

# The Parish Church of St John the Baptist

Ermine, Lincoln

## Annual report



A celebration  
of St Johns in 2013



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Annual Vestry Meeting – Sunday March 16th 2014 at 11:30am

1. Opening prayers and apologies
2. Election of two churchwardens

Annual Parochial Church Meeting – Sunday March 16th 2014 at 11:35am

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the previous annual meeting
3. Vicar's address (given as the sermon earlier)
4. Reports

*The reports are not individually listed in the agenda, but will follow the alphabetical order in which they appear in the body of the annual report.*

5. Election of members for the PCC
6. Election of treasurer
7. Election of sides-persons
8. Election of 2 representatives for the Deanery Synod
9. Appointment of external examiner for the accounts
10. Matters arising from the previous annual meeting minutes
11. Date of the APCM in 2015 (*Suggestion: 22 March 2015*)
12. Any other business

*Please note that if you intend to raise any issues under this heading that the chair is to be informed 3 days before the date of the meeting.*

13. The grace

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Fr Stephen writes.

"We look forward with confidence to 2013, our celebration year, praying that God will bring his blessing to all that we do and celebrate, to the everyday encounters as well as the big public events and that he will continue through his Spirit to guide us forward in his love".

With these words I concluded my report in 2012, noting that that year was very much an advent year, a year in waiting for our 50th anniversary year, much planned for and eagerly anticipated. As it turned out, our expectations were more than met – we had the most fantastic year of celebration. It was, as we had thought, a highly ambitious programme, but it was also one that enabled us to engage very actively in mission throughout the year. God had set our sights high, and we were not disappointed. There were surprises along the way. We started the year by being featured on the BBC1 programme "The One Show" in a short film about the work of Sam Scorer, and we ended it by being nominated for a competition to find the best British church built since 1953. Over 200 churches were nominated, and it was wonderful for us to make the final shortlist of 25 – we did not win, but once again we were able to affirm what an important legacy has been entrusted to us as stewards of this very special place. And we got a big picture of the church in "Church Times"!



The year started off with bad weather threatening our launch event, a concert featuring our own Silverwood quartet, the Diocesan Ladies Choir and Lincs Effect. We needn't have worried – over 100 people turned up, and our year was set off in grand style. Over 500 people attended the five concerts throughout the year. 100 came to the Estate Celebration service (including representatives from all local community organisations, churches and schools and the local councillors) at which we interred our time capsule. Over 300 people came to our Estate Fun Day (another event

threatened by the weather) which featured the biggest inflatable slides and bouncy castles I had ever seen, a circus skills "tent", outdoor performances by Ermine Voices and the Primary Academy Choir and 14 community groups manning fundraising tables in the hall. At the end of the afternoon, the Bishop of Grantham said to me that what we were doing that afternoon and throughout the year was the "very model of parish ministry". 15 community groups entered our community quiz night and over 100 people visited the church for our wedding themed open day, with a steady attendance also at the craft exhibition.

Several days of prayer underpinned all this activity, and we were delighted to welcome Angela Ashwin, the acclaimed Christian author, to preach at our very special patronal festival service (the culmination of a whole weekend of celebrating the church and the community). Bishop Christopher also made his first visit to St John's for our 50th birthday service on October 6th and we were joined by former clergy of the parish and friends of St John's over the years. In the evening our re-creation of the first evensong service back in 1963 brought over 50 people to worship



with us. And we finished off the year with a great party celebration (attended by our local MP and his wife) in November.

An outstanding year in many respects, but we do have to note that none of this could take place without meticulous and detailed planning over several years, not only in putting the programme for the year together, but also in marketing and promotion, making sure that people knew about what we were doing. For each concert, we had to book the artists, get publicity designed and printed and then distributed around the estate, around the city and around the county. Press releases needed preparing as did programmes for the concerts. We needed a way of selling tickets through our website and over the phone and to manage the bookings and refreshments on the night. It was a huge effort and I want to especially thank Jackie and Liz (who are now very experienced at running a box office!), Daniel for his work with the website, and Sheila and Chris for their hard work in setting up the wedding open day and the craft fair. Sustaining this effort over the year has been extremely hard work, but I hope you will agree, worth every minute. It is also worth noting that income from ticket sales has more than covered the cost of putting the anniversary year on.



