

This Life, Live It! '17



Over the last three years the benefice churches of St Marys Long Sutton, St Nicholas Lutton and Christ Church Dawsmere in the Diocese of Lincoln have worked with the Baptist church of Long Sutton in a co-ordinated way to focus on spreading the Christian faith through mission and evangelism.

Over time we have been drawn closer together as churches through the Pilgrim course. In addition, some twenty adults have been confirmed and ten baptised while our ongoing work with schools has become more integrated into the community; last December around 1000 children and adults met Father Christmas in St Marys!

This focus on mission has also had a practical impact on our churches. Christ Church Dawsmere, a church on the Wash, now has a toilet and kitchen area, works closely with a new branch of the British Legion and is one of the diocesan centres for Quiet Days.

St Nicholas Church Lutton, built in the 15th century, have completed the restoration of the south aisle roof, some of its interior walls and its bell tower.

St Marys Church Long Sutton is in the middle of a three-year fundraising project which will result in a new parish community room and kitchen in the west end of the 12th century Grade 1 listed Norman building. We hope to complete this by 2020 when we celebrate the 850th Anniversary of the foundation of the church by the monks of Cluny.

A lot then to be thankful for in the context of this year's 'This Life, Live It' mission weekend!

We welcomed back international Christian illusionist and magician Steve Price who entertained and preached the Gospel to over 800 adults and children in Long Sutton and Lutton Primary Schools and St Mary's church hall. Our BBQ and fun afternoon at Cinder Ash was also attracted over 150 adults and children – thankfully we were blessed with sunny weather.

This commitment to working in and with our community has also seen deepening relationships develop with local shops, and our local football club has offered their site as an on-going venue for our BBQ and fun afternoon from next summer.

We're looking forward to continuing to work together as a Mission Committee and local churches to engage in effective and evangelism in the coming years!

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