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A special but not special occasion!

It was good to have Martin our Bishop with us for our ordinary Wednesday morning Eucharist. For those who don't know all of us, from left to right: David Sochon, Jane Held, Jan Bunday, Bishop Martin, Edward Rennard (needs to straighten his jacket!), Vic Hopkins and Morgan Bunday.

It reminds us that all are called to serve Christ by serving one another and the community. All the Holy Orders were present - Bishop, priests, deacon - and the most important people of all - the LAITY - baptised to serve and the fundamental ministry on which all the other ministries rest and depend.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018 - PLEASE SEE THE BACK PAGE.

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Team Calendar - November

Thu 1		Halesworth WI Group Social
Fri 2	12:00	Pop-in Parlour, St Peter's, Holton
Fri 2	17:00	All Soul's Day Commemoration, St Andrews, Wissett
Tue 6	19:30	Wenhaston Flower Club, Church Rooms
Fri 9	19:00	Wenhaston WI Bollywood Evening
Sat 10 &		
Sun 11	10:00	Exhibition of War Memorabilia, St Mary's, Huntingfield
Sun 11	10:30	Remembrance Parade, Thoroughfare, Halesworth
Sun 11	14:00	Film, The Cut. War: Some Women and Bits of Boys
Tue 13	14:00	Arts Society Lecture, Southwold
Wed 14	12:30	FOSM Lunchtime Recital, St Mary's, Halesworth
Sat 17	19:00	Linstead Beetle Drive/Fish'n'Chip Supper, Linstead Village Hall
Tue 20	14:30	Halesworth U3A Talk, The Cut
Tue 20	19:15	Halesworth WI AGM, St Mary's Church Hall
Wed 21	14:45	Halesworth <i>dementia</i> Carers' Fund film at The Cut, The Greatest Showman
Sat 24	10:00	Linstead Market, St Mary's Church Hall
Sat 24	10:00	St Peter's Christmas Fair, Holton Village Hall
Sat 24	10:30	Cancer Research Christmas Fair, Rifle Hall, Halesworth
Sat 24	16:00	Halesworth Christmas Lights Switch-on
Fri 30	19:00	Patronal Festival, Wissett

Team Worship - Better Together

Sunday 4th November

09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth

Sunday 2nd December

10:00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth

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4 November, All Saints'

Sunday

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John 11,32-44

Psalms 16
Hebrews 10.11-14,19-25
Mark 13,1-8

11 November, 3rd Sunday before Advent

Jonah 3,1-5,10
Psalm 62,5-end
Hebrews 9,24-end
Mark 1,14-20

25 November, The Sunday next before Advent

Daniel 7,9-10,13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1,4b-8
John 18,33-37

18 November, 2nd Sunday before Advent

Daniel 12,1-3

2 December, 1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33,14-16
Psalm 25,1-9
1 Thessalonians 3,9-end

Weekday Services & Related Events

EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:00 Eucharist at Halesworth then
10:30 Church Café in Church for all - including those just passing!
10:30 Foodbank
10:45 Church Mice for parents & pre-school children - all-age outside term-time ALL WELCOME

EVERY THURSDAY except 1st

09:00 Morning Prayer at Bramfield

FIRST THURSDAY ONLY

09:00 Eucharist at Bramfield

EVERY FRIDAY

09:00 Morning Prayer at St Peter's, Holton
09:30 Eucharist at St Peter's, Holton on major Saints' and Holy Days only

All our weekday services are Team services, and everyone across the Team and beyond is most welcome to attend. This goes for Sundays too.

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Sunday Worship in the Blyth Valley in November

Year B TRACK 2	Date: 4th November Sunday: All Saints' Sunday TEAM service COLOUR: WHITE	Date: 11th November Sunday: Remembrance Sunday COLOUR: RED	Date: 18th November Sunday: 2nd before Advent COLOUR: GREEN	Date: 25th November Sunday: Christ the King COLOUR: GREEN	Date: 2nd December Sunday: 1st in Advent TEAM service COLOUR: PURPLE
BLYFORD ALL SAINTS	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	To Remembrance at Holton, Bramfield or Wenhaston	09.30 to Wenhaston	09.30 Eucharist Jan	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
BRAMFIELD ST ANDREW	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance Jan	11.15 Morning Prayer (BCP) Robert	11.15 Eucharist (BCP) David	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
CHEDISTON ST MARY	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance Vic	09.30 Village Eucharist at Linstead	09.30 Morning Worship Morgan	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HALESWORTH ST MARY	09.30 Team Eucharist C Edward P Morgan D Jane	08.00 Eucharist (BCP) Edward 10.45 Town Remembrance Service 100 years Edward	9.30 Parish Eucharist Vic	08.00 Eucharist (BCP) David 09.30 Parish Eucharist Edward	10.00 Team Eucharist C Anna P Jane D Diana 14.00 Rosedale Christmas Service of Remembrance David
HOLTON ST PETER	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance Malcolm W	11.15 Iona Morning Worship with Baptism Jane	11.15 Parish Eucharist Malcolm W	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
LINSTEAD ST MARGARET	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	To Remembrance at Chediston or Wissett	09.30 Village Eucharist with Chediston David	09.30 Morning Worship Malcolm H	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
SPEXHALL ST PETER	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance Jane	11.15 to Iona Morning Worship	11.15 Family Worship with Baptism Jane	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
THORINGTON ST PETER	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	Services available across the Team			10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
WENHASTON ST PETER	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance Margaret Bloomfield and Alison Alder	09.30 Parish Eucharist Anna Wright	11.15 Pause for Thought with coffee Alison	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
WISSETT ST ANDREW	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance David	09.30 Morning Worship Win	09.30 Breakfast Church Diana	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HEVENINGHAM ST MARGARET	09.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	10.45 Remembrance Service Andrew Vessey	Services available across the Team	09.30 Eucharist (BCP) Andrew Vessey	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HUNTINGFIELD ST MARY	9.30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	To Heveningham	09.30 Eucharist (BCP) Edward	Services available across the Team	10.00 Team Eucharist at Halesworth
HIGHFIELD				11.15 Eucharist	

United Reformed Church Halesworth and Bramfield

Minister: The Revd Jon Sermon

NOVEMBER 2018

4 th	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Communion ~ Minister Jon
	6.30pm	Evening Service ~ Minister Jon
11 th	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE ~ The Revd Don Nichols
	3.00pm	BRAMFIELD Remembrance ~ Minister Jon
	6.30pm	NO EVENING SERVICE
13 th	6.30pm	ELDERS' MEETING
18 th	10.30am	WELCOME PRAISE
	11.00am	Morning Service ~ Minister Jon
	6.30pm	Evening Communion ~ Minister Jon
25 th	9.30am	FAMILY SERVICE
	10.30am	Coffee
	11.00am	Morning Service ~ "Our visit to Israel". The Revd Don Nichols and Mr Peter Wagg.
	5.00pm	Shared TEA and Short Informal (Pat ~ teas). Evening Service ~ Minister Jon
28 th	7.00pm	CHURCH MEETING

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Minister: The Revd Louise Morrissey

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

4	Revd Pam Bayliss
11	10.50am War Memorial, 11.00am at St. Peter's
18	Revd Robert Soanes H C
25	Revd Louise Morrissey

Tuesday Meetings at 2.30pm

6	Women's Fellowship Pat Williamson
13	Fellowship Meeting
20	Women's Fellowship Keith Durrant
27	Fellowship Meeting

Saturday 3rd 9.30am - 11.00am

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Remembering

It's November, the month of remembering. November 1st is All Saints' Day and November 2nd is All Souls' Day. And Remembrance Sunday this year falls on the exact centenary of the guns of the First World War falling silent - leaving ten million military personnel and seven million civilians dead. Those figures do not include another twenty millions casualties whose bodies and minds were broken. We tend to look backwards with sorrow and perplexity at the horrendous events between 1914-1918. The First World War had within it the seeds of the Second World War, when our nation, with other nations, overcame perhaps the greatest evil the world has ever seen. Now, at Remembrance time, we remember all who suffered and died in all conflicts since.

We do not seem to learn. We have only to look at Syria and Yemen, for example, today. As the song "Where Have All the Flowers Gone" by Pete Seeger goes, "When will they ever learn?"

T S Eliot wrote,

Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future
And time future contained in time past.
If all time is eternally present
All time is unredeemable.

Eliot was an Anglican-Catholic, profoundly believing, Christian, and is clear that "all time is

unredeemable" to humankind, but not to God. God is "the still point of the turning world" (Eliot again) and holds all times, past, present and future, in the Godhead. God redeemed the world through Christ. God redeems the world through Christ. God *will* redeem the world through Christ.

We must never, ever, ever minimise the suffering and the horrors we find in the world. At the same time, we acknowledge that God is greater than all of them.

The Old Testament (*The Scriptures* for our elder sisters and brothers, the Jews) books of Exodus and Deuteronomy tell of the escape of a motley band of people from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. Centuries afterwards, we read this in Deuteronomy (5.3):

"It was not with our ancestors that the Lord made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today."

Those who read the Bible from cold cannot begin to grasp the incredible cultural gap between us and people of the many and various biblical times. Language, culture, geography, models of government and of society rule out an "on the face of it" interpretation. But we *can* understand, by those words spoken at an ancient harvest festival, that the ancient Israelites understood that all times - past, present and future - are held in God and God will redeem.

At Remembrance Time especially, we need to not only look back but also to the present and to the future and work with God to redeem the world.

Edward.

HALESWORTH COUNTRY MARKET

The Market will close after business on the 14th December 2018 for the Christmas holiday and reopen on the 11th January 2019.

Any orders for Christmas items to be with us by the end of November and there will be a list available in the Market.

Our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

R Wilkinson,
Halesworth Country Market Committee Chairman.

LIFE EVENTS

FROM THE REGISTERS IN OCTOBER

FUNERAL:

Jean Phyllis Mildred Smith at Huntingfield

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is looking for an

ORGANIST

**Anyone who might like to play,
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**Nick Evans 01986 872372, or
Geoffrey Kiddy 01986 873173**

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a Lift?

If you would like a lift to
any of the services in the
Blyth Valley Team Ministry:

Please contact one of our churchwardens who will be
happy to organise a lift to and from the service.

(See page 16 for churchwardens' contacts)



News from our Sister Churches

HALESWORTH & BRAMFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

Dear Friends

The Lord appears to be leading us into a season of deepening relations, with one another and with himself. This has been showing in the half day sessions (two so far) that the elders are spending together, in the spiritual depth at our Friday prayer meetings, in the home groups and in Sunday worship.

And the increased interest, and involvement in Churches Together, along with several of our people getting involved in local prayer groups with people from across the churches backs this up. As does the fact that so many of our congregation joined the Methodists for the final service at Halesworth.

We have recently had some deep themes in worship, including healing – in all its aspects, concentration on God's presence with us and the building together of God's people. As Paul wrote to the Ephesian Christians: "You too are being built together into a place where God lives by his spirit" (Ephesians 2:22).

This is what we might call 'being drawn deeper in'. Yet alongside 'deeper in' we also need 'further out'. We need to find relevant ways, both as an individual congregation, and as churches together, to impact the whole community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our new Messy Church and our midweek engagement with families are part of this, as are the monthly 'family breakfasts'.