Everyone will have their own highlights, but for me I will remember the whole audience rising as one at the end of Elizabeth Watts's concert in a spontaneous standing ovation, people opening up their memories and renewing friendships at the wedding day, and the sight of loads of parents sitting on the church wall watching their children enjoy themselves at the Family Fun Day.

Our anniversary year was one in which we hope not only to celebrate 50 years of St John's, but also to celebrate the estate. We were fortunate to have a lot of media coverage throughout the year on the local radio and in the local press (the Echo featured a double spread on the early history of the church) helping to raise awareness of both the church and the estate. Our project to establish a community choir led to the setting up of Ermine Voices, enthusiastically led by Macaulay Crawford up to the summer and Tori Longdon in the autumn. Over 35 people every week take part in the choir and Ermine Voices has really helped to give the Ermine estate a voice. Sadly, we

were unable to get our proposed oral history project off the ground, but we are hoping to be able to do this within the next year.

Inevitably, the 50th anniversary celebrations demanded a lot of our energies and purpose in 2013, but it is important to note that the regular round of worship, support for individuals and groups, work with schools and other community organisations carried on as usual. It was a joy as ever to welcome Bishop Tim to not only take part in our Estate Celebration Service but also to be with us in July for our confirmation service at which Susan, Anthony, Sue and Andrea were confirmed.



As you will be aware, this was Bishop Tim's last visit to St Johns in his role as Bishop of Grantham. He has always been a great supporter of everything we do here, and we will miss his encouragement and support. Other farewells throughout the year included a farewell to Hamish Temple, the URC minister for Lincoln, with whom we have had a very creative, supportive and warm relationship, particularly working together on community on the estate. Farewell also to our daughter church on the West, St John the Evangelist, which was finally demolished late in the year, and to the worshipping community at Ermine West Methodist Church, now used solely for community projects.

More personal farewells were said to three long standing members of the congregation at St John's who died in 2013. Ron Scott has served the church and community faithfully for so many years, a former churchwarden Mothers' Union member, a member of the hall committee, a steady, prayerful, generous presence that brought so much to the life of this church. Farewell also to Beryl Grout and Kate Chatburn, both of whom were members of our extended church family in residential care for the past couple of years.



Last year I mentioned the potential developments in the diocese which were finally unveiled at Diocesan Synod and fully discussed by the PCC in the autumn. The diocese is planning a number of initiatives which the PCC have agreed to support as fully as possible. These may require us to think carefully about our discipleship and mission (always a good thing!) and to be challenged in some of our thinking. We await further developments with interest.

A year of celebration then, a year in which we proved to ourselves that we could match our ambition with our activity and that we could celebrate not only our church, but also the community around us. It was a year in which we welcomed many visitors to the church, but also welcomed new members of the congregation, a year in which we could proclaim the presence of God in this place, inspiring us, challenging us, supporting us and holding us ever in his peace. It was a unique year that will not be repeated, one that will live in our memories and which will hopefully inspire us to be creative and hopeful, and in the words of the diocesan logo, joyful, confident and faithful.

Every blessing

Fr. Stephen



## Altar Servers

Our small team of altar servers have the privilege of serving God through assisting the priest at the Eucharist and some other services. Our role is both outward and inward in that our actions are guided by prayer before, during and after the service.

We hold occasional meetings that provide opportunity for reflection and learning about our role and you may notice some of the changes that arise from these.

We would always welcome new members to the team and would give you the support and training to undertake this role. If you feel called by God to become a server please speak to Father Stephen in the first instance.

