described as one of the most magnificent episodes:

Episode five follows the opening of the Chapel of the Mount in 1485. In this sequence the area is used to its fullest extent and the colour and strength of the processions of ecclesiastics and townspeople are admirable.

The sombre colours of the monks' habits contrast splendidly with the richness of the garments of the Bishops and Abbots."

The 14-year-old boy kneeling to the left is our dear PETER MARTIN.

<https://norfolkrecordofficeblog.org/2016/10/21/one-of-kings-lynn-borough-archives-earliest-documents-the-charter-of-king-john-to-the-burgesses-of-lynn-14-september-1204/>

BAPTISMS / DEATHS / BIRTHDAYS PARISH SICK LIST

BAPTISMS



Chinedu J. Orisakwe
Chidubem J. Gbajie
Matas Gedzius
Zion D. R. Paras
Tillie R. A. Webber
Freya Webber
Runi T. Moses
Joseph J. Peters
Lucien A. P. Cunanan

DEATHS



Julita Chlynina
Peter Joseph Byrne
Pauline McSherry
Elvin Harry Rees
Patricia Scott
Barbara Griffith
Jean Mc Kenna
Lindley Christopher
Robert Ward Hodgkinson
Frederico Celestino
Richard Skinner

BIRTHDAYS

**Renee Thomas (91), Mike Griffiths (92), Taras Murphy (7),
Tony Burton (90), Josephine Burton (71)**

Greetings for a happy, healthy and joy-filled new year go to everybody who has celebrated his/her birthday this winter or spring, especially all octogenarians and nonagenarians – or even older.

May Our Lord bless you and keep you safe!

PARISH SICK LIST

Antonias	Pat Athey	Tony Burton
Betty Dockney	James Donaldson	Caroline Glazebrook
Mark Griffiths	Mike Griffiths	Beryl Green
Sadie Harris	Bob Hodgkinson	Ann Lindley
Cathy McNeil	Owen McDonagh	Maria De Rosa
Debbie Roper	Renee Thomas	Sylvia Waddilove
Thomas Noone	Susan Young	

DIARY

Cardinal Nichols urges us all to contact our MPs – even if they have done so already – to oppose the Bill on assisted suicide that seeks to legalise assisted suicide.



Our MP is James Wild MP.

james.wild.mp@parliament.uk

Cardinal Nichols' address can be read on

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-assisted-suicide-pastoral-letter/>

The cardinal slams deeply flawed and under-scrutinised Bill on assisted suicide.

The Bill's Third Reading and vote are likely to be on or around **Friday, 25 April 2025.**

righttolife.org.uk/ASvote

The National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope

Join the National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope from Norwich to Nottingham in September 2025.

Ways to Get Involved:

Walk the Pilgrimage – Join for a single day or the entire 10-day journey. Registration for day pilgrims opens in April 2025.

Support the Pilgrimage – Not walking? Be part of the support network! Pilgrims will need hospitality, encouragement, and prayer along the way.

Pray for the Pilgrims – Unite in prayer for those undertaking the journey, offering spiritual support and intercession.

Marriage Celebration Mass

Saturday 14th June, 11:30am.

Bishop Peter invites all married couples in the Diocese to attend the Mass at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist in Norwich.

Prayers for Students sitting their exams

Ks2 Exams will take place from Monday, May 12th to Thursday, May 15th.

GCSE exams in 2025 are scheduled to start from the week commencing **Monday, 5 May and finish on Wednesday, 25 June.**

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Sunday 25 May to Monday 26 May 2025

Christians have always made pilgrimages to holy places to seek an encounter with the face of Christ, to deepen their faith. In Jubilee Years, many of us will recall the opportunity to pass through a Holy Door, in Rome, or in the local Cathedral, and in more recent times in **Walsingham** too. Pilgrimage is an important part of a Jubilee Year.

Free media workshop for churches in West Norfolk.

As part of Network Norfolk's 20th anniversary year, churches and Christians in West Norfolk are invited to attend a free media workshop on Wednesday the 7th of May between 10am and 12:30pm at the **Gaywood Church Rooms**.

[https://www.networknorwich.co.uk/Groups/113404/Network Norfolk and/About Us/About Us.aspx](https://www.networknorwich.co.uk/Groups/113404/Network%20Norwich%20and/About%20Us/About%20Us.aspx)

EVENTS



The Caritas in East Anglia Festival brought Bishop Peter Collins to St Martha's Church for a morning service on the 7th of February.

The Bishop said that he was touched and greatly impressed by the accomplished singing of St Martha's choir and the reading of texts by students.

On the following day, 8th of February, the Bishop met with representatives of organisations dedicated to social outreach at Holy Family Church. Bishop Peter ended his address with these

words: "There is a human face behind every story. Grant us a listening ear so that no one is left in despair. Let us work with each other, for each other."