We also find ourselves praying for the neighbourhoods where we all live, praying blessings on Halesworth and the surrounding villages, and even deliberately 'prayer-walking' some areas. And the feedback on my visit to Uganda was another aspect of the truth that our calling, as Christians, can involve very local and very widespread engagement.

Please pray for us all, as the leaderships from across the denominations are hoping to get together for some specific prayer times soon, especially to focus on seeking God over how we can engage, jointly, in mission.

Blessings

Jon



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ST EDMUND'S RC CHURCH

Vera Brittain's *Testament of Youth*, recalling her experiences as a Voluntary Aid Detachment nurse in the First World War, in which she lost her fiancé and her brother, have influenced my knowledge and attitude towards that tragic period of history. She became a lifelong pacifist.

When I was faced with writing this column, my heart sank. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, later referred to as World War I. What can we say about the loss of a whole generation of young men, struck down in the mud and blood of the trenches of Flanders' fields, or in Gallipoli and Italy, and at sea? Think of all the happy parents in the 1890s, rejoicing over their dear little baby boys, with no suspicion of the hideous death these boys were to suffer twenty years later. Think of a generation of women condemned to lonely spinsterhood because they lost their husbands before they even met them. Many of them spent their lives looking after sad old parents who had lost their sons.

'And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds,' as Wilfred Owen saw it. I don't want to listen to hollow words like 'They gave their lives for King and country,' because what did all this waste of life achieve? Nothing! After four years of senseless war, when the guns fell silent there was no victory, only an armistice, when an exhausted nation counted its dead and raised innumerable war memorials in every town and village, to honour the fallen.

And then what happened? *A mere 21 years later it started all over again*, this time for six years, when bombs fell on our great cities, thousands of troops were killed on land and at sea, in the desert - and six million Jews were exterminated in Auschwitz and other death camps. The Second World War finally ended when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in 1945, followed by another one two days later on Nagasaki. My daughters' generation today may call that a great crime against humanity, but they weren't there at the time. I was a 14-year-old schoolgirl, and I joined in the celebrations that the war was finally over. Thanksgiving services were held in churches, and families rejoiced that prisoners would now return home from Japanese POW camps, what was left of them after the heat and the hunger. 'That's done for the little yeller bastards!' chortled a neighbour of ours, reflecting the de-humanising effect that war has on us all.

So what can I say? What else has foggy November to offer us? Well, the first day of the month is All Saint's Day, when we honour all the saints and perhaps request the prayers of some of them. (The evening before is Allhallows Even, corrupted nowadays to Hallowe'en, when children dress up and put on horrid masks, begging for money). The second day of November is All Soul's Day, when we remember all our loved ones who have gone on ahead of us. These may include the fallen in present-day wars, or indeed anybody we mourn. Of these we may truly echo Laurence Binyon's words, 'At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.'

And let us consider St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, ch. 4, vv. 31 & 32.

'Let all bitterness and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.'

Margaret Holt

The view from behind the new curate's spectacles

So, here I am nearly 4 months old as a Deacon and Assistant Curate and learning more every day. This morning, walking Coco Dog in an early (yes, very early) morning light, sky just lightening and streaking with colour, grass shining with dew, air fresh and cold, I realised not only how amazingly beautiful God's created world is. Swiftly followed by the realisation of just how amazing it is, I am able to spend my days with God's people, supported and loved every step of the way by his goodness (as well as, more prosaically, but very importantly, by Emma, too) and revelling in the sheer fun of being a Deacon. I am still resembling a Duracell Bunny, bouncing with enthusiasm, although experienced clergy remind me that this euphoria will wear off sooner or later.

But no sign of any wilting energy or feeling of familiarity yet. Seven Harvests done, one to go, I am still looking forward to the last one as much as the first. What an opportunity Harvest gives us to say a huge big thank you to everyone involved in getting the food we eat onto our plates, and to think about the world we live in, its richness and the need there is for us to care for it better. And about the uneven distribution of wealth and food across a world where if we but behaved differently, could feed everyone easily.

Our local children "get" it and are genuinely, and very thoughtfully, concerned about climate change, and about how we look after our world. Two Harvest services with schools brought me face to face with how insightful, and plain responsible children are about environmental stewardship. Running our monthly EXPLORE! Forest Church Afterschool Club at Ilketshall St Lawrence School is an hour of sheer joy in the world and what it offers as we learn about creation, and Jesus' life and death through "doing", making and exploring outdoors in the school grounds. Last month we were discussing John the Baptist, living in the wilderness and eating locusts and honey. The children made shelters for John

the Baptist and then cooked ...not locusts.... but sausages, as a more acceptable food stuff for Suffolk stomachs.

Of course it's not just at Harvest time that we need to think about our world, our environment, and our responsibilities towards it. As a Team I think we are reasonably good at recognising the need to follow and celebrate the natural year, through a series of agricultural services – the Plough Service in January, Rogation in May, and Lammas in early August as well as harvest in the autumn, and we are good at the fellowship that follows each service – with harvest suppers, and rogation teas, Lammas loaves and plough time mulled wine. And several of our churchyards are wildlife churchyards, where biodiversity is valued and nurtured.

But we may not be as good at a daily care for, and celebration of, God's world. The Diocese has just introduced the Eco-Church scheme, (<https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>) where church communities can register for the scheme, then work towards a bronze, then silver and then gold award. One church in the Team has agreed to sign up, register, and begin to work towards becoming a fully Eco-Church community. Regular updates on progress will be provided. Perhaps more will follow.

Meanwhile I am very, very grateful for the world I live in, the wonderful communities I am part of, for the gift of being able to minister to others in that world and for God's goodness, love and care.

Jane Held



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Cold weather and St Mary's, Halesworth

We have agreed at St Mary's, that this winter we will introduce a new cold weather protocol, because we cannot afford to heat the church properly, and the boiler is on its last legs. Basically the Churchwarden will (in liaison with the Team Rector, Vicar or Curate) trigger the protocol if the weather drops below 6 degrees. If it has been triggered we will move all our services and activities from the church to St Mary's Hall, on Sundays and Wednesdays, and put up notices telling folk that is what we have done. We will move back as soon as it warms up above 6 degrees. We would love to have a warm church, but we cannot achieve that just now, so we have to be realistic (and pragmatic). Let's hope we do not need to use the protocol this winter.

NEW BOOK OUT SOON! MEMORIES AND STORIES OF OLD HALESWORTH

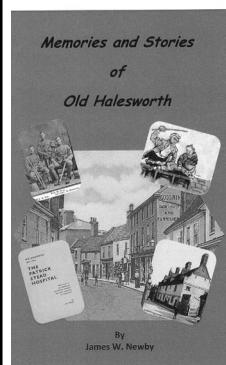
By James W Newby.

Compiled by Derek Newby

Covering over 130 years of
one man's records of life in
Halesworth.

Further details next month.

*Proceeds from the sale of this
book will be donated to
St Mary's Regeneration Fund*



THANK YOU!

Thank you Ringers for the joyful sound of church bells ringing out over Halesworth. As I walk to church I like to listen for the bells, it depends which way the wind is blowing, as to how soon I hear them.

PJG asks the question "What are we doing it for" (sorry this isn't on a postcard).

Your ringing is 'keeping the rumour of God alive' and it's reminding the good people of Halesworth (whether they want to come or not) that the Church is open for business.

The psalmist tells us to Praise God in his sanctuary..... Praise him with trumpet sound: praise with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance, praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals: praise him with loud clashing cymbals! (Psalm 150 vs 3-5) and if there had been church bells at the time I'm sure they would have been included.

The last verse says let everything that has breath praise the Lord. You may not feel inspired to stay in church for the service but by your ringing you are, in your way, worshipping God and the sound of the bells gives Him glory. So thank you for being such a great team and *Keep Ringing*.

Win

2019 CHURCH DIARIES

2019 pocket-size Church Diaries are now available from the Team Office at St Mary's, Halesworth. Please contact Carolyn if you would like a supply.

Individual copies are available in St Mary's Church, Halesworth for a suggested donation of £1 each.

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS APPEAL!

Could you buy an extra Christmas gift this year?

Each Christmas, Foodbank distributes small toys to children in the area who have need of the Foodbank.

Until the end of November, we would be very grateful for small gifts suitable for children of all ages -including teenagers!

Also extra goodies such as mince pies, chocolates, Christmas cakes and puddings etc.

If you can help us with this, please may we receive your gifts by the **END OF NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST?** This is so they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

We are also holding our annual Christmas collection of items and donations at Tesco's in Beccles from Thursday November 29th - Saturday December 1st. If you can spare an hour or two to help on any of those days, please let me know.

revbayliss@btinternet.com

01502 471763

Any help you can give will be very much appreciated.

Pam Bayliss

for Foodbank Halesworth & Beccles.

Re: Answers please on a postcard

Dear Editor

Firstly, thank you Philip for your reflections in last month's *From the Ringing Chamber*.

You raise a perennial issue regarding ringers, ringing for service and congregation and I comment:

1. Good news indeed that there were more ringers who came into church than members of the congregation that morning
2. I question that the incantation to prepare to 'joyfully' praise God proclaimed brightly and warmly and colourfully would have prompted the ringers to stay to the service any more than it said in 'monotone'. Coffee in a café sounds fun, but it is a social event. But you could start your gathering with prayer for a freer more jolly and informal collective spiritual experience before the coffee.
3. Ringing before a service is not only to 'call people to worship' in the church building. With my work in the community and visiting elderly people, I have been told that hearing the bells when you are housebound or unable to get to church makes them feel included in the knowledge that there are people in church (however few) who are praying for them, their community and the world.

4. If you can't change the style of worship from the outside, then you come inside and generate the warmth and joy from within the service, with good ideas, hearty singing and genuine warmth. Actually, maybe we should start the service with the Peace and get everyone warmed up for worship. The Team Choir regenerated a few years ago has made a wonderful difference to collective worship.

Action point for ringers: Stay to the next service – let the Rector or whoever is leading the service know. Perhaps suggest the hymns, liaise with those taking the service and effect change by being active participants. After all, the bells are for everyone's enjoyment and are housed in the church. Should we plan a ringers' service?

Philip of course speaks from his perspective at Halesworth. There are two other Ringing Chambers in village churches within the team which are having a more positive experience and the coffee gathering and sherry-slurping catch up after the service is very social. We do have real coffee and homemade biscuits at our place.

I am looking forward very much to welcoming more ringers to our services to praise and give thanks to God and share socially with others.

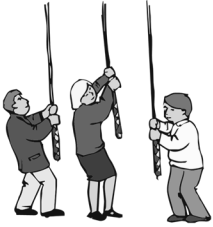
Veronica Downing,

Churchwarden, Elder and Bellringer at St Mary's Chediston

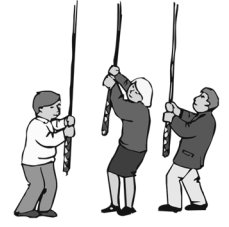
St Mary's, Halesworth

Receipts Summary - September 2018

Collections	£383.00
Planned Giving	£1325.00
General	£136.00
Fees	£665.00
Café	£39.00
TOTAL	£2548.00



From the Ringing Chamber



Ringing for Peace is a national initiative to encourage ringing of all the country's bells (or, realistically, as many as possible) at some time on Sunday 11th November to mark 100 years since the end of the Great War.