*Paul Barrett*

## Bingo & Coffee

Once a month on a Thursday afternoon we have a bingo and coffee afternoon, this is attended by some of our church members as well as the community. We start by playing a couple of games of bingo then we have a drink of tea, coffee and a biscuit, then we play bingo again. We always have fun and enjoy our afternoon, we also hold a raffle which usually means some of us will enjoy eating sweets, fruit or biscuits or other treats that evening.

Anyone is welcome to join us just turn up and I assure you will have a fun afternoon.

*Olive Musson & Sue Fleshbourne*

## Children's Society

Many thanks again to the generous box holders of St. John's Church. There are now 21 of them, an increase on last year, and the amount raised in the year up to summer 2013 was £541.26, a record!

Please bring your boxes to me in April for this year's emptying and anyone else who would like a box is welcome to ask.

*Rosalind Millward*

## Churches Together in Lincoln and District

There have been some large changes over the last year at churches together, the Chair's role has been taken up by the recently retired Hamish Temple who hopes to lead the group so that joint worship and prayer is a priority. I am still responsible for the [www.CTLD.org.uk](http://www.CTLD.org.uk) website and keep this up-to-date with upcoming events and news about the group. We also have a secretary who sends out regular email notifications about events too.

*Daniel Holt*

## Church Hall

Generally bookings for the church hall in 2013 have been good, but the Saturday evening sequence dance has closed due to the ill health of the organiser. This, combined with a temporary change of use by the Janet Ashton School of Dance, has meant that the hall income for the year was less than expected. On a positive note, two new regular bookings have been taken - Premier Dance from October and a Bijinkan martial arts group from November.



Emma Ackland-Snow has been a great help again this year with all the help she gives with the one off bookings. I would struggle to cope with the bookings without her help. Thank you Emma I really appreciate all you do.

The hall committee requires some more members as it has been reduced to four people. We meet on a Monday morning at 9.00 am three or four times a year to discuss the state of the hall, terms of hire and hear users concerns. If you feel that you could join the committee please ask me or Father Stephen for more information.

The hall is not used much during the daytime, so if anyone knows of any suitable groups looking for either a regular or one off meeting place please could you point them to the Church website or ask them to contact me.

*Liz Straw - Hall Booking Secretary*

## Churchwardens

During the 50th Anniversary year the church has been visited by a large number of people attending concerts and other celebratory events. On these occasions it is especially important that the toilet facilities are in good order. One toilet has been equipped with facilities for disabled people. This has been done partly through a generous donation by Sue and Ian Young, and we give thanks to them. The second toilet has a new W.C. and we hope that the hand-bowl will be replaced this year and the toilet will be repainted

A car was accidentally reversed into the boundary wall, but the damage has been repaired.

The lights in the church have been replaced by LED bulbs. We are aware of the need to save energy in lighting and heating the church, not only because of the high energy bills which account for a large proportion of the church budget, but also because we are committed as a congregation to the need to save energy for environmental reasons.

In the coming year we hope to have a new sign for the outside of the Hall, and maintenance work may be needed inside the church. It is some years since the walls of the church were painted and there are signs of damp around the floor at the front.

The wardens wish to thank Philip Howell for deputising many times in Sunday services.

*David Fleshbourne and David Rudeforth*

## Electoral roll

The electoral roll currently numbers 48. One name was removed in 2013 and one added.

*Sheila Hoy*

## Ermine Churches Together

Despite the closure of Ermine West Methodist Church and the retirement of Hamish Temple, the URC Minister at Ermine URC, in 2013, we maintain close working relationships with Ermine URC. We continued our tradition of worshipping together on Palm Sunday and Good Friday and were delighted to welcome members of Ermine URC to our carol service in December. I attend the regular meetings of the priests and ministers from all the uphill churches and we continue to be in conversation about ecumenical services and projects.

*Fr Stephen*

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group

The anniversary group has been meeting regularly over the past four years, developing ideas, planning and finally helping to run the events for the anniversary year. I would like to thank all the church members of the group for all their hard work (Jackie Howell, Liz Straw, Chris Priestley, Sue Fleshbourne) and Ben Stoker from the diocese for his support, enthusiasm and encouragement. This was a major undertaking for us and could not have been achieved without a strong team of people supporting it. The group has now finished its work.

