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## Team Calendar for March & April

### MARCH

Thu 1	09:00	Eucharist at Bramfield (every first Thursday)
Fri 2	12:00	Lent Lunch, St Peter's Room, St Peter's Church, Holton
Fri 2	14:00	Women's World Day of Prayer, URC, Halesworth
Fri 9	12:00	Lent Lunch, St Peter's Room, St Peter's Church, Holton
Fri 9	09:30	Cancer Research Big Breakfast, Rifle Hall, Halesworth
Sun 11	15:30	Mothering Sunday Tea, St Mary's Hall, Halesworth
Wed 14	12:30	Lunchtime Recital, Songs of the Stage, St Mary's Halesworth
Fri 16	12:00	Lent Lunch, St Peter's Room, St Peter's Church, Holton
Sat 17	14:00	Jumble Sale, 2pm, Wenhaston Village Hall
Tue 20	19:15	Halesworth WI
Fri 23	12:00	Lent Lunch, St Peter's Room, St Peter's Church, Holton
Sat 24	10:00	Mothers' Union Coffee Morning, St Mary's Church Hall
Sun 25	<b>HOLY WEEK BEGINS</b>	
Fri 30	15:00	Anam Cora - A Sung Meditation, St Andrew's, Bramfield
Fri 30	20:30	Tenebrae Service, St Peter's, Spexhall

### APRIL

Sun 1	<b>EASTER DAY</b>	
Mon 2	Easter Teas, St Peter's, Wenhaston	
Wed 4	10:00	Eucharist at Halesworth (every Wednesday)
	10:30	Coffee & Foodbank at Halesworth
	11:15	No Staff Meeting
Sat 21	18:30	The Feast of St George, St Mary's Church Hall
Fri 27	19:00	Quiz Night, Holton Village Hall

## Team Worship - Better Together

**Sunday 4 March (3rd Sunday of Lent)**  
**09:30 TEAM EUCHARIST at Halesworth**

**Sunday 25 March PALM SUNDAY**  
**10:15 Procession from the Library**  
**10:30 Team Eucharist and Dramatised Passion at Halesworth**

**Thursday 29 March MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
**19:30 Mass of the Last Supper at St Mary's, Halesworth**

**Friday 30 March GOOD FRIDAY**  
**10:15 Walk of Witness from Halesworth Methodist Church**

**Saturday 31 March EASTER EVE**  
**19:30 SERVICE OF LIGHT - Halesworth**

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<b>11 March, Mothering</b> <i>As arranged with Officiant</i>	<b>1 April, Easter Day</b> Acts 10.34-43 Psalm 118.1-2,14-24 1 Corinthians 15.1-11 John 20.1-18
<b>18 March, Lent 5</b> Jeremiah 31.31-34 Psalm 51.1-13 Hebrews 5.5-10 John 12.20-33	<b>8 April, Easter 2</b> Acts 4.32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1.1 - 2.2 John 20.19-31

## 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 Food Bank  
 10.45 Church Mice for parents & pre-school children - all-age outside term-time ALL WELCOME

### FIRST WEDNESDAY ONLY

10:30 WELLBEING DROP-IN, St Mary's Halesworth (An initial stopping off point for those feeling low)