The Government would like this to take place at 7pm, but with twice as many bells as ringers, that will not be possible. A rural area like ours presents additional challenges, but nevertheless the Suffolk Guild of Ringers' aim is to ring as many bells as possible at some time over the weekend of 10th/11th.

Here in the Blyth Valley, as I write this, service details have still not been finalised so I cannot tell you exactly where we shall be ringing or when. We certainly cannot ring for all the 11am services, but we definitely will be ringing at Bramfield, Chediston, Halesworth, Heveningham, Huntingfield, Wenhaston and Wissett, as well as Blythburgh on Sunday 11th. We are all on standby to head off to the Saints, and further west towards Stradbroke, where there are a number of towers with bells but no ringers, so it's going to be a busy couple of days!

Last month I promised a glossary of technical ringing terms so here are a few to start you off:

Tail end – the end of the rope, which is looped back and tucked to form a double strand, easier to hold than a single strand.

Salley – the fluffy bit.

Backstroke – the pull on the tail end from above one's head, and the resulting dong.

Handstroke – the pull on the salley and the resulting dong.

Up – with the bell's mouth facing upwards, in unstable equilibrium, ready for ringing

Down – with the bell's mouth facing downwards, in stable equilibrium, how it will usually be left for any length of time.

Set – the bell is stationary and resting a few degrees to one side of vertical on its stay

Stay – three foot long piece of wood, usually ash, which prevents the bell from turning more than one revolution in each direction. It is designed to be a safety valve and will break if engaged with excessive force to avoid damage to the bell's bearings, but may cause damage to the ringer in the process – ask Rosie for gory details.

Odd-struck – where the clapper is not aligned properly within the bell and the dong sounds a fraction of a second earlier ("quick") or later ("slow") than it should.

Box - what shorties stand on in order to be able to reach the tail end at backstroke. Boxes are also used on some larger bells so that the extra rope coils on the floor below, not round the ringer's feet.


Spider – the contraption which the ropes are hooked on to and which is pulled up and out of the way when the bells are unattended.

Emergency – the Adnams is off.

More another time!

PJG

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Mothers' Union has made history in electing its first ever Worldwide President from outside the British Isles. A record number of Mothers' Union leaders from across the globe voted for Mrs Sheran Harper, who hails from Guyana, to represent and lead the 142 year old movement's four million members in 84 countries.

Sheran was born in the United Kingdom and grew up in Guyana where she studied at the University of the West Indies School of Physical Therapy. She undertook her Clinical Practice at Guy's Hospital in London and then worked with the Ministry of Health in Guyana where she opened and managed new physiotherapy departments in hospitals throughout the country and lectured on the Rehabilitation Therapists Programme. She stopped working in this area 17 years ago to focus on her calling of serving Mothers' Union.

She has served as a volunteer at all levels from Parish, Diocese and Province and is currently a Worldwide Trustee. Until recently, she was the Worldwide Parenting Trainer where she rolled out Mothers' Union Parenting programmes in 23 countries across the globe. Her expertise is often called upon and she has been a spokesperson in her region for Mothers' Union on various inter-faith, and international panels and forums. Sheran has been married to Roger Harper for 31 years. They have two grown up sons, Richard and Reginald and a daughter-in-law, Akilah.

Thank you to those who supported our coffee morning in September, we are holding our coffee and mince pie morning on Saturday 1st December together with our usual cake stall and Mary's cards. The committee are wondering whether members together with family and friends would like to go out for a Christmas lunch, if you are interested please let me know.

Our meeting this month is Thursday 15th at 2pm, when Jason will be our Speaker. All are welcome, whether an MU member or not.

Win. Tel 01986 875225

MU North Suffolk Area Morning 27.9.18

Around 40 members from the North Suffolk Branches met at St Michael's, Framlingham on a bright, sunny morning towards the end of September. We began the day with a Eucharist with **Bishop Mike** as the celebrant, assisted by Canon Mark Sanders, the vicar. The banners from most of the branches were processed during the first hymn. Rosemarie Mallett carried Halesworth's and Margaret Bloomfield carried Wenhaston's. Margaret Bloomfield also read the epistle, a member from Fressingfield read the Gospel and Win Sutton led the intercessions, which ended with all saying the MU prayer. Mary Sumner's Prayer was the Post Communion Collect said by everyone. The theme for the morning was 'In Mary Sumner's Footsteps'.

The collection was £75 and £96 Gift Aided. The total of £171 was sent to Keith Foulds, MU Diocesan Treasurer, to be forwarded to the MU Harvest Appeal. This was a very good sum.

Everyone enjoyed a cup of coffee or tea and then had time to look at the goods for sale on the stalls. Our Deanery ran the Bric-a-Brac Stall. We took £33 in all. The Cakes and Produce Stall soon sold out, making £36.70 and the raffle raised £67.

After expenses for the organist and a donation to the church, the sum of £101 was banked with Keith Foulds, the MU Diocesan Treasurer. When the Committee next meets we will decide, which MU Funds to donate it to. There was also a MUe Stall, selling existing stock, greetings cards, small gifts, the new MU Prayer Book etc., which raised £75.80. So far no one or two or three members have come forward to be Diana Barclay's successor (s).

The main speaker was Bp Mike. He shared with us his 'journey of faith', from a small child through to his time as a curate. This was most interesting, insightful and entertaining. The Bishop drew to a close before Midday Prayers saying we could always invite him back to hear the rest of his story. We hope he went away more aware what a force for good MU can be in our parishes, teams, benefices and Diocese as well as through our worldwide movement. He was able to stay for lunch before returning to Ipswich for another commitment.

Linda Ginn, Branch Leader of Campsea Ashe, and Diocesan President elect, led our Midday Prayers. After this Christine Ward, our present Diocesan President, told us about the





Worldwide Conference she had attended and MULOA in particular. This was followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the café area in St Michael's, with plenty of choice of savoury and sweet goodies.

Mothers' Union Harvest Appeal 2018 – South Sudan

"Last year over 5,000 people in Lui Diocese alone, one of 26 Dioceses in South Sudan, were able to receive community financial training – it really shows how much of a need there is for Mothers' Union out there. Prudence, a mother in the midst of conflict trying to support her two children on her own, received training to produce liquid soap. In the Diocese of Torit she is now selling her products and no longer needs to ask for the support of neighbours or friends.

The 'Eagle' process in Uganda, where many refugees fled from South Sudan, is designed to support people like Prudence but on a larger scale. Entire communities have come together to form savings schemes, cooperatives and more. One community which was recently visited is producing enough Physalis fruit (Cape gooseberry) to export to Europe where everyone involved makes a living they never thought possible!

In South Sudan there are over 50,000 Mothers' Union members waiting for opportunities like Eagle to support their communities, but need our help.

Will you help South Sudanese refugees find healing and start to rebuild their lives by giving a donation this Harvest? The great news is we've already received commitment from a private foundation to meet the initial costs of our community development strategy in South Sudan – **Could you help us to match their generosity to get the work on the ground done?** Thank you, Johanna Fadipe"

The collection from our MU Waveney & Blyth Deanery Festival on 16th October, as well as £171 from the collection at the MU NSA Morning at Framlingham, will be given to the MU Harvest Appeal. Please ask Win, Margaret or Janet for further details.

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Ecumenical Prayer Groups

"Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition. To this end, stay alert with all perseverance in your prayers for all the saints." Eph 6:18

I think that we all agree that prayer is our life breath, the inspiration of Holy Spirit and the response of worship, praise, thanksgiving, intercession and declaration.

Some people of faith in the Halesworth area have been inspired to meet together to pray for one another and for our respective church families. This has been born out of a desire to "labour shoulder to shoulder in God's Harvest Field"; to support all our brothers and sisters in Christ as we reach out to those who don't yet know Jesus and to honour the name of Jesus and His prayer in the Garden, that we should all "be one" in Him.

We desire to work together in prayer, that the Kingdom of God may come here, His will be done here, as it is in heaven.

In prayer we prepare the way of the Lord.

Through prayer, our eyes are opened to see the light; the truth.


In practice, we see this as involving the sharing of our talents, experience, gifts, etc. both in prayerfully seeking the Lord and (eventually) in the actual outworking of any initiatives aimed at blessing Halesworth and the surrounding villages.

At the moment there is just one prayer group meeting every month, which consists of people from the Catholic tradition, the Anglican tradition, Methodist and United Reformed traditions, but our focus is on our shared faith and trust in Jesus. We are in the early stages of truly getting to know one another and building fellowship between us. There is possibly another group emerging in Halesworth, which currently needs a home in which to meet.

There may be some people in the churches who wonder why they haven't been informed, or invited, to join one of these groups. The fact is that the initial group is neither the initiative of any particular church tradition, nor of any church "leader", but it is a spontaneous response to a growing sense of God calling His people to prayer. We believe that, if this is a move of God's Spirit in this place, other people (from differing church traditions, who live in one area) would also be inspired to begin a prayer/Koinonia group in their respective locality.

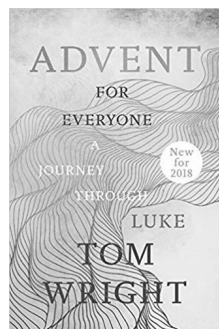
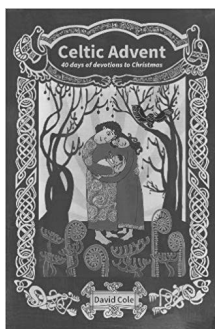
There is no desire to undermine the respective church families that are represented in the prayer meetings, but there is a desire to strengthen our faith together and to find a way to "share" our God given abilities in service to the "body of Christ" and its work in our local neighbourhood.

Lorraine Smedley and Eileen McAllister

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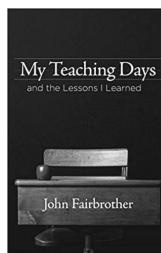
November: Thinking ahead for Advent and Christmas

Well, here we are again, counting down to the Christmas rush. As an antidote to this often stressful period how about taking time out each day to catch your breath with a little quiet reflection and meditation: some new Advent study or devotional books are shown below and we have more on our “recent additions” display. The Celtic church took Advent as seriously as Lent and gave it 40 days, so this year that means Advent could start for you 15th November if you'd like to try a **Celtic Advent!**



Also new in Sign of the Fish this autumn is **My Teaching Days** by John Fairbrother.

John is a local man whom many of you will know from his enthusiastic and informative talks on the work of MAF. This lively and uplifting autobiography, subtitled “and the lessons I learned” shows all the difference his Christian faith made to his teaching career, approaches to teaching that could benefit



many a struggling or “burnt out” teacher today, Christian or not.

And at last, in good time for Christmas presents, local author Dorothy Stewart (writing as Dorothy Stewart) has just brought out the final volume of her “Mizpah Ring” Trilogy: **Ring of Truth**

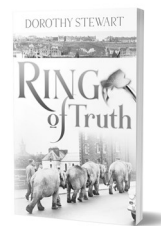
Quoting from the “blurb”:

The summer of 1964 – miniskirts, the Beatles, a typhoid epidemic, the Queen visiting the Highlands, and a circus comes to town. Plenty for local newspaper, the *Caithness Sentinel*, to cover. It's under new management after a surprising take-over by a Canadian tycoon with new money and new ideas – and a marked aversion to the female reporter.