*Fr Stephen*



## Hospitality & Fundraising

2013 has been a quite year for fund raising as we celebrated our 50th anniversary here at St Johns. We were joined again this year by the Guides and Brownies for our pancake party and beetle drive, this seems to be very popular. We look forward to next years.

We held a 50th celebration gala for the community in July, this was a very enjoyable event. Our Christmas raffle was very well supported again this year by both the community and the church. We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped and supported our Christmas fair and raffle, as we are very grate full for your support as this is a very important part of our fundraising.

We have enjoyed our year again serving refreshments, and cooking our parish meals.

We would like to say thank you to all who helped us with the refreshments this year as our 50th celebrations have taken place.

If anyone has any ideas about fund raising or would like to help, you are very welcome to come along to one of our meetings.

*Sue Fleshbourne*

## Monthly Meal Out

The monthly meal out is a monthly social event which takes place at the hospital social club Lincoln. To date we have up to 13 people and sometimes more, who meet together to have a meal and share fellowship. The meals are very reasonably priced and anyone is welcome. The group is greatly appreciated, and the members would like to thank Paul Cartwright for all the lifts which he has given to many. Also added to the hospitality we thank Gary Root. We continue to meet every month, however if you would like to purchase drinks other than a soft drink the social club have introduced a small membership fee, however you do not have to pay the fee if you just want to continue having a soft drink only with your meal. Please feel free to ask me any details.

*Reverend Pam Beattie*

## Mothers Union

2013 has been an interesting year for us. Our Mothers Union have made a couple of changes, whereas before we were part of the deanery, we have now joined together with other members just outside of the deanery and are now called the Witham Cluster. We also have two Cluster leaders instead of one deanery leader. We have enjoyed a variety of speakers, and also met with our fellow members in our cluster. We met in July as we celebrated our 50th anniversary here at St Johns with a Eucharist and strawberry tea. In August we had our yearly meal at the Harvester on the waterside and in December we met for our Advent service and tea. The Mothers Union here at St Johns would like to say a very big thank you to you all for supporting our fund raising activities. when we had our sponsored walk in July we raised £90 for our wheels appeal and in September our coffee morning was very well supported, so we would like to thank you all again for your generosity. If anyone is interested in finding out more about the mothers union they are very welcome to join us at our meetings. Our theme for 2014 is sowing the future together.

*Sue Fleshbourne*

## Prayer Chain

The prayer chain is a confidential group which operates in a chain of prayer. The people who belong to the group are notified of a need to pray, usually at the notification in the first instance to me, (Pam Beattie) or Father Stephen, this is in a response to usually an emergency, or such as someone being taken in to hospital, going in to hospital, or suddenly taking ill. This year it is fair to say that the prayer chain has only had a couple of instances where prayer has been requested, this can only be a good sign. However some people may not be aware that we offer such a request for prayer. So usually in the first instance in order to activate the prayer chain

Ring : Pam on 01673 863408 (Father Stephen will be notified)

The prayer chain is then activated, and prayer can begin for the situation, your prayer can stay confidential or it can be also placed on the weekly prayer sheet at your request. Please when possible make sure you have the person or persons concerned permission to do this. For any information please feel free to ask me any questions.

*Reverend Pam Beattie*

## St. John's Choir

It has been a year of steady progress for the choir. We were glad to make our contribution to the anniversary celebrations. We have welcomed two new members during the year and I am also grateful to friends who joined us at times to help. Apart from making own contributions to the Sunday services we have been able to sing choral evensong on one or two occasions and we hope to repeat that in the coming year.

Many thanks, of course, to Sue Young for support both as organist and occasional contralto!

As a choir it is our aim to lead the congregation in the singing of the service using the huge range of marvellous music in the Anglican tradition.