### 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.*

**PLEASE SEE PAGE 18 FOR CONTACT DETAILS**

# Sunday Worship in the Blyth Valley in March

Year B TRACK 2	4 March 2018 Lent 3 TEAM service Purple	11 March 2018 Mothering Purple	18 March 2018 Lent 5 Purple	25 March 2018 Palm Sunday TEAM Service Red	1 April 2018 Easter Day TEAM Service White
<b>BLYFORD ALL SAINTS</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	09:30 Mothering Sunday Win	09:30 to Wenhaston	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	09:30 to Wenhaston
<b>BRAMFIELD ST ANDREW</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11:15 Mothering Sunday Edward	11:15 Morning Prayer BCP Robert G	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	11:15 Easter Sunday Eucharist Malcolm W
<b>CHEDISTON ST MARY</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	09:30 Mothering Sunday Diana	9:30 Morning Worship (with Linstead ) Jane	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	09:30 Easter Sunday Eucharist Vic
<b>HALESWORTH ST MARY</b>	08:00 Eucharist David 09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth c: Edward p:Malcom W, d:Anthony A	08:00 Eucharist Jan 10:00 Mothering Sunday and Late Breakfast Church (all age) Jane	08:00 Eucharist Edward 09:30 Parish Eucharist Jan	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service c Jan; d Claire; Narrative Win/Diana	8:00 Eucharist Jan 9:30 Easter Sunday Eucharist Edward
<b>HOLTON ST PETER</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11:15 Mothering Sunday Malcolm W	11:15 Iona Morning Worship (all age) John H	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	11:15 Easter Sunday Eucharist Jan
<b>LINSTEAD ST MARGARET</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	09:30 Mothering Sunday Malcolm H	09:30 To Chediston	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	09:30 Easter Sunday Eucharist Andrew Vessey
<b>SPEXHALL ST PETER</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11:15 Mothering Sunday David	11:30 Baptism and Morning worship David S	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	11:15 Easter Sunday Eucharist by extension Jane
<b>THORINGTON ST PETER</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	Worship as announced – Christmas, Easter, Harvest, Patronal – otherwise attend Wenhaston			11:15 Easter Sunday Eucharist Vic
<b>WENHASTON ST PETER</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	09:30 Mothering Sunday David	09:30 Parish Eucharist Edward	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	9:30 Easter Sunday Eucharist Malcolm W
<b>WISSETT ST ANDREW</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	09:30 Mothering Sunday Jan	09:30 Eucharist by extension Claire	10:00 outside library for Palm procession 10:30 Palm Sunday service	9:30 Easter Sunday Eucharist David S
<b>HUNTINGFIELD ST MARY (provisional)</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	11.00 Family Worship and brunch Linda			11:15 Easter Sunday Eucharist Edward
<b>HEVENINGHAM ST MARGARET (provisional)</b>	09:30 Team Eucharist at Halesworth	9:30 Mothering Sunday Eucharist Edward			11:15 Easter Sunday Eucharist Andrew Vessey
<b>HIGHFIELD</b>				11:15 Eucharist (tbc between Highfield team)	<i>Eucharist the day before, Saturday 31 March at 11:15</i>

Please note: in the normal pattern the rota is now arranged so as to designate the first Sunday of the month as Team Sunday in its entirety, and so relieve churches from any other service commitments on that day. There is so much to be gained from worshipping together whenever we can.



## Halesworth Methodist Church Sunday at 10:30

Into the season of Lent already, and the year is running by too quickly.

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Women's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in the United Reformed Church at 2pm. The Service has been compiled this year by the Women of Suriname, and will be followed by tea. All are welcome.

A tea service will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, led the Revd Louise Morrissey.

Mothering Sunday Service, led by Mrs Lawrance-Martin, is on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am

On March 18<sup>th</sup> there is a Circuit Service at Knodishall Methodist Church – 10.30am. And at 6.30pm, at Norton Subcourse MC, with a shared tea. Both led by the Chair of the District, the Revd Julian Pursehouse.

March 19<sup>th</sup> – Sociable Club, 2pm – 4pm. All welcome.

Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, is the Churches Together Walk of Witness. **S Vogt**

## United Reformed Church Halesworth and Bramfield Minister: The Revd Jon Sermon

### MARCH 2018

2 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00 p.m.	WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER at Halesworth URC ~ all welcome
4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	WELCOME PRAISE Communion ~ <b>Mr Peter Wagg</b> Evening Service ~ <b>Mrs Dorothy Courtis</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	ELDERS' MEETING
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.  1.00 p.m. Followed by 6.30 p.m.	WELCOME PRAISE Mothering Sunday ~ <b>Minister Jon Sermon.</b> Speaker <b>TEAR FUND (Val Defour)</b> <b>TEAR FUND LUNCH BRAMFIELD</b> BRAMFIELD ~ <b>Val Defour</b> Evening Service ~ <b>The Revd Don Nichols</b>
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	WELCOME PRAISE Morning Service ~ <b>Mr Paul Potts</b> Evening Communion ~ <b>Minister Jon Sermon</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m.  6.30 p.m.	WELCOME PRAISE PALM SUNDAY Service ~ <b>Minister Jon Sermon</b> Evening Service ~ Worship Group
28 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 p.m.	CHURCH MEETING
30 <sup>th</sup>	10.15 a.m.  11.30 a.m.	GOOD FRIDAY MARCH of WITNESS Start from Methodist church GOOD FRIDAY service HURC

## Wenhaston Methodist Church Minister: The Revd Louise Morrissey

### ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10:30

- 4 Iris Baker
- 11 The Revd Louise Morrissey  
Mothering Sunday
- 18 Circuit Service at Knodishall  
The Revd Julian Pursehouse
- 25 Ian Prettyman Palm Sunday

### Tuesday Meetings at 2.30 p.m.

- 6 Lent Group
- 13 Lent Group
- 20 Lent Group
- 27 Bible Study

### Saturday 3rd 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

"Pray Awhile" on a come & go basis for prayer & meditation

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Good Friday Meditation  
The Revd Louise Morrissey