Her crime? A day out in Aberdeen, standing in to help her cousin, but it's all it takes to reopen old wounds and entangle three families, once again, in a web of heartbreak and potential disaster.

Must the sins of the fathers reach down through the generations to spoil the lives of their children and grandchildren? Or can the third generation of Cormacks, Mackays and Sinclairs break the hold of the past and create a better future?

Dorothy will be launching her book at The Halesworth Bookshop on Wednesday 21st November, when visitors can enjoy tea/coffee and cake from 11am till 1pm.



Val Jennings

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GUIDELINES

Guidelines/Bible Reading Notes for September - December 2018 are now available for collection from the Team Office in St Mary's, Halesworth.

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What's On in the Area

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THE ARTS SOCIETY, SOUTHWOLD

The 2018 Season of Lectures continues on:

November 13th: Toulouse-Lautrec and the Cabarets of Paris. *Speaker: Peter Webb.*

December 11th: Les Parisiennes - How Women Lived, Loved and Died in Paris 1939-49. *Speaker: Anne Sebba.*

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Halesworth & District Museum - From the Archives

The British Red Cross in Halesworth and District 1914-1918

The Red Cross owes its existence to the vision of a Swiss businessman, Henri Dunant (1828-1910), who was a man with a faith, and was an early member of the Christian Association of Geneva. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) was founded in Geneva in 1863, and in 1864 they ratified the first "Geneva Convention" (For the Amelioration of the Wounded and Sick in Armed Forces and Field.) Critically, its members would give aid impartially, whichever side the patient had fought on.

The British Red Cross was formed in 1870, but it was not until 1909 that the War Office made them responsible for configuring and training Voluntary Aid Detachments (VADs), to provide supplementary aid to the Territorial Medical Services in every county.

The men of Halesworth and District would have had every reason to feel pride for the way in which they responded to the call for volunteers. For swiftly, with Southwold, Reydon and Walberswick men, they founded Suffolk VAD 35 in 1910. Their Commandant, who was responsible for First Aid, Stretcher, Parade and Air Raid training was Dr Richard Mullock, a Surgeon and Doctor in Southwold. Between 1910 and 1917 well over one hundred men served in this, fifty seven of whom were either called up or volunteered for active service. Three were killed in action.

Their main duty was to meet the convoys of hospital trains arriving in Halesworth Station with the wounded from the front, and to stretcher, each time, around twenty patients up to the Patrick Stead, which had been designated a Red Cross Military Hospital. Also, fifty or so to vehicles waiting to transport them to Henham Hall Military Auxiliary Hospital. The convoys arrived regularly throughout the War. They also performed orderly duty at the Patrick Stead and air raid duties.

And awaiting them at the Patrick Stead were the women of Halesworth and District who had formed Suffolk VAD 32 in 1911 their Commandant was Dr Petrus Johannes De Nyssen, a Surgeon and Doctor in the town. He was responsible for First Aid and Nursing training, with the women's main duties being the provision of nursing care.

In August 1914 the vicar of Southwold told the readers of his magazine that the Countess of Stradbroke had given up the best part of Henham Hall for the provision of a Red Cross Military Auxiliary Hospital complete with operating theatre. VAD members came from as far afield as London and Birmingham to work there, also the women's section of the Southwold Detachment assisted.

The Matron of the Patrick Stead Hospital was Miss Cecilia Reed, a remarkable woman mentioned in Military Dispatches for her work there during the War. Before her appointment in 1913 she had trained at the Norwich and Norfolk Hospital, from whom she received a beautiful silver brooch commemorating ten years of "Faithful Service" [on display in Halesworth Museum]. She is quoted in the *Halesworth Times*, dated the 16th February 1915, as saying, "They are splendid men; the work has been considerable, but I have enjoyed it: if they are a fair sample of the British Army, it is a very fine tribute." "We are expecting another convoy shortly."

The Halesworth and District women of Suffolk VAD 32 would have had, just like the men, every reason to feel pride in their achievements; they were as a group exceptionally committed to the care of their patients and gave many thousands of hours of voluntary service. Margaret Everett, the wife of the Chemist, for example, gave 4,380 hours, and Eliza Moore, wife of the clothing shop manager, gave 3,938 hours; but it is fair to say that looking at the women's Red Cross records from the time, these were just two of the many who gave hours running into the thousands.

A notable Halesworth member of Suffolk VAD 35 was the Rev Arthur Compton Moore of St Mary's Church, he was very involved in overseeing the supplies at the Patrick Stead Hospital where he was Chairman of the Trustees. Writing in the *Halesworth Times* in 1915 he appealed for funds to finance an X-ray machine for the hospital.

Another striking member of Suffolk VAD 35 was the sixteen year old Wilfred Frost, who assisted on convoys, with stretcher work and on orderly duty at the Patrick Stead. He lived at 8 Thoroughfare where his parents had an ironmongers. His elder brothers G J and R W Frost were killed whilst on active duty; he himself was called up in June 1918, and he was still in training when the guns fell silent on the 11th November 1918, so never saw active service. He was the father of Sir David Paradine Frost the British broadcaster.

One might think this contribution to the care of the military sick and wounded would have stretched Halesworth and District to its limit, but no, they "dug deep" once again and formed under Miss Mary Cross another large group of volunteers who worked out of 64 Thoroughfare, operating the Red Cross Halesworth and District War Office Supplies Dept. Here they manufactured such items as roller bandages, dressings, swabs, pillows and slippers, and according to the *Halesworth Times* in 1915, produced over 37,000 items in the first year. These were sent to a central Ipswich store, from which they were despatched to the Red Cross First Aid posts at the war front. They continued this work until the end of 1918.

At Henham Hall Military Auxiliary Hospital, Helena the Countess of Stradbroke was appointed Commandant by the Red Cross, she continued in this role until the first week of April 1919, when it closed. Among her many duties she kept meticulous records of her patients in black bound notebooks, a page for each; she also corresponded with her patients' next of kin, and they with her. [Can be viewed at the Suffolk Record Office in Ipswich.]

Helena had married George the 3rd Earl of Stradbroke in 1898, she was the daughter of Lt General James Fraser. James had been a leader on one of the first expeditions the British Red Cross mounted to the front of the Franco Prussian War in November 1870. In 1914 when World War 1 broke out, Helena was acting President of the East Suffolk Branch of the Red Cross.

They are remembered with Honour.

Halesworth and District Remember 100 years since the end of World War I

Until the end of the year: Halesworth & District Museum exhibitions: *"They paid the price ... men from Halesworth killed in the Great War"*.

"The British Red Cross in Halesworth & District 1914-1918".

Opening: Tues-Sat 10am-12.30pm; Weds 2pm-4pm. Pre-arranged group visits welcome.

Special opening: The Museum will be open all day on Sunday 11 November.

Thursday 8 November: 11am. Members of the **Royal British Legion** will lay a poppy cross at the graves of soldiers who have died in action in Chediston, Halesworth, Spexhall, South Elmham and Walpole.

Halesworth Library: Window display, with many poppies made by children's craft session and Time Out.

Halesworth Bookshop: window display.

A trail of poppies from St Mary's Church, past the war memorial in the Arboretum, down the Thoroughfare and up to the Museum.

November 9-18 : The Friends of St Mary's Church are inviting anyone to help fill the church with poppies, crafted

from wool, material, paper or any medium. There will also be flower displays in the church.

A display about The British Red Cross in Halesworth & District 1914-18 will be in the outer south aisle of the church, mounted by the Museum, in collaboration with the Friends.

'There But Not There' Tommy Silhouette in the Arboretum. Silhouettes in St Mary's, Halesworth and St Andrew's, Wissett.

Sunday 11 November: Services including wreath-laying and bell-ringing at churches in the district.

St Mary's Church, Halesworth: 10.30am, in the Thoroughfare, led by a piper and army cadets, 10.40am at the war memorial, followed by a service in the church.

Halesworth Festival Voices concert to include works by Elgar, Parry, Ireland and Hawes.

Tuesday 20 November: Halesworth & District U3A World War I Armistice – Speaker, Sir Jeremy Blackham at **The Cut. 2.30pm.** *Everyone welcome:* U3A members free, non-members £3.

Sunday 11 November: 2pm, Film at **The Cut:** 'War: Some Women and Bits of Boys'.
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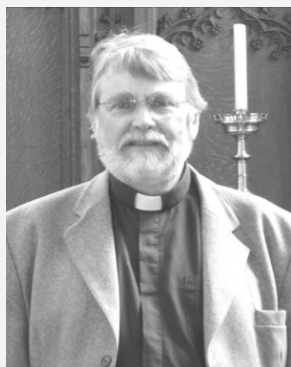
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From Rosedale, with love

Staff at Rosedale Funeral Home have been busy all year, wrapping and packing shoe boxes for Link to Hope's Christmas Appeal.

More than 400 shoe boxes have already been filled with toys and practical gifts, such as toothbrushes, soap, notebooks and colouring pencils and will be hand delivered to families and the elderly who need them most in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria.

"We set ourselves a target to try and organise more than 500 shoe boxes every year and with lots of help from local residents, we should be able to manage it again this year." says Funeral arranger Kathryn Robinson. *"We couldn't have reached this massive achievement without the help of other people in the community who have been so generous, particularly our army of knitters who have been busy with their needles all year, knitting little bags, mittens, scarves and glove puppets".*

Rosedale are really proud to contribute to such a fantastic project. Their efforts will continue until the deadline of 6th November. Rosedale are also glad to receive empty shoe boxes or donated items to pack inside at any time of the year.

For a full list of the items required, you can call in to any branch of Rosedale Funeral Home, or visit their Facebook page.

WHAT TO PACK:

Elderly Shoebox

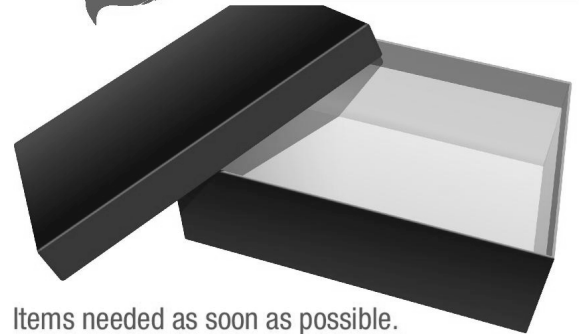
GLOVES/SCARF OR HAT (new or knitted)
SWEETS/CHOCOLATES (best before 2019 EU origin)
SOAP & FLANNEL (new)
TOOTHBRUSH/TOOTHPASTE (new)
READING GLASSES/
SMALL MAGNIFIER
WIND UP TORCH/RADIO
PENS & WRITING PADS
CANDLES & HOLDERS
SENSORY ITEMS (lavender bag etc)
SMALL GAMES (travel size draughts, dominoes & playing cards etc)
SHAMPOO/SHOWER GEL (max 300 ml each)
CRAFT/SEWING KIT
SOCKS/TIGHTS (new)
SAFETY RAZORS/PLASTERS
NAIL CLIPPERS/BRUSH/
SMALL SCISSORS
FOLDABLE BRUSH/COMB & MIRROR
SHOPPING BAG (strong cotton cloth)
SCARF (square or straight - lightweight)
MUG/WOODEN SPOON/CUTLERY
CLOTH HANKIES (men's size)
WORK GLOVES

Family Shoebox

GLOVES/SCARF OR HAT (new or knitted)
SWEETS/CHOCOLATES (best before 2019 EU origin)
SOAP & FLANNEL (new)
TOOTHBRUSH/TOOTHPASTE (new)
COLOURING BOOKS/PENS/
FELT TIPS
SMALL TOYS (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy car)
TEDDY/DOLL/SOFT TOY
CANDLES & HOLDERS
SCREWDRIVER/TAPE MEASURE/
DIY TOOLS
SMALL GAMES (travel size draughts, dominoes & playing cards etc)
SHAMPOO/SHOWER GEL (max 300 ml each)
CRAFT/SEWING KIT
SOCKS/TIGHTS (new)
HAIR ACCESSORIES
SAFETY RAZORS/PLASTERS
WIND UP TORCH/RADIO
FOLDABLE BRUSH/COMB & MIRROR
SIMPLE CALCULATOR (solar powered)
SCARF (square or straight - lightweight)
WORK GLOVES
NAIL CLIPPERS/BRUSH/
SMALL SCISSORS

Handmade knitted toys are very welcome but are not to be put inside the shoeboxes.