*Terry Millward*

## St. John's Singers

During the fiftieth anniversary celebrations St. John's Singers have not been meeting, but practises began on Thursday, 27th March with a few new members. We shall continue to practise every fourth Thursday in the month except for July and August.

I am deciding our repertoire by asking members what they would like to sing. It is not necessary to be able to read music but just to enjoy singing. We would like more members so please come and see me. It would be OK for you to try a couple of practises, and if you do not feel it is for you then you can leave – we are sure this will not happen!

*Sue Young*

## Stewardship

At the start of 2013, there were 31 regular envelope givers, of whom 20 also 'Gift Aided' their weekly donations, thereby enabling the church to reclaim money from HMRC.

During the year, we lost 1 gift aider but we gained 2 new envelope givers who were also gift aiders. Towards the end of the year we had many new people in church and we started 2014 with 36 envelope givers, 23 of whom 'Gift Aid'.

At the beginning of 2013 we also had 7 gift aiders' who donated by monthly direct debit. This increased to 8 during the year and the number of monthly direct debits at the beginning of 2014 is 10. We also have another 'gift aider; who donates every 3 months. In 2012, the weekly giving average had been £165.28. In 2013, the weekly average was £67.89 so it's going in the right direction!

So, in total we now have 47 regular givers of whom 34 also gift aid their donations. This is good news for us as gift aiding brings the church an additional 25% of revenue – each £1 given by a gift aider is worth £1.25 to St. Johns.

More gift aiders hopefully means more tax rebate from HMRC! In 2013I did claim a rebate of £2,499.29 and this was paid to us along with some interest.

It's really important that we receive as much income as possible so if any one does pay Income Tax and doesn't already Gift Aid their donations, please have a word with me and we can soon rectify this!

Also, if you feel able to give regularly please have a word with me.

*Jackie Howell*

## Website

In the last year the website has continued to perform well and I am very pleased with it and the impact it has. I am always receiving comments on the site (most of which are good) which enable me to improve the site based on people's usage. We have seen an increase in users of the site over the last year of around 1500 unique visitors, serving over 15GB of data between them. This is about 3-4 DVDs worth or 21 CDs, this is an increase of over 3GB compared to last year. The top downloaded files are on the site are those from the eArchive, however the top spot belongs to the document "Getting Married at St Johns" which was downloaded 533 times, so maybe there will be an influx of weddings in the coming years.

*Daniel Holt*

## 22nd Lincoln Brownies

The 22nd Lincoln Brownies have had another busy year. We now have twenty-one Brownies and five Leaders in the pack. The Brownies are celebrating their 'Big Birthday' this year – we are 100 years old! We have got a Big Brownie Birthday County Celebration at the end of March 2014.

One of the highlights of 2013 was celebrating the 50th Anniversary of St John's Church. The Brownies and Guides organised a 1960s party on Tuesday 14 May to celebrate the 50th Anniversary, for Parents and Carers, and members of St John's Church. We all dressed up in 1960s costumes; had a 1960s quiz, raffle, and buffet, and 1960s memorabilia was also on display. With the help of Macaulay Crawford and Jack we learned 'The Locomotion' and 'Wait a minute Mister Postman' which we sang at the party. The Brownies gained their 'Hostess' Badge for their preparation and work at the party. We had a super evening. Thank you to everyone who helped us with this event.

The Brownies also participated in the St John's time capsule in June 2013 – and designed a Brownie uniform that could be worn in 2063.

Throughout the year the Brownies also gained their 'Road Safety' and 'Musician' badges.

We received a cheque for £100.00 from C.O.L.A. (Children of Lincoln Activities Association) in March 2013 for our funds. The Brownies and Guides also had a stall at the Community Gala Day on 22 June 2013. The Brownies are also the 'Community Champions' of the Lincolnshire Co-operative stores on Woodhall Drive, Riseholme Road, and Cabourne Pharmacy, for the period from 8 December 2013 to 7 March 2014. This is fantastic news for our fundraising.