Pauline McSherry

It is with sadness that I am writing about my honorary Gran Pauline, who died yesterday afternoon (Saturday 22nd Feb) at Tapping House. (I would imagine many of you would have already heard through the various communication networks that our parish has). If you have not heard I am sorry to be letting you know in this way-but Pauline was a fan of my emails and enjoyed reading them particularly while we were in lockdown. Pauline was great in giving me feedback!

When Pauline was unable to attend Sunday Mass she enjoyed going to Our Lady's from her kitchen (words she often used) and latterly from Goodwins Hall to join the 11.30 Mass on the Live stream.

Pauline was a remarkable lady who I feel privileged to have known. She impacted many lives and I know many of you have fond memories which I am sure will be shared in the coming days.

When my Gran died, whom Pauline met at my Ordination she comforted me by saying that she would adopt me and become my honorary Gran which I have treasured and which I will always remember Pauline's love, care and friendship.

As I look around the room, I see many pictures and words of wisdom that Pauline created using her artistic talent.

One framed art work in front of me is words from St. John Henry Newman: ***May He support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done, then in His mercy, may He give us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last.*** Fitting words for today.

May the angels come to greet Pauline and may she rest in peace.

["Song of Farewell" \(May the Choirs of Angels\): Hymn by Ernest Sands](#)

Rev. Shaun H. J. Morrison

REFRAIN: (♩ = 72) 1st time: Caster, thereafter: All

Melody

D A/C# D7/C G/B Gm6/Bb D/A | 1 Bm6 A

May the choirs of an-gels come to greet you. May they spend you to par-a-dise.
May the Lord en-fold you in his mer-cy. May you find e -

“Photo of me holding box of “Tulip chocolates”

Pauline sent me this contribution a few days before she died. It is a most touching contribution and a very special memory of this very kind, special and faith-filled woman.

Tulips from Amsterdam. Beautiful chocolate tulips, too good to eat.



Thank you, Rita, for remembering me when you were in Holland and, thank you again and again to all good friends in my Family of Our Lady's for the many times you have been here to visit. Walking distance for some. Thanks Fr Gordon, forgive me if I repeat myself but times can be lonely and a familiar face at my door is a great comfort and answer to my prayer. Letters too I love to receive. I will reply.

Today I had a lengthy hand written (no biro!) letter from Claire Sullivan. A letter full of school memories and her present-day family news. Claire Sullivan, now Claire Sheppard, leads a very active life. Mother to Joseph and Green Party representative for Peckham, London. You can

read more about Claire on her website.

Good to see and hear from you, David Crowley. Don't stop! Brophy news is always welcome; never a failure, Vincent! Peter Coulston, I wonder where you are now and do you still remember 3 Hail Marys?

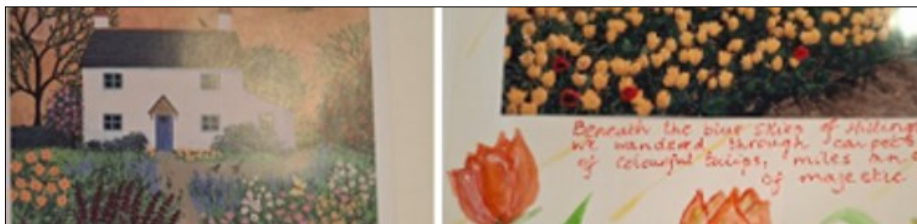
Do readers remember Father Henry, the young Father Henry, the man in black? Much to my surprise and delight he found me in my new residence. So good to see you again, Father. 'Keep on with your calligraphy. I'm sure you could design a cover for our parish magazine.' Again, thank you to Father Whisenant and many other priests and deacons who have made the journey to Goodwins Hall. Thank-you.

And finally, I'll close with a very special word to our dear editor Lotte who never fails to give us our quality parish magazine, sehr Vielen Danke.

To our priests, deacons and readers, "May the hope and joy of Easter fill your hearts with renewed faith and blessings."

Pauline McSherry

P.S. Just to thank you, I must add Tracy McGovern who does all my typing and thanks to her good parents, who are always there when needed.





Taras sent this picture showing him bicycling in Switzerland



In Rosie's picture the whole spectrum of colours is surrounding Golgotha. Rosie seems to show that the crucifixion is life everlasting and the tomb is the wide-open mouth of death, open, empty and black. Rosie literally planted the cross-turned-life into the skull of the tomb. The warped cross in the middle seems to have volunteered to carry the burden of pain indefinitely; the cross to the right is looking up to Jesus' cross, while the cross to the left is falling backwards. There is great joy in this picture; even the grass blades rejoice by sending Xs of love, dedication and faith into the awesome morning.