Shoebox APPEAL



Items needed as soon as possible.

Boxes will be despatched on
6th November, 2018.

Please return shoebox to:

Rosedale Funeral Home
19 Market Place
Halesworth



Please take care **NOT** to include any of these things as Link to Hope could be fined or your boxes impounded:

NO MEDICINES OR MEDICAL PRODUCTS • NO MONEY
NO TINNED FOOD • NO PERFUME • NO COFFEE, TEA OR ALCOHOL
NO OUT OF DATE ITEMS • NO BOOKS OR LITERATURE

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Generous golfers raise £4,000 for charity campaign



Generous golfers have raised nearly £4,000 towards an innovative resource centre for people with life-limiting illnesses after taking to the fairways during a special charity competition.

Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund (HCNCF) hosted its fourth annual golf day at Halesworth Golf Club at the end of August. A putting contest and raffle were held in addition to the main competition, together raising a total of £3936.

The money will go towards construction and running costs of the Pear Tree Centre, which will be built on land next to Cutlers Hill Surgery in Halesworth.

Open to people from across south Norfolk and north east Suffolk, the centre will bring a full range of holistic services closer to home for patients with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses and their families. This includes benefits advice, support for children and families, complementary therapies, help understanding a diagnosis, counselling and bereavement support.

Ted Edwards, co-chair of the Pear Tree Centre project, said:

"We would like to thank everyone who supported our golf competition so generously, and especially Halesworth Golf Club for their tremendous help organising the event.

"The day really did go with a swing and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We had some really positive feedback from those taking part, while we were also incredibly lucky with the weather.

"We are delighted that we raised such a great sum which will make a real difference to people living in Halesworth and the surrounding area when the Pear Tree Centre opens next year."

The team competition was won by 'The First XI', which was made up of Andrew Niven, Martin Trimby, Craig Anderson and Paul Weightman. The individual competition was won by Anthony Smith.

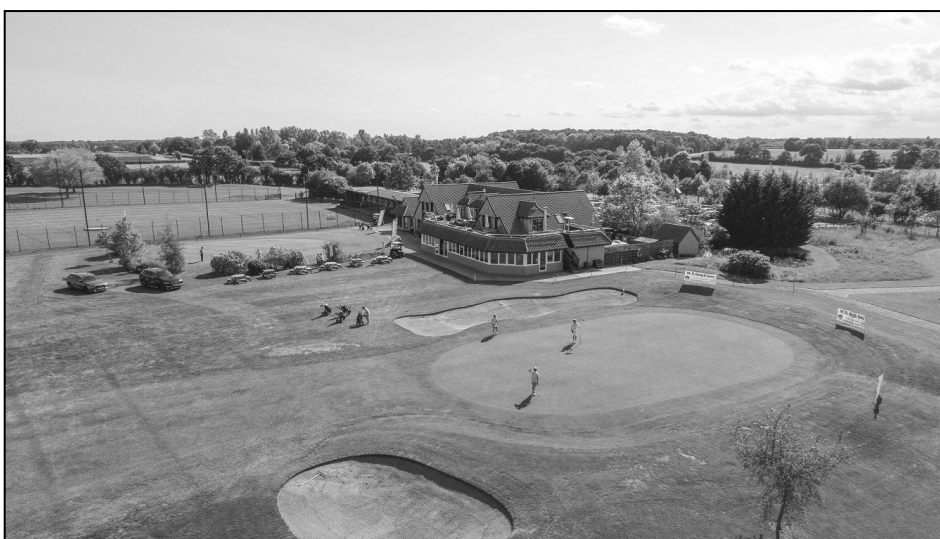


Photo (right):
Martin Trimby



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Halesworth Foodbank

We are here to help anyone who is struggling to find enough to eat!

The Foodbank operates as part of Waveney Foodbanks, and is open on Wednesdays at St Mary's Church between 10.45am and 12noon each week.

Usually people come with a red voucher which entitles them to a box of food. The red vouchers can be obtained from the following :

Halesworth Library

CAB at the Volunteers Centre on Friday mornings.

Children's Centre – for those with children under 5 years

Edgar Sewter School for those with children at the school

Social Workers

Dragonflies (for those under 5's)

Halesworth Volunteer Centre

or by letter from a health agency.

If none of these options are open then please still come to the Foodbank! We will not turn anyone in need away, but will listen to your story over a cuppa and give you emergency supplies.

Halesworth Foodbank are in urgent need of donations for LOCAL use. Our supplies have dwindled to almost nil, so we would very much appreciate your support.

Donations of non perishable foods, in date, to the foodbank are much needed.

They can be left at the following places:

St Mary's Church; St Edmund's Church;

United Reformed Church;

Wenhaston Methodist Church;

Wenhaston Post Office;

Wenhaston St Peter's; Holton St Peter's;

Spexhall St Peter's;

Wissett St Andrew's;

Rosedale Funeral Directors;

Woolnough Funeral Directors;

Hideout Café; or The Hub, Huntingfield.

As well as food donations, we need cat and dog food, tin openers, toiletries, washing up liquid, laundry powder and household cleaning items, sun cream, children's sun cream, lip salve.

We also need bottles of baby food and products, long life milk (UHT or powdered), fruit juice (long life cartons), tinned meat/fish, sugar (500g), cereals, tinned vegetables, tinned sponge puddings, instant mashed potato, tinned tomatoes, pasta sauces, tinned rice puddings, jam, biscuits or snack bars, cereal bars, tea bags/instant coffee, tinned fruit, squash (no sugar added varieties).

The foodbank could not operate without the generous support of the Community. So thank you everyone for helping others who are in need.

Pam Bayliss

Organiser for Halesworth and Beccles Foodbanks.

News from Town & Villages

Blyford

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Firstly, apologies for not having contributed for some time but we are back on track now. We now have a lovely group of ladies who are responsible for the fundraising at the church which is great, as it means we can have more events.

The Ride and Stride was a successful event with as usual our volunteers sitting in the church to sign people in and provide refreshments. Thanks to them all for assisting.

Harvest Festival

We had a wonderful Harvest Festival on Sunday October 14th, and the church looked beautiful, well decorated by all the ladies concerned. The service was led by Jane and all the packaged produce will be going to the Food Bank at St Mary's.

There was a great turn out of Blyford residents to support the church. Next year we hope to have an auction of fresh produce afterward to raise funds for the church.



We are hoping to have a working party to help tidy up the graveyard and cut back trees etc. We are also looking for people to be able to help keep the church clean in general. If you are interested or could help please let me know on 01986 874442.

Our next service will be our Patronal Service on October 28th.

Bramfield

Correspondent

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Remembrance Service

Sunday November 11th, beginning at 10.50am.

Christmas services

An advance notice of **Bramfield Carol Service**. Sunday December 16th at 4.30pm with refreshments after.

First Mass of Christmas 11.30pm.

To all parishioners

Times are becoming hard for Bramfield church, with its congregation growing older and some moving away. We now need to appeal to the village for support in the future stewardship of this lovely, Grade I listed building, which forms the centre and key landmark of our much-loved village of Bramfield.

We have wonderfully generous support in the form of church openers, flower arrangers and decorators, church cleaners, churchyard maintainers and those who contribute, as well as fundraisers and those who attend events like the Bramfield church fete, and all this is greatly appreciated.

However, the church desperately needs more stewardship. What does this mean, in practical terms? We urgently need more help on the Parochial Church Council (PCC – like a management committee) to guide the church forward, with the support of our clergy. The more members, the lighter the load. Funnily enough you do not need to be a practicing Christian to be on the PCC although some familiarity with the Church helps.

We would greatly appreciate practical help with ad hoc maintenance and related issues relating to the fabric of the building. This does not mean *doing* the maintenance work - just advising from time to time. We need just a few more wonderful volunteers to help with the every day tasks: namely, church opening, flower arranging and decorating and cleaning. The more helpers, the lighter the tasks.

We welcome more support for maintaining the churchyard. Volunteers currently generously keep the hedge trimmed and help at annual churchyard clear ups. Others very generously donate to the cost of mowing and strimming. If you are able to donate to this fund, or join the band of annual clearer uppers, that would also be greatly appreciated.

We struggle each year to meet our costs and financial obligations. Participating in the new Parish Giving Scheme would be an amazing help.

If you feel you can help, even in a small way, with any of these things, please contact Rev Jane Held 01986 781760.

Churchyard



Recently the Community Payback group came for their second visit this summer and I thought you would appreciate the great job they did on the interment plaques by the South door. As I was taking the picture some visitors emerged from the church and said how much they had enjoyed their visit, especially the green and white windows in the nave. Hardly a day goes by without a visitor so it is so worthwhile to keep the church welcoming, clean and tidy and demonstrating how much we care for this beautiful building.

Harvest Supper

Over 50 people came and enjoyed a delicious hot meal followed by a great selection of puddings. After all expenses £25 was donated to Halesworth Dementia Care and £293 given to Village Hall Funds.

Christmas Fair

December 1st

2pm - 4pm

in the Village Hall

Turkey rolls

Mulled wine & mince pies.

Draw. Christmas gifts

Tables £6

Village Hall Draw October 2018

1 st	Mrs A Smith	£12
2 nd	Mr P Gough	£6
3 rd	Mrs P Featherstone	£5

Church Opening and Closing For week beginning Monday

Nov 5	C Webb
Nov 12	A Holmes
Nov 19	M Foster
Nov 26	B Langley

Church Cleaning for week beginning Sunday

Nov 4	-
Nov 11	C Chenery
Nov 18	R Booth & C Webb
Nov 25	L Buckingham & L Trussler

Altar Flowers for Sundays

Nov 4	J Crane
Nov 11 & 18	Remembrance Flowers
Nov 25	Bebe Fleet's family

Chediston

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Remembrance Sunday

This very important service in the Church's calendar takes place at St Mary's on Sunday 11 November at 10.45am starting with the "Act of Remembrance" at the War

Memorial in the churchyard. This is followed by the service in the church. It is of great significance this year as it was 100 years ago that the Great War came to an end. We remember all those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and other conflicts since, particularly remembering those who were from Chediston.