On Sunday 28 April 2013, ten Brownies attended the St George's Day Parade at Lincoln Cathedral. We enjoyed marching around uphill Lincoln!

Five Brownies went on a District Pack Holiday to Trusthorpe in May 2013. The Brownies will be going on Pack Holiday in May 2014 to Parva House, Nr. Heckington. The theme will be the 'Big Brownie Birthday'.

Congratulations to Caroline who has gained her five year service award.

Several of the Brownies attended a District Event at Saxilby Scout and Guide HQ on the evening of 5 July 2013; this included various games and a BBQ. Even the Leaders had to take part in the games!

Poacher 2013 (The International Scout and Guide Camp) took place in July/August 2013 on the Lincolnshire Showground. The Brownies were able to visit the camp for a 'Taster Day' on Sunday 28th July. We had a great day. The theme was 'Heroes'. The Brownies enjoyed the craft work; the bouncy castles, and especially the popcorn at the end of the day!

During the Autumn Term the Brownies started working on the 'Fire Safety' badge. Pugh, Pugh, Barney, Mcgrew, Cuthbert, Dibble and Grubb – the Brownies visited Lincoln North Fire Station on Tuesday 14 January. We had a great time – and also learned a lot about fire safety, and the work of the Fire-fighters. We were able to sit inside the fire engine, and even had a go with the hose. A couple of the Brownies said that they would like to be Fire-fighters when they grow up!

The Brownies had a 'Bonfire Evening' party on Tuesday 5 November. Everyone enjoyed the hotdogs; and the Brownies enjoyed making chocolate apples. We also had a pretend campfire, and a singsong.

The Brownies enjoyed making various Christmas crafts. The Brownie and Guide Leaders enjoyed helping on the bric-a-brac stall at the Church Christmas Fair on Saturday 23 November. We took part in the Brownies and Guides Carol Service on Tuesday 3 December; and we also had a very successful fundraising event in the Church Hall after the Carol Service. The Brownies had a

Christmas party on Tuesday 10 December, and we all dressed up in 'Best Christmas Character Fancy Dress' costume.

'Oh yes we did' go to the Pantomime - "Cinderella" at the Drill Hall with the Guides on Friday 13 December. Everybody enjoyed the Pantomime.

Thank you to Parents and Carers; and members of St John's Church for all their support throughout the year. Also thank you to the Brownies and Leaders for attending the meetings each week.

The Brownies are also looking forward to taking part in the re-launch of Ermine Voices on Tuesday 11 February 2014. If you would like to find out more about Guiding please visit [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested)

We look forward to celebrating our 100th Birthday in 2014!



*Louise Thompson – Brown Owl*

### 3rd Lincoln Guides

2013 was yet another action packed year for 3rd Lincoln Guides and a very exciting one too. This year we took part in the International camp 'Poacher 2013', held at the Lincolnshire showground. This camp only occurs every five years so the girls would only get this one opportunity to attend it during their time as a guide.

This was also the year in which we joined in with many services, events and activities to celebrate St John's 50th anniversary.

In January two of our guides decided to work towards gaining their Party 'Go for it' challenge badge. This involves them planning, catering and organising a party. They thought it would be a great idea to have a Hawaiian theme! The costumes were a wee bit chilly but a fun time was had by all and the girls passed their challenge with flying colours.

In February we had our usual 'Thinking day' celebrations. This is when we celebrate the joint birthdays of the founders of the Scout and Guide movement 'Lord and Lady Baden Powell'. We also joined members of St John's for their Pancake and Beetle drive' evening which has now become an annual event. The girls always look forward to this and thoroughly enjoy it.

During March the guides worked towards gaining the 'Independent Living' and 'Finding your way' badges. They had to learn to read maps and plan routes giving clear directions to places in our local area. They also had to read and understand how to use bus and train timetables. Two guides were working towards their Fashion 'Go for It' so they gave each guide patrol a roll of bin liners and asked them to design and make a dress for one of them to model in a fashion show at the end of the evening. They had such fun. You would never have believed that bin bags could look so trendy! The Guides tried their hand at doing a craft called decoupage to make ornaments for their mums for mother's day and they were very creative producing some lovely pieces.