CHURCHPOP

9 Young Saints Who Are an Inspiration for Youth

<https://ewtn.co.uk/chpop-9-young-saints-who-are-an-inspiration-for-youth/>

Here are nine young saints who can inspire today's youth:

Bl. Chiara Badano (1971-1990) Dying of cancer at the age of 18, Chiara stood out for her joy and dedication to God's will. She inspired many with her unshakable faith amid suffering.

St. Dominic Savio (1842-1857) A student of St. John Bosco, Dominic Savio stood out for his piety and love of God from an early age. He died at the age of 14 and is known for his quote: "I'd rather die than sign".

St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897) Known as "The Little Flower," Saint Therese of the Child Jesus entered Carmel at age 15 and lived there until her early death at age 24. She is famous for her "Little Way" of love and simplicity.

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901-1925) Nicknamed "the man of the eight beatitudes," Pier Giorgio was a young Italian passionate about mountaineering, the Eucharist, and charity for the poor. He died at age 24.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) As a young man, Francis abandoned a life of comfort to live according to the Gospel. He is the founder of the Franciscan Order and is known for his humility and love of creation.

St. Joan of Arc (1412-1431) St. Joan of Arc, the young peasant woman who became a military leader and heroine in France, was martyred at age 19. She is known for her courage and deep faith.

Bl. Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) Known as the patron saint of computer programmers and youth, Carlo used technology to evangelize. He developed a website cataloguing all the Eucharistic miracles in the world. He died of leukaemia at age 15.

St. Maria Goretti (1890-1902) Known as the patroness of rape victims, Maria Goretti was martyred at age 11. She preferred to die rather than lose her purity. She forgave her attacker before passing away.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1568-1591) St. Aloysius Gonzaga renounced noble life to become a Jesuit. He is known for his purity and charity, dying at the age of 23 while caring for victims of an epidemic.

PILGRIM OF HOPE

Easter Greetings from a young Pilgrim of Hope

It is always impressive to see a community support a cause, especially if within a community is a young person trying to make a difference to the lives of others. Meet Roman, a 16-year-old Ukrainian boy living in our parish with his family. You may have seen him at our churches around the parish with his mother, Nataliya, selling cards that he himself has created. His beautifully hand drawn pictures and paintings have been used to create various cards, which have been printed so that he can raise money to support Ukrainian children who have lost their parents in the terrible war in Ukraine.



Roman would like to thank all who bought his cards and wish everyone happy Easter.

In this Jubilee Year as we are each called on our own journey, let us remember the words of Pope Francis and pray that Roman, this young Pilgrim of Hope, may continue to support those who are experiencing war and let it remind us that we can all be Pilgrims of Hope as Pope Francis says, "By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope" and isn't hope very much needed in our world.

Happy Easter everyone!

Христос воскрес!

Christ is Risen!

Tracy McGovern



CHARITY PAGE

Christopher Lindley



The obituary for Chris Lindley has now been published by Peter Bending in Network Norfolk and can be found here [Network Norfolk](#).

Chris worked voluntarily for many years for Churches Together in King's Lynn. He highlighted the numbers of homeless people locally and this led to the setting up of the **King's Lynn Night Shelter**.

Christopher spent his retirement working as a volunteer for several organisations and charities in a variety of roles, but all with the same purpose, to help those in need. He worked voluntarily for **Churches Together**; **The Prison Dialogue Group**; and a charity originally named **KLARS**.



During his work Christopher helped to develop an important insecticide chemical called Abate used to eradicate Guinea Worm Disease. This disease affects some of the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world, who have no access to clean and safe water.

Christopher Dennis Lindley is a person who, with the support of his loving wife Anne, achieved more for others during his life than most ever will. On learning of his death, people that worked with Christopher described him as: gentle, caring, clever, precise and a good Christian.

Let us pray for Christopher Lindley on his journey and for his wife Anne, who will find it very difficult to be separated from Christopher after their long life of togetherness.

The Night Shelter has had a busy winter, with a full house week on week and always a waiting list of people hoping for a room.

Laura Joslin, director@knightshelter.org.uk

Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre Manager-King's Lynn laurajoslin@capuk.org It has been a very encouraging start to the new year. We have been celebrating with six households who have gone debt-free in the last three months.

King's Lynn Foodbank During winter 2024/25, we've seen a 4% drop in the number of parcels distribution compared to the previous winter. It's really amazing to see the numbers finally begin to fall!

<https://www.trussell.org.uk/support-us/guarantee-our-essentials>

ALBARACA SCHOOL IN GAMBIA

During the turn of the century, members of the Parish were visited by two people who had recently retired from the teaching profession in Stiffkey.

Why did they come?

Well, Miriam Cairns, who at that time was a member of the Soroptimist Int., was acquainted with these two people and they were in the process of setting up a school in Gambia; they were looking for support in this mission.