Graeme Williams writes:

We can report with great pleasure that there have been two weddings at Chediston St. Mary's in the last few weeks.

Firstly, on 18th August, Martin Wright and Peggy-Sue Watling were married by Vic Hopkins. The invited congregation of family and close friends arrived to bells and overall it was a lovely informal occasion. And we can report that the young bridesmaids fulfilled their duties perfectly!

Then on the afternoon of 8th September, Max Crompton and Janieve Lawson 'did the deed'. Once again our resident officiant was Vic Hopkins! It was a pleasure to see a packed church, but once again the service still retained an informal feel to it. A particular highlight was when the congregation broke out into an impromptu version of Queen's 'Bohemian Rhapsody' as the bride and groom came back down the aisle. We didn't quite know how it would work, but it really was terrific. Once again the bells rang out as the happy couple left the church.'

SHCT Bike Ride – 8 September 2018

David Mantell writes:

"I managed 30 miles and visited 21 churches. Having completed this ride for nigh on 18 years, I reckon the hills are getting steeper each year! To date I have been sponsored to the value of £335.50. Thank you to those who have been so generous".

John Parson also cycled for us. Half of the final sum raised goes back to St Mary's.

2018 Church Maintenance

October - Full check of all gravestones and tombs carried out. This to inspect for the integrity, security and health and safety risks and to note any damage. In general most were in very good condition. Several identified as requiring re-setting and some repairs. This work will be carried out as soon as practicable.

If parishioners are aware of any particular problems with gravestones or tombs, do inform the churchwardens

Extract from Email to Website from Diane Burrows

I have recently visited Chediston church for the third time to look at the gravestone of my Great Grandfather William Pretty. William and Mary Ann (also mentioned on his gravestone) maiden name Mary Ann Constance, was born in Wissett. They were married in St Mary's church and my grandfather Isaac Pretty was christened in the church as well.

On the last time we visited there was a family christening in the church, which was

unfortunate for us as we did not want to impose. We had our grandson Cameron with us and we showed him the gravestone of his 6x great grandfather.

We have been inside the church on a previous occasion. What a beautiful little church.

It is always nice to see that William Pretty's gravestone is on the Chediston info pages. My grandfather Isaac worked on Town Farm, and one of my relations John Pretty who lives in Holton Road was born there and worked there.

Diane Burrows, nee Pretty

Chediston & Linstead WI

For the October meeting we were entertained by Kevin Heggarty from "The Minstrels". This was a "light look" at the music, instruments and life of Tudor England using original instruments and playing in costume.

They began by playing "Greensleeves" to us and by special request they also concluded with this well-known piece.

Halesworth

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"Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, For all things living You have made good" – We celebrated all things Harvest back on 23rd September, Malcolm Walkey lead our worship with the usual good old Harvest tunes blasted from the organ. The Church was beautifully decorated, the lunch in the hall which was very well supported raising £270 for funds was filling! A very big St. Mary's thank you to everyone involved with Harvest from flower arranging to food prep & the dreaded washing up. Lots more photos on Facebook, but here is one of my favourites from the day.



St. Mary's Harvest Lunch

Following a lovely service we enjoyed a hearty meal in a very convivial atmosphere. Hats Off to the catering team who did a superb job. Everything was well organised, there was plenty of food, the tables looked attractive and by the sound of the chatter everybody thoroughly enjoyed themselves. **Anon**

The Blyth Valley Team Choir, a group of locals who love singing to the glory of God. Well I certainly enjoy accompanying them especially when we rehearse at St. Andrew's Wissett (complimentary

acoustics)! As we did last night (Wed 10th Oct) ahead of the team evensong on 14th Oct. During our tea break, a presentation was made to Karen and Pedro as a thank you to them for all their time and energy they put into the choir. The choir clubbed together to purchase a new smaller, portable speaker for Karen's keyboard and a stunningly beautiful card produced by Jackie Watts was presented. I'm sure you'll all agree the Team Choir add to our team services, leading the singing, adding harmony and learning and performing anthems. (Be prepared for something different at Christmas "fum fum fum" – all will become clear). Thank you Karen.



There have been a number of funerals across the team recently. I played the organ at eight funerals during September. We had almost a full church at St. Mary's for the funeral of Suzanne Kerrison on 19th Sept. The day after, there was a service in memory of David John Miller. The funeral service celebrating the life of Jean Phyllis Smith took place at St. Mary's, Huntingfield on 12th Oct. May Suzanne, David and Jean rest in peace and rise in glory.

The late John Olink is dearly missed, he kept a very close eye on the church clock and would phone me immediately, if something was wrong, I can hear him now "Jason my dear fellow, the clock is a minute fast" and I'd say, "Let me know when its three minutes fast and I'll go up"! I now don't have anyone telling me when the clock has a blip! Until a couple of weeks ago, when the ringers turned up one Tuesday evening and found this note.....*"There are some bellringers I know who put on a wonderful show, Halesworth abounds with the glorious sounds making our hearts all aglow. But, it comes as a bit of shock, when we don't have the chimes on our clock! Sometimes we have no chimes at all. Then everything goes to the wall. When you're putting the bells to sleep, there's a rendezvous you HAVE to keep. Make sure that our clock is set aright 'ere you disappear into the night! Yours in anticipation Anon. PS – Just for your guidance it is four o'clock, but the chimes have struck seven!"* – What a lovely note, thank you to the "Anon" person for it. If you pass the church at all and notice the chimes are up the creek, or the clock is fast or slow, please tell me, with thanks Jason.

Lastly from the Halesworth column this month, please keep a close eye on page 3 of

Blyth Valley Times for November's services, as we have additional services, including 'The Civic Town Remembrance Service' (at the earlier time of 10.45am) and on Sunday 2nd December, the Rosedale Service of Remembrance.

The PCC meets on Tuesday 27th November, 7pm, in the Church Hall. Lots going on, including the FOSM Poppy Festival and at the end of the month the big Christmas tree and Santa's grotto will be in place for the Town's Christmas lights switch on (24th Nov). Busy, busy, busy. *(Just a last thought, if your local newspaper like the EDP, B&B or EADT has the 'Books for Schools' vouchers, please pass them to Gwen or myself and they will be split between Edgar Sewter and Bramfield, with many thanks).*

Holton

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It's a beautiful day as I write this, the leaves are beginning to change colour and conkers, beech nuts and acorns cover the paths of Holton as I walk Ruby, we are truly lucky to live in such an amazing place.

Pop In parlour is back in St Peter's room on the first Friday of the month with homemade soup, bread and cheese, tea or coffee and of course lots of friendly people to chat to. If you have never been it is certainly worth a visit and at £3 each is a lovely way to spend an hour. The Pagans are making soup in November so I know it will be good.

This year Remembrance Service is on 11th November which is the 100th anniversary we will be starting at the war memorial at 10.50am followed by a service in the church. As usual there will be a walk up to the American Memorial on Sparrowhawk Road to join our American friends.

The Iona service is always the third Sunday of the month and is a more informal service with coffee and oat biscuits to follow.

Harvest Festival

Autumn is here, as we can see by the changing colour of the leaves, the newly ploughed fields and the stubble; and autumn is when we celebrate the harvest gathered in and the bounty of the earth.

We held our Harvest Festival on the 14th October, the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits, berries and leaves in autumn shades of gold and red, bronze, greens and browns. Our gifts for the Halesworth Food Bank were displayed on a windowsill and in front of the altar rail; although they were mainly tins and packets they still represent the work of farmers, fishermen, wholesalers and retailers and the results of many harvests round the world.



As the Revd Malcolm Walkey was ill, our service was taken by John Hewlett who stepped in at the last moment, reading the sermon Malcolm had prepared. Janet Walkey read the prayers prepared by John. As part of the service various elements were taken up to the altar as a thanksgiving, they included: earth, water, seeds, flowers, fruit, vegetables, grain, bread, and wine. After the service we continued our fellowship together as we drank coffee and ate some of Dot Booley's harvest loaf, then 24 of us stayed on to share lunch together. It was a veritable feast, quiches, savoury muffins, cheeses, salads and cold meats and more! A happy time was had by all, as we enjoyed good food and good company. Thank you to everyone who came to the service, contributed goods for the Foodbank, decorated the church, brought food for the lunch and those who helped to clear up afterwards!

Christmas Fair

This year our Christmas fair will be on Saturday 24th November in the village hall. There will be stalls and refreshments available from 10am-1pm, do come along and support your village Church.

Jilly and John Hewlett will be running a bookstall; so if you have books to dispose of, please contact them on 01986 875913 or johnhewlett@btinternet.com They can collect from church before 12th November, or from your home during the week beginning 12th November.

Prayer Board

"I'm feeling somewhat sad that our prayer board is not being used as much as I and the rest of the PCC had hoped. Why do we need to pray? First, we pray because we are God's children, and he loves to hear from us! Second, we pray because it deepens our trust in God. Third, we pray because it gives us the chance to express ourselves completely to the Lord. I'm a terrible worrier and I know it gets me nowhere, but still I allow it to consume

me. Perhaps it would help me and you to simply write down our worries on the cards provided. Just start your prayer by writing – I pray that..... whatever is on your mind. It could be that we long for peace in our world, or we want to thank someone special, or maybe we feel we've done something wrong and wish to put it right. All it takes is sincerity and trust, and on the second Sunday of the month the cards will be offered up at the same time as the bread and wine. Soon we will be given a hand crafted candle holder made for us by our Treasurer, Simon to sit close by the Prayer Board, so please lets all make good use of both".
Mary Curtis

Huntingfield

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The work to install CCTV progresses and visitors continue to come and enjoy the iconic ceiling. It is testament to the immense faith and perseverance of Mildred Holland that St Mary's is a church where people visit, sit, admire and pray.

On the weekend of 10th and 11th of November we have an exhibition of war memorabilia in the church to commemorate the end of WWI including voices of people involved in the war. It's also the 140th anniversary of the death of Mildred (of ceiling fame) and seems appropriate to celebrate both events.

Dates for your diary:

28th October Apple Day & Local Food Fair
11am – 2.30pm at the Hub.

10th & 11th November Exhibition of war memorabilia in St Mary's, 10am till 4pm.

Linstead

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I SUSPECT THAT I AM GOING TO SUFFER from withdrawal symptoms. Those men in the jolly yellow jackets? I am assured that they have finished and we now (although we haven't been told this officially) have superfast broadband, if we want it. There, of course is the catch; there is always a catch. If you want it, you have to have the fibre-optic connection to your establishment. Without it, the speeds will remain at the present modest 5 or 6 mega-whatsits per thingy. We intend, very politely of course, to ask Mr B.T. what it will cost us. Watch this space.

IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS THAT I REPORT the death of Ivor Orrey at the age of 88. Ivor and Sheila lived at Edgefields for many years and were very involved with the village. At various times Ivor was churchwarden, PCC treasurer and, I seem to remember, the

village disaster management officer. He served in the Royal Air Force, retiring as a Squadron Leader and it was his proud claim that he had flown every front line fighter aircraft up to and including the Lightning. They moved from the village in 2000, to be nearer their family. We send our condolences to Sheila and their family.