On our final night before the Easter break we played 'Easter Egg bingo' with eggs as prizes. We also had an Easter egg competition and this year the girls made beautiful miniature eggs.

A few of our guides also attended an International weekend at Parva House near Sleaford. They took part in various activities learning about the African culture.

During the Easter break the guides did some bag packing in a local supermarket raising an amazing amount of £516.18 towards our Poacher camp fund.

When we returned to guides in April we took a bus journey to Bailgate and did a quiz around the Bailgate and Cathedral area as part of the 'Finding your way' badge. At the end of the month we joined other guides and scouts at a service and parade to celebrate St Georges Day held at Lincoln cathedral.

In May the guides and brownies joined forces to celebrate St John's church 50th anniversary by holding a 1960's themed party as this was the era when St John's was built. We all dressed in costumes from the era and sang songs typical of it too. The guides and brownies had been practicing these for weeks with the help of the leaders from the 'Ermine Voices' choir. It was lovely to see so many people getting into the spirit of this, dressing in costumes, joining in a quiz and having a good old singsong. We even ate party food typical of the 60's. The jelly and blancmange was a sure favourite and went down a treat!

At the end of May we returned to St Francis School to join members of their youth group in a very successful sports evening which was arranged by one of the guides as part of her Baden Powell Trefoil award. We always have a lovely time when we visit them. They make us feel so welcome. We really enjoyed joining in with their sports activities.

At the beginning of June we took part in a recorded interview about life on the Ermine Estate. This short film was to be put into the time capsule which was to be buried in the church wall at a special anniversary service along with letters, prayers, photographs and other memorabilia of our time. This is to be opened in 50 years time and you never know maybe some of our guides will be there to see this happen. On the same day as the anniversary service St John's held a special church gala with many stalls and attractions. The guides had a stall at the event and raised £110.

July is always enjoyable seeing many of our guiding activities taking place outdoors. This year was no exception. We joined brownies and other guide units in a district sports evening held in Saxilby. The guides enjoyed this as we finished off this sunny evening with a barbeque supper. We joined forces with 2nd, 7th and 9th Lincoln scouts and guides for a games evening. This was a very successful venture and it enabled our guides to get to know one another as we were all going to camp together at the poacher International camp held in August. Our guide unit was also invited to take part in 'Lipdub', a promotional video to promote our city, being recorded in the city centre. Two leaders, a parent and one guide took part in this. I think it must have been the bit when they were told that they would start filming at 6am that put them off!!! We had an amazing time and it was definitely worth the early start. Take a look on U Tube if you want to see what we got up to! We also had an evening at Play zone and a brilliant kayaking session on the river and Brayford pool. During this month two guides who were working towards the B.P Trefoil award took part in a B.P adventure survival camp at South Raucby and they survived to tell the tale!!!

Well August was the month we had all been waiting for, Poacher 2013 had arrived! It certainly lived up to our expectations and much more....The girls enjoyed such activities as sailing, kayaking, swimming, abseiling, horse riding, paragliding to mention but a few. They went on bus trips to local attractions, attended campfires, discos and even broadcast on the camp radio. The list of activities was endless. Needless to say it was a camp that they will remember for years to come.

When we returned to guides in September we had 5 new guides join our unit. The girls who went to camp were still talking about the fantastic time they had so this prompted us to have a Poacher reunion evening with the scouts and guides we had camped with. This was held at 'Scout lands', the

HQ for 2nd Lincoln scouts. We had a big campfire and here we said our goodbyes to some of our older guides who were now leaving us.

In October we attended the special service held in St John's church to celebrate its 50th Anniversary. It was the 'centrepiece' to the year of celebration and was attended by the Bishop of Lincoln and former clergy of the church.

We returned to guides after half term to yet another party! This had been organised by one of the guides for her 'Party planner' badge.

