



**All Saints' Church, King's Lynn
(Hillington Square)**

The work of the Parish continues and the countdown begins

The countdown begins, but for what? Well the most obvious thing would be, and this is quite clear in the town centre, Christmas. This is of course important for the Church but The Parish of All Saints has another countdown—that which leads to a new Parish Priest taking up his work with us at the church and in the whole of the community which is South Lynn. The search for a new Parish Priest moved significantly this month. Interviews took place on November 15 and 16 and we are delighted to announce that

Fr. Adrian Ling, currently Rector of the Flegg Coastal Benefice, incorporating Hemsby, Winterton, Somerton and Horsey is to be the next Rector of All Saints. It is hoped that Fr. Ling will take up his post as Rector some time in April, 2012. We are all very grateful for the support of the Bishops of

Lynn and Richborough and the Archdeacon of Lynn in making this appointment possible and look forward to Fr. Ling's ministry with us. During the interview process the three candidates for the post visited the two Church Schools and all were very impressed with what they saw—impressive facilities and enthusiastic children and staff. The parish is very lucky to have such great schools.

In the mean time, and since Easter Day, the work of the Church has continued and the various events in church (concerts, coffee mornings etc) have raised in excess of £1000 towards the general upkeep of the church and towards the restoration fund. There is still much to be done. You can help in this by supporting the various events which take place at the church and in Hillington Square itself.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS at ALL SAINTS

**Sunday,
December 11:
Evening Prayer for
Gaudete Sunday at
4pm at All Saints.
With the congregation
of the Church of Our
Lady, London Road**

**Sunday,
December 18:
Carol Service at
3.30pm**



**Saturday,
December 24:
Christmas Eve
Crib Service at
6pm**

**Christmas Eve:
First Mass of
Christmas at
11.30pm**

**Sunday,
December 25:
Christmas Day
Solemn Mass at
9.30am**

Church Services

Sunday: Solemn Mass	10am
Wednesday: Mass	6.30pm

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The Reformation and All Saints' Church—by Dr Julian Litten

It's a commonly mistaken belief that most churches were greatly harmed during the Reformation, but in fact the majority of the parish churches were left unscathed as far as their fixtures and fittings were concerned. Far more damage was done during the reign of Elizabeth I and also during the Commonwealth, between 1649 and 1660. However, it was in the reign of Edward VI that an Inventory was taken of all church goods and many confiscations took place, the monies raised from the sale of the items going directly to the king. All Saints did not escape, and in September 1552 it was visited by six of the King's nine Commissioners for Norfolk, Sir William Fermor, Sir John Robsart, Sir Christopher Heydon, Osbert Mondeford, Robert Barney and John Calybott. They were received by the churchwardens, John Knap and Thomas Spryngale and three parishioners, John Clark, Henry Baker and Henry Blesbye.

Everything had to be produced for examination. The churchwardens yielded up the following items:-

Two chalices with one paten, silver-gilt, weighing 15½ ozs at 4/4d per oz.

One pyx, silver-gilt, weighing 8½ ozs at 4/4d per oz.

Eight copes of white damask, red, crimson, tawny and blue velvet, and silk with gold beads.

Three vestments (chasubles) of red, crimson and tawny velvet.

Three tunicles of white damask and red velvet.

Three altar-cloths.

One carpet.

Five bells in the steeple the great (tenor) bell, 36 cwts., the third, 10 cwts., the second 8 cwts., and the little (treble) bell, 6 cwts. The sanctus bell weighed ½ cwt.

Four bell-clappers – 208 lbs.

Four candlesticks – two pair great and little of latten, weighing 1½ cwts.

From the valuation, amounting to £55 6s 8d, the sum of £6 was returned as

'Church Stock'. The parish was assigned the two chalices with the paten, one little bell and one clapper (presumably the sanctus bell), also the altar-cloths and the carpet. Everything Everything else was confiscated.

Sadly, the two chalices and the paten were subsequently surrendered during the reign of Elizabeth I for a simple communion cup, which survives. The sanctus bell and clapper were sold following the collapse of the tower in 1763, the monies being put towards the repair of the building. Thus we have not one item left in the building, apart from the fragment of the c.1500 chancel screen, which our late medieval forebears would recognise.

Hillington Square Car Boot Sale

The sale held on Saturday, July 30 was a great success, not least because we as a church raised some £180! We were able to give some of this money to the Hillington Square Community Fund. It is great to see the community coming together and supporting each other.

New Season for Arts & Sciences

King's Lynn Society of Arts & Sciences has been delighting audiences with the diversity of its speakers and subject matter for nearly a century. Its first home was in Welwick House, on the corner of the walkway through Hillington Square, from All Saints Street. When that building was demolished the Society moved to various venues, including the Museum, Thoresby College and the Town Hall. Currently we meet in another historic building, the **Green Quay** on South Quay and have over 90 members and attract lots of visitors. The Committee are, at present, in the

throes of planning a special season of lectures to celebrate our centenary in 2013. There are 9 lectures per season. The annual membership fee is £14 and visitors pay £4 at the door. If you would like to come along and see what it's all about we would love to welcome you there. The Lectures start at 7.30pm and the Restaurant opens to sell from 6.30pm.

Wednesday, December 7th

Noel! Music at Christmas—past, present and future—with Tom Appleton

Friday, January 13, 2012

Ely Place—London's Hidden Treasure with Jenny Watson-Bore

Wednesday, February 1.

Oscar Nemon—Sculptor of Statesmen and Royalty with Lady Aurelia Young

Friday, February 17

The Sky's the Limit—Constable and the Development of Landscape Painting

Other news and events

Women's World Day of Prayer – this is on Friday, March 2, 2012 and the Service for King's Lynn will take place at All Saints at 11am followed by a simple lunch.

In September we welcomed the new Bishop of Richborough to All Saints' Church. The Bishop was formerly Vicar of St Mary's Church, Little Walsingham.



The clergy and congregation of All Saints' Church wish everyone a peaceful and happy Christmas. We hope to see you during the Festive Season.

Although the Parish is in an Interregnum the work of the Parish continues. Please see the contact details overleaf if you wish to arrange Baptisms or Weddings.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

We have applied for a Faculty to remove the damaged panels in three of the windows on the south side of the church. We now need to raise a lot of money to restore the windows and provide protection for all the windows in the church. Please support us if you can by donating to the Window restoration fund.