THERE HAS BEEN A DEGREE OF INTEREST IN the new church notice-board, not least about the device in the top left-hand corner.



Each Saint has a badge or device, like a coat of arms. This is the badge of our patron saint, St. Margaret of Antioch and represents her conquering the dragon, personifying evil, with her sword. So now you know!

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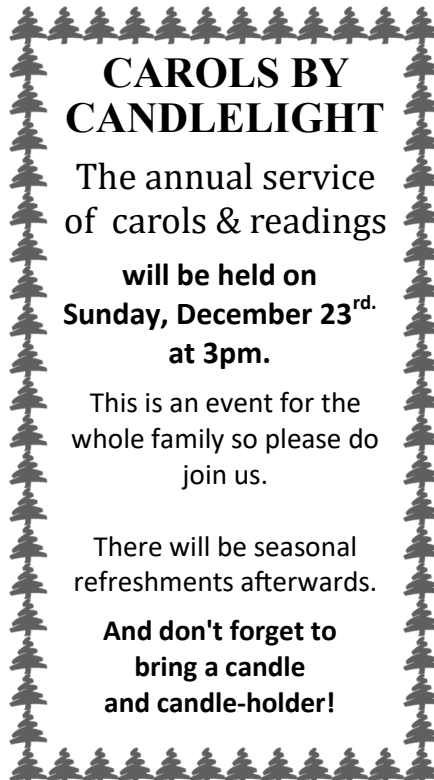
NOVEMBER 24th

10am to 1pm

**Christmas Gifts, Food & Decorations
Raffle, Seasonal Refreshments**

CHEDISTON & Linstead WI WAS serenaded by minstrels in October. Kevin Heggarty and his associate took them on a musical journey from the Renaissance to the Reformation, demonstrating period instruments and singing appropriate ballads. They came in good time to prepare for their demonstration and Derek Keable, who was working on the hall's new disabled access loo, was rather startled by the arrival of two chaps in Tudor dress. Even by our standards in Linstead, the Tudor style is considered a little passé! The next meeting of the WI is the all-important AGM which takes place at 2.30pm on Tuesday 13th November. As always, it is at Linstead Village Hall.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND SO YOU will want to put this date in your diaries now, because it is, quite simply, unmissable.



**CAROLS BY
CANDLELIGHT**

The annual service
of carols & readings

will be held on
Sunday, December 23rd.
at 3pm.

This is an event for the
whole family so please do
join us.

There will be seasonal
refreshments afterwards.

**And don't forget to
bring a candle
and candle-holder!**

BECAUSE THIS IS THE CENTENARY OF Armistice Day, there will be a large Civic Service at Halesworth. We have decided, therefore, not to commemorate Remembrance Sunday at Linstead but to join the main service in Halesworth. We will, however, commemorate our war dead from Linstead at the service on the 25th. They will not be forgotten. The service of Matins, with Remembrance will be at 9.30am.

On the 18th, we go to Chediston for a Village Eucharist.

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

DATE	FLOWERS & CLEANING
4 th	No Service
11 th	No Service
18 th	No Service
25 th	Mrs P. Keable & Mr D. Keable

Spexhall

Temporary Correspondent

Janet Sochon 01986 781151

<http://spexhall.onesuffolk.net/Home/>

Two days before Harvest Festival, I went into church and discovered that a corbel had "detached" itself from the wall and fallen into the sanctuary, revealing a rather large crack in the corner of church. Alerts to the insurance company and the architect followed and now we await an engineer's visit. Since the matter appears to involve a buttress outside church, it all sounds very expensive!

Harvest Festival went ahead with the church, decorated by Janet and Jane, looking resplendent in lovely autumn colours. How flowers brighten our lives! There were many donations of fruit and vegetables and the country service with soil and seeds being presented by the children, reminded us how fortunate we are and how grateful we ought to be for God's mercies. Instead of a harvest lunch we all had copious refreshments in church, in true Spexhall manner.

The church gates, given by the parents of three sons killed in the First World War, have been stripped, repaired and rehung by an anonymous kind parishioner. They look quite beautiful and I am sure will be much admired when the service is held on Remembrance Sunday. The service this year will be particularly poignant, coming exactly on the hundredth anniversary of the armistice in 1918. The war memorial, itself, has been granted Grade two listed status.

Looking forward to the Christmas season reminds me that the Carol Service is at 3pm on December 9th and will feature a special offering by children from Ilkeshall School. The Christmas Communion will be at Wissett at 11.30pm, but there will be a family service on Christmas morning at 10.30am when everybody is asked to bring along a present they have received. It could be quite lively!

SPEXHALL AND WISSETT WI

Can you cast your mind back to the 50's and 60's, when a summer holiday usually meant a visit to the seaside in Great Britain, not sunny Spain? Well Wendy Butcher took us back to those happy, carefree days, as she grew up at The Connie Holiday Camp in Hopton on Sea, a camp started by her grandparents.

Many of us related to her enjoyable childhood, with freedom to explore and take part in some of the activities organised on site – truly a taste of a bygone age.

On a glorious summer's day in July, some of us visited Felbrigg Hall and Gardens. A quick stop at Cromer and obviously an ice cream to finish the day, what not to enjoy.

Jonathan Cheyne was our speaker in August. He is the great grandson of Sir Rider Haggard, author of *She*, *King Solomon's Mines* and many, many other books. He was not only an

author, but an explorer, with many of his books based on his own experiences and the characters he met. He lived in Africa, started an ostrich farm, but returned to the UK where he sat for the Bar, but retired from this after the success of *King Solomon's Mines*, although he continued to travel, with Egypt being a particular favourite. A fascinating life for someone born in Norfolk, and whose final resting place is Ditchingham.

In September we learnt how to work with mosaic tiles, Julie Parker brought along some of her work, together with photos of much larger projects. All of us went home with a tile, designed and created by ourselves, and a sense of achievement.

Thorington

Correspondent

Trish Gower 01502 478267

Thorington PCC welcomed all to the Harvest Service on October 14th, and thank you to Jane Held for taking a thought provoking service with well-chosen hymns and a most meaningful sermon. Also thanks to Philip Simms for playing the organ, much enjoyed. The bring and share lunch was a good time to meet up with friends and neighbours and I am sure we will do this next year too.

Our next service is on December 24th, the Christmas Carol Service at 6.30pm, do please come, and bring a torch to find your way as our lighting outside is limited! The church will be open soon after 6pm and there will be the usual mulled wine and mince pies before the service begins.

We all wish Jon Stevenson best wishes and hope to see him back playing for the village services soon.

Written with warm best wishes to all, as autumn is approaching fast but we have all enjoyed this last few weeks of sunshine!

Wenhaston

Correspondent

Margaret Goldstone

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We celebrated Harvest at St. Peter's on a beautiful Autumn day with the church specially decorated with Autumn flowers and foliage and together with the sun streaming through the windows we all enjoyed a very happy and joyful service. As always this was a joint service with our friends from the Methodist Chapel and we were very pleased to welcome them. It was good to have Jane leading our service which I think was her first service in Wenhaston since her ordination as a curate.

The Church was full and a good number stayed on for a Harvest Lunch after the service which as always was a delicious



spread of tempting food. This was followed by our traditional auction of all the produce which had been given for the Harvest Celebration and as a result of this together with generous donations we have sent £165 to Christian Aid. As always there were numerous people who cooked and helped for the lunch and of course the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully. Thank you all very much.

Much of the produce which was auctioned was donated by the children from the Village School when they came for their Harvest Service on the 28th September.

There were over fifty children and a good number of parents and it was lovely to have them in the church. Alison and Jane held their attention with a very interesting story and they were all so good! We look forward to seeing them again at their Christmas Service.

Remembrance Sunday this year is important as it is one hundred years since the end of the First World War and we shall be remembering this and giving thanks at our service on Sunday 11th November. The short Act of Remembrance will be at 10.50am at the War Memorial followed by a service in the church at 11am.

Following the service we will be joining in and helping at the celebrations in the Village Hall. The church is organising a raffle at the event to raise money for the British Legion. The Remembrance Service is always well attended and we hope that this will be especially so in this special year.

SIDESPEOPLE IN NOVEMBER

- 4th 9.30am TEAM EUCHARIST
ST. MARY'S HALESWORTH
No Service at St. Peter's.
- 11th 10.50am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Jenny Jeffrey, Margaret Goldstone.
- 18th 9.30am PARISH EUCHARIST
Clive Watson
- 25th 11.15am PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

CHURCH CLEANING NOVEMBER

- 4th Margaret Bloomfield
Anita Graves
- 18th Anne and Colin Wright

Wenhaston Mothers' Union

We were held spellbound when the Revd Jane Held, who is now attached to Wenhaston and very welcome, came to tell us of her life's journey. Jane has led a very full life professionally and held some top notch posts but had felt a calling to the ministry of the church for quite a while. We are very glad that she answered God's call and we look forward to her work among us.

We are filling shoe boxes for those in need in Eastern Europe and we have also been asked to collect items for the Ipswich Night Shelter, which this year will be in the St Nicholas Centre. Items needed are pyjamas, socks, hats, scarves, underwear, toiletries – in fact anything that a homeless person might need. Please bring goods to next meeting or deliver to Margaret at Spindleberry.

The next meeting is in the Church Room at 2.30pm on Wednesday 14th November when Alison Alder will give a talk entitled 'How can we share the true meaning of Christmas'. All welcome.

Margaret Bloomfield

SHCT Stride and Ride

Thank you to the cyclists, walkers and stewards who participated this year. Wenhaston Church received £132 and the Methodist Church £90 which will be split equally between the respective churches and the Trust. Well done everyone.

Margaret Bloomfield

Footpath Walking

A morning walk will leave from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 6th November.

Wendy Nolloth will lead a walk round Beccles on Tuesday 20th November. Meet at 10am with lunch at Gillingham Swan.

For further information contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

Wenhaston WI

We couldn't have asked for a better speaker than Rachel Sloane to talk to us about Moral Dilemmas and Mad Moments. Rachel works for Radio Suffolk and has to cope with both these situations.

She gave us some of the reasons behind

political correctness. When we talk about policemen/firemen it seems to disregard all the women who work in these professions. Talking disparagingly about prostitutes we should remember they are somebodies' daughter. These are just two examples. It seems to me that if one is thoughtful of other people's feelings P.C. would not be necessary.

Among many of Rachel's mad moments were: Camping with Girl Guides, Commentating at a football match (she knew nothing about football) and learning how to Pole Dance. It was a thought-provoking and amusing talk.

A huge apology: The tickets for the Bollywood evening are not £8 as printed, but £12.50.

Next month is our AGM and we also have a demonstration on making Danish Pastries by Nanna Lay. **FJ**

WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB

For our meeting on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm in The Church Rooms we welcome back Roger Woolnough for our Christmas themed workshop on making a Christmas Cracker Table Decoration.

YOU WILL NEED:-

A 750 gram cereal box i.e. Fruit and Fibre; Plastic pot 10cm diameter i.e. large yogurt or crème fraiche; Double-sided tape or Sellotape; A sheet of STRONG Christmas wrapping paper 50cm X 65cm; Pencil and scissors; Small piece of floral foam (oasis) to fit the plastic pot; SMALL amount of mixed foliage i.e. ivy, conifer, holly; 5 small roses or spray carnations; Small cones, artificial berries or baubles.