We were very fortunate to receive a cheque from C.O.L.A for £100 in November. It was nice to receive a donation as we had spent most of the year working very hard to raise money towards our camp. The guides and brownies had a bric a brac stall at the Community Christmas Fair in the Church Hall and raised money for St John's church.

We joined with the brownies for several events throughout December. Activities included a Christmas Carol Service and coffee evening and our annual trip to the Lincoln Drill Hall to see the pantomime 'Cinderella'. Alice Enright followed in her sisters footsteps by completing her 'Baden Powell Challenge Award'. This is the highest award a guide can achieve and we are very proud of her.

We are already planning this year's camp 'The Malvern challenge' being held in the Cotswolds near Cheltenham. We joined forces with the other groups that were going to camp with to do a bag packing session and raised a total of £926.48 ! This is fantastic .Were now able to book the transport to take us to the event. Well done girls!

*Vanessa Nicholson – Guide Leader*





<b>Communicants:</b>	
Sundays	3638
Weekdays including house communions and EPH communicants	1049
<b>Total :</b>	4687
<b>Attendance at all services<sup>1</sup></b>	6314
Average communicants on Wednesdays	10
Average number of communicants on Sundays	47
Average attendance on Sundays	54
Attendances at baptisms, weddings, and funerals	962

<sup>1</sup> This figure includes attendance at nativity plays, school presentations, but excludes weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.

<b>Funerals:</b>	
Church	3
Crematorium	16
<b>Total:</b>	19
<b>Baptisms:</b>	
Adults	1
Children	21
<b>Total:</b>	22
<b>Thanksgiving for the birth of a child</b>	0
<b>Weddings</b>	1
<b>Wedding blessings</b>	0
<b>House communicants</b>	6
<b>Confirmation candidates</b>	4
<b>School assemblies and classroom input</b>	
Ermine Primary Academy	9
St Francis School	11
Lincoln Castle Academy	0
<b>Total:</b>	20
<b>School visits to church</b>	7
<b>Residential homes services</b>	
Ermine House	24
Ruckland Court	24
<b>Total:</b>	48
<b>Web site hits (unique visitors)</b>	5691

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**Profit and Loss**

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From: Month 1, January 2013  
To: Month 12, December 2013

**Chart of Accounts:**

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	<u>Period</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>Sales</b>			
Donations	18,886.10	18,886.10	
Grants	9,915.00	9,915.00	
Fees	10,634.11	10,634.11	
Fund Generation - Charity Shop	584.91	584.91	
Fund Generation - Fund Raising	3,976.10	3,976.10	
Charitable Activities	716.03	716.03	
Investment Income	2,157.03	2,157.03	
Other Income	4,386.11	4,386.11	
	51,255.39		51,255.39
<b>Purchases</b>			
Cost of Charitable Activities	119.85	119.85	
		119.85	119.85
<b>Direct Expenses</b>			
Charitable Expenditure - Stock for Charity Shop	361.98	361.98	
Cost of Fund Generation - Fund Raising	349.32	349.32	
		711.30	711.30
<b>Gross Profit/(Loss):</b>		<u>50,424.24</u>	<u>50,424.24</u>
<b>Overheads</b>			
Support Costs - Rent and Rates	236.00	236.00	
Support Costs - Heat, Light and Power	11,035.38	11,035.38	
Support Costs - Travelling Expenses	200.00	200.00	
Support Costs - Printing and Stationery	1,600.67	1,600.67	
Support Costs - Telephone and Computer	475.26	475.26	
Support Costs - Equipment Hire and Rental	2,685.31	2,685.31	
Support Costs - Maintenance	5,322.27	5,322.27	
Support Costs - General Expenses	18,833.80	18,833.80	
Management & Admin - Gross Wages	12,610.08	12,610.08	
Management & Admin - Professional Fees	1,195.43	1,195.43	
		54,194.20	54,194.20
<b>Net Profit/(Loss):</b>		<u>(3,769.96)</u>	<u>(3,769.96)</u>