

The shadow of the cross at **St George's**, **Bradley**,

the light of an angel at St Nicolas', Great Coates

Who are we here for?

and the arrival of the people at St Michael's, Little Coates

For those who want "traditional church"...

There is still strong demand for us to do a basic job meeting the needs of regular churchgoers, periodic attenders and the wider community. Well over a hundred people get involved in this, one way or another, every week (although we could always do with more people and more financial and practical support). Here are a dozen examples:

Bible Study Group fortnightly Buildings open for community use Communion services regularly Children's Activity Mornings Enquirers' Groups to find out more Services in care homes Evensong once a month

Family Service once a month Giving money to other charities Lunches weekly in church Praying for individuals Youth Group weekly in term



The picture is of one of our Children's Activity Mornings at St Michael's

... and for those who need "sacred space" ...

There is also an increasing demand for us to do new things to meet the needs of those who are no longer attracted by traditional church activities but who have some sort of sense of God or justice or mystery or spirituality or the sacred (and we are open to talk further with any of them how we can help them explore this). Here are a few examples:

Fair Trade stalls and promotion - Forgiveness exploration project - 'Kairos' (a programme of spirituality events during the year) - 'Kalm Kids' (meditation in schools) - 'Last Saturday Thing' (a monthly time of creativity, eating and prayer) - Praying and campaigning for justice and peace - Reflection afternoons – Relaxation afternoons – Having St Nicolas' church open during the day as an oasis

The picture shows the churchyard at St Nicolas' - one of the places many people find speaks to them



... and our Mission Statement gives our purpose

Our three churches are working together
to help our local communities flourish
to help Christian people develop and grow
to find new ways to witness
to work closely with others
and to make our buildings widely available

How to find out more and join in

There should be up-to-date information on our website at www.westgrimsbyteam.org and on the churches' noticeboards. Or you can contact the clergy - on e-mail (via the 'A Church Near You' website), by phone (346986, 884399 and 886654) or by putting the slip below through the door at the Vicarage next door to St Nicolas' or the Rectory at 23 Littlecoates Road.

Please arrange an informal chat with me about some of what the three west Grimsby churches are offering those who might want to explore faith or one of its activities in some way.

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