And this is where I come into the frame (Mike Griffiths). Myself and one or two other parishioners decided that we would sponsor a child in Gambia in their education whilst we were able!

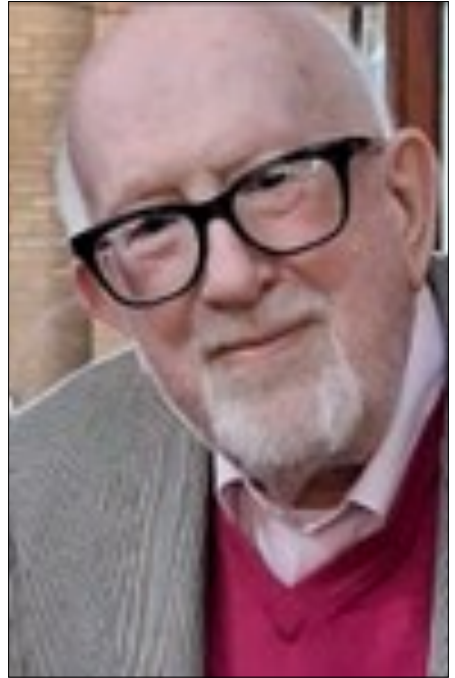
Now, after 23 years, this school has grown from a small tin building to a fully-fledged First School, catering for over 100 children. The name which is "ALBARACA".

So why am I sharing this information with you?

As this school has grown, the need for sponsorship has also grown. And whilst sponsors are far and wide, if you would like to join in this mission, I would only be too happy to provide what it entails you as an individual.

My number is 01553 674 131.

Mike Griffiths



Mike Griffiths

PAGE FOR THE ELDERS



The joint celebration of Renee's and Mike's birthdays was a most lovely, happy and stimulating event, attended by many. As is the custom at the Elder's meetings, members read chosen passages from books dear to them, poems and short articles. Often, they play games or have discussion themes. There was a noon time service conducted by Jim, followed by a buffet of mouth-watering delicacies and a birthday cake.

Renee was one of the founding members of the Elder's Group 36 years ago. Her enthusiasm, dedication and creative input have given the group a very special and lasting character.



The Elder's meet every other week on a Tuesday.

The next meeting dates are:

15th and 29th April,

13th and 27th May,

10th and 24th June,

8th and 22nd July.

We then start up again in September.

Meetings are from 10:30am to about 2.00pm.

FRUIT OF THE VINE

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist the priest offers prayers of blessings over the gifts of bread and then wine saying: “Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.”

Over the centuries, the work of human hands has done much good, although sadly much we can only be ashamed of too, as is all too evident from a glance at the local, national and international news. But something

worth celebrating is how man has transformed the humble grape into wine. How and when this was first discovered is lost in the mists of time - it pre-dates Christianity and can be traced back to at least 5000 years BC but wine takes centre-stage in several places in the Bible. During Christ’s ministry He chose the transformation of water into wine as the first miracle to show His divinity, whilst at the Last Supper wine takes on even greater significance when Jesus shares bread and wine with his apostles – an act which, of course, we also participate in during the Eucharist when we are invited to drink from the chalice and to “do this in memory of Me.”



When Christianity came to this country that meant the need for a reliable supply of wine for the Liturgy, and it was the monasteries that largely supplied this. Winemaking arrived in this country with the Romans, who like the Greeks, even had a god dedicated to wine, but it was the monks that developed the techniques that allowed grapes to be successfully grown in our

cooler, wetter climate. In 1086 The Domesday Book listed some 45 vineyards of which 12 were attached to monasteries (including one at Ely) and when King Henry VIII came to the throne in 1509 this had risen to 140 vineyards, of which 11 produced wine for the royal household! Ironically, 27 years later Henry began the dissolution of the monasteries which marked the beginning of the end of grape production here at home, but by then better-quality wine was already starting to be imported, with the port

of King's Lynn playing a key role in this trade.

With a trend towards warmer, milder weather and less severe winters, vineyards have once again become established in this country - there are several here in Norfolk now, including one at South Pickenham not far from Swaffham. Last year I went to a talk on East Anglian wines at the Norwich Food and Drink Festival which included some tastings, and very good they were too. We were told that the very last monastic vineyard to survive was at Crowland Abbey, between Peterborough and Spalding, in an area of Lincolnshire with the historic name of Holland, and I came across this undated but clearly very old poem which reads:

*In Holland stands Crowland, built on dirty low land,
Where you'll find, if you go, the wine is but so-so,
The blades of hay are like swords, one may say,
The beds are like stones, and break a man's bones.
The men rough and sturdy, and nought they afford ye,
But bid you good-bye, when both hungry and dry.*

So, the merry monks here in the east of England were busy winemaking long before the current vineyards, although it sounds like the quality wasn't up to what we can enjoy today!

Mark Collins





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