For more information contact Jean Spindler on 01502 478317.

Wissett

Correspondent

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Michaelmas was quietly noticed here, and another quarter of the year has passed. It is particularly hard to be contemplating November and its cold, damp connotations on this very warm and sunny morning. But we must think about heating and lighting because Choral Evensong comes to Wissett this Sunday. The new LED floodlights proved good and effective, though they are not lasting almost for ever, as initially hoped. Luckily scaffolding was not needed to replace the latest one to fail. Last winter the heaters under the pews kept us warm enough, subject to some debate, except on one morning of very hard frost.

It will be dark, too, by 5pm on 2nd November, All Souls' Day, when for two hours the church is open for candle lighting, quiet thought, and remembering all the departed.

On Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, we have the traditional service at 10.50am, and among us in the church will be silhouettes representing the nine Wissett men who died serving in the Great War. Geoffrey Kiddy has succeeded in obtaining them from the 'There but not there' organisation. Later we join in the village commemoration, gathering at 6.00 p.m. in the church for poems and music of the time of the Armistice, one hundred years before. At about 6.45pm, up the candlelit way to a beacon, and a bugler, and we hope that the bells will ring.

Eventually back to the hall for soup and sausage rolls. Julian Harris has made more soldier silhouettes to move around the village, and remind us where they lived. Re-reading familiar war poems, and exploring some of the less well-known ones has underlined the extraordinary grip of the war on national imagination, still felt today.

30th November is St. Andrew's Day, Friday this year, and at 7pm, we have our Patronal Festival Eucharist, and carry on Jean Brinton's tradition of Fisherman's refreshments afterwards. Wissett Village Hall Committee, which has had enjoyable suppers around St. George's Day for several years, is putting on its first St. Andrew's Supper the following day.

The Jehovah's Witnesses called one sunny afternoon, and we enjoyed talking outside about the psalms, Coverdale's version, of course. We keep one of the large old prayer books open in church, turning the page to the psalms for each day.

St. Andrew's, Wissett

Friday 2nd November
5pm – 7pm

All Souls' Day

Commemoration of
all the departed.
Quiet thought
and lighting of candles

All welcome



HALESWORTH *dementia* CARERS' FUND

Our lovely summer has passed and the evenings are lengthening as winter approaches.

We are currently helping 20 local families providing respite care allowing a family carer a few hours' break from the 24/7 caring role. It is not enough but it does help a little for those devoted people to continue our essential work. The person with dementia also benefits greatly from spending time with a qualified healthcare worker from time to time...We are constantly seeking funding and grants to enable us to carry on this valuable work. This never stops and becomes more and more difficult.

Our Alzheimers Support worker, Jonny, has left the Association and has been replaced by Alice Sparksman. She will continue Jonny's work on Tuesdays at Cutlers Hill, also supporting the Monthly Support Group, and visiting people in their own homes when needed. Please call 07860 912458 to contact Alice.

Our September film was a huge success. Our next will be on 21st November at the Cut at 2.45pm for 3pm as always, and is to be 'The Greatest Showman', a very highly-acclaimed and successful film which we hope will appeal to everyone. An excellent choice in the run-up to Christmas. All welcome, come and join us. There will also be a raffle and Jill will be selling her lovely handmade greeting cards. She also takes special orders. We thank The Cut for their continuing support, we can't do without them.

We thank everyone who supports us by putting loose change in our collection boxes in town and those who have a Fill-a-Jar at home. As with all we do, every single penny counts. How about becoming a Friend? For details about this and the 'Jars', please contact Dave and Jackie on 01986 875444.

Paddy Flegg
Publicity

Those pews, those pews, those dry pews – Regeneration Update 2

Well the new regeneration group has met, and in January/February (during the cold weather) when St Mary's Church is less likely to be used, the electricity will be replaced, the pews removed, a levelled central floor carpeted and new moveable, stackable, wooden chairs with upholstered seats installed. Ben Quorn's builders and Kevin Townsend's electricians will be liaising closely so the work can be managed and coordinated across both companies. It really is going to happen AT LAST – paid for in part by the Friends of St Mary's after their wonderful years of fundraising.

We are looking to sell the pews (which are unremarkable pine pews) to help contribute to the cost. We are also planning to launch a "Buy a Chair" Appeal in December, where individuals can donate the cost of a chair and have a dedication fixed to it, in memory or recognition of someone or something important to them. Exactly how you can do this will be set out in the December update.

In addition, I am going to meet with the key "man in the ministry" otherwise known as the Head of the Diocesan Planning Team, to discuss the next steps we need to take to address the urgent repairs needed to the windows, the roof and the boiler replacement, and then the installation of a loo and kitchen. I am also going to discuss potential grants we can apply for to help with these repairs, which we need to do before we can move to the big internal refurbishment.

I am so pleased we are at last moving forward. It will still go in fits and starts, but soon the church will be brighter, more spacious looking and much more flexible.

Jane Held

BOOK 'A STOCKING FILLER': 'A FIELD GUIDE TO THE ENGLISH CLERGY'

by the Revd Fergus Butler-Gallie.

To while away the time between Christmas Dinner and afternoon tea, perhaps.

Here is a small selection from the book:

1) The Revd Robert Hawker [1803-75] was the archetypal eccentric Anglican Vicar. The Poet Parson also founded the Harvest Festival, and kept a collection of ten cats, the majority of whom would make up his congregation (he excommunicated one of them for mousing on a Sunday).

2) When it comes to eccentrics, Hawker has stiff competition in a crowded field. The Revd. George Harvest dubbed the most forgetful man in 18th Century England forgot to turn up to his own wedding, twice (they were different brides). The author remarks: "He remained a bachelor".

3) The Revd. Ian Graham-Orlebar, the Rector of Barton-le-Clay who died in 2016, called his horse 'Ministry' so that when a senior figure 'phoned the Rectory to check on him, they could be truthfully told 'He was exercising his Ministry'. A later horse was called Sabbatical.

4) When it came to going forth and multiplying, none could eclipse the Revd. Sabine Baring-Gould, the author of the hymn 'Onward Christian Soldiers', who sired 15 children. At one of his vicarage parties, the absent-minded host approached a young child and asked: 'And who's little girl are you?' Which elicited the tearful reproach; 'Why Daddy, I'm one of yours.'

5) Happily, the author makes room for the book-reviewing cleric Sydney Smith the Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, who famously said: 'I never read a book before reviewing it. It prejudices a man so'.

This book which he modestly described as 'scraped together' is primarily about entertainment.

Doreen Hale

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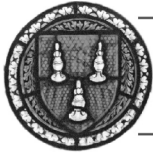



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LUNCHTIME RECITALS

WED 12th SEPTEMBER – Classical Ukulele

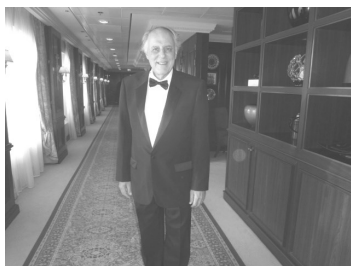


Thanks to Zoe – Anne Wadey for her recital playing a concert ukulele she built from a kit. The audience were treated to a variety of pieces including classical (Pizzicato Polka, Dance of the Hours and Danse de Mirlitons). Last summer she submitted some of her arrangements to the 'World of Ukes' and was asked to make a series of books of arrangements for ukulele – these pieces were from her first publication of the "10" Series . Flamenco followed (Malagueña), Blues (Basin Street Blues, Hard Times, Stormy Weather) and Jazz (Ain't Misbehavin', Fly me to the moon and Somewhere Over the Rainbow) from her forthcoming collection in the '10' series. Also included were three melodies from Pirates of Penzance (A Policeman's Lot Is Not a Happy One, Let Us Gaily Tread the Measure, Poor Wandering One). Hopefully everyone who's asked for a bit of Gilbert and Sullivan went away happy. Thanks to all of the catering ladies for a wonderful spread as usual.

WED 10th OCTOBER – A Classical Collection

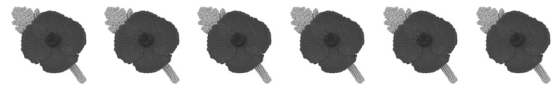
Apologies to anyone who turned up for the recital this month – unfortunately it was cancelled due to illness.

WED 14th NOV – Pianistic Kaleidoscope



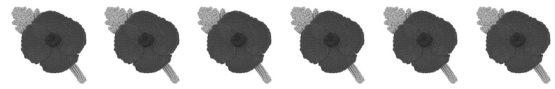
We welcome the return of Roman Rudnytsky, an American concert pianist of Ukrainian background who has played in 100 countries, who will play in his return recital at St Mary's a program of works by Beethoven, Albeniz, Chopin and Liszt.

If you would like your email added to our recitals (the second Wednesday of every month) mailing list, please email friendsofstmarys@talktalk.net or [facebook.com/FriendsOfStMarysHalesworth](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStMarysHalesworth) where you can also find details of previous recitals, also on: www.friendsofstmaryshalesworth.org.uk



POPPIES 10th - 11th NOVEMBER 2018

Please come along and see all of the poppies in church to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Photographs to follow in a future edition!



AGM

The FOSM AGM took place on Wed 10th Oct. Details to follow in next months BVT. Thanks to all who attended. Special thanks to Alison Cackett for all of her hard work and support who steps down as Chair, but remains on the committee and best wishes to Win Sutton, the new Chair.

50/50 CLUB

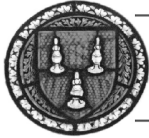
One thing which was clear was the fall in 50/50 club membership again. We appreciate that many of you may already support the church, both financially and in other ways, but if you would like to buy a 50/50 unit, forms can be found on the information table at the back of church or in BVT (see page 29).

Remember, you are able to purchase units as a gift so what better thing to do when you can't think of a birthday or Christmas present than to give someone a chance of winning some money and supporting St Mary's at the same time!

50/50 Club Winners for September:

- 1st Prize: M Woolner
- 2nd Prize: R Lewis
- 3rd Prize: R Corkhill

If you would like to join the 50/50 club, forms can be found on the table by the North door.



Friends of St Mary's Halesworth

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St Mary's Church, Halesworth

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Services on Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018

Church	Time	Service
Blyford	10.45am	To Remembrance at Holton, Bramfield or Wenhaston
Bramfield	10.45am	Remembrance Service
Chediston	10.45am	Remembrance Service
Halesworth	10.45am	Town Remembrance Service 100 years Beginning at the War Memorial, then in church
Holton	10.45am	Remembrance Service
Linstead	10.45am	To Remembrance at Chediston or Wissett
Spexhall	10.45am	Remembrance Service
Thorington	10.45am	To Remembrance at Wenhaston or Bramfield
Wenhaston	10.45am	Remembrance Service
Wissett	10.45am	Remembrance Service (with WWI Soldiers)
Heveningham	10.45am	Remembrance Service
Huntingfield	10.45am	To Heveningham
PLEASE NOTE: Additional Service at Walpole	10.30am	Remembrance Service for Walpole PRU School Thursday 8th November
PLEASE NOTE:	10:50am	Act of Remembrance in Halesworth Thoroughfare Friday 9th November