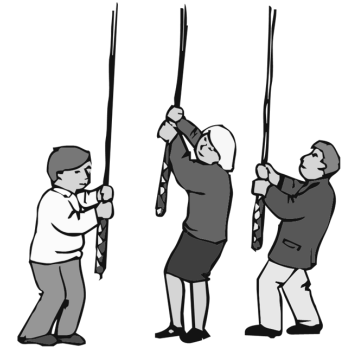
ALL WELCOME AT ANY EVENT

## St Edmund King & Martyr Roman Catholic Church, Halesworth Sunday Mass at 09:00 Mass on Fridays at 10:00





# From the Ringing Chamber



We're already over a month into the new year as I write this, and November will be here all too soon. This year of course marks the centenary of the end of the Great War. 1,400 ringers were killed in the conflict, and Battle's Over, the national organiser of the peace celebrations, are appealing for the recruitment of 1,400 new ringers to symbolically take the place of those who died. Divided between the 50-odd territorial ringing societies that gives the Suffolk Guild a target of about 28, 7 for our North-East District, and getting down to the Blyth Valley we need to recruit at least 2. That sounds like a very modest target, but people expressing an interest in learning to ring, and actually turning out fully capable ringers are two separate things. Lots of people say they love the sound of the bells and would like to have a go, but when they discover how difficult it is and how long it takes they disappear very quickly.

So how difficult is it? Learning to ring has been likened to learning to drive. As with driving you have to do several things at the same time: steering/throttle/gears/looking compare with ringing's handstroke/backstroke/changing/listening. Conventional wisdom has it that the number of hour-long lessons one takes to pass the driving test is the same as your age, which means that a 51 year old is likely to take three times as long as a 17 year old. On average I would say that ringing is very similar, but of course there is no such thing as the average learner, all people are different and learn at different rates, but you get the idea – the younger you start the quicker you'll learn.

What are the rewards? Ringing is just such a fantastic hobby it's hard to know where to begin. People talk about the pleasure of maintaining ancient traditions, but that is only a small part of it. There is the physical achievement, the ability to control a bell weighing

maybe a ton with timing to within hundredths of a second. There is the mental satisfaction of negotiating a path through the other bells and coming back to rounds at the end. There is the teamwork, operating as a single unit with the team only as strong as its weakest link. There is the ability to visit some extraordinary historic places that the general public never see. Most of all though, there is the camaraderie, the huge number of people you meet from all over the world, any of whom may berate you for your inept performance one minute and take you down the pub and buy you a drink the next.

Then there is the question of how far you take it. Using the motoring analogy again, some people will only drive into town to do the shopping, a couple of thousand miles a year while some may travel 40,000 a year as part of their job. Some will learn to drive an HGV, or maybe get into Formula 1, but most won't. In ringing some never progress beyond rounds and call changes, while some push the physical and mental boundaries, such as the band that rang the record length on 12 bells at Alderney last year, a mind-boggling 16 hours on the end of a rope. Most of us are somewhere in between.

So there we are. Could ringing be for you?

All you have to do is turn up at St Mary's on a Tuesday evening and see what we get up to: you have nothing to lose, unless of course you get hooked! We usually go for a pint in the White Hart after practices, and we don't just talk about ringing! Our ages range from 12 to hmmm over 65. What we require is a commitment to ring for Sunday services (9 to 9.30), whatever you feel about the church, and a willingness to learn, do homework, be part of a team, and travel to wherever locally may provide your current learning needs.

# Stardust

How apt that this year Ash Wednesday and St Valentine's day fell on the same day! Shakespeare wrote,

"Golden lads and girls all must  
As chimney sweepers come to dust"

The large number of people across the world who came to church on Ash Wednesday received the sign of the cross, in ash, on their foreheads with the words,

"Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Whatever our age, young or old, whatever our situation in life, whatever our health and whatever our station in society, both Ash Wednesday and Shakespeare remind us that all of us end up the same. Death is a great leveller. Dust cannot be arrogant or humble, rich or poor, generous or mean, cruel or kind.

We are dust, and yet the most amazing thing is that we are all stardust. Every atom, almost every element of which we are made, was created in the heart of a star. That is a mind-blowing thought, and because of it we ought to have a great deal of respect for dust! The whole universe was created, and indeed is still being created, by God. The physical world (universe) is to be respected and cherished. This is why the work of environmentalists (and we ought all to be environmentalists) is so vital. We've plundered the earth. We've filled the seas with plastic. And that is so against the natural order, made by a creative, loving God, that there is every reason for humankind to be ashamed. Just because we are dust does not mean that we are allowed to treat other human beings as anything but infinitely precious. We look across the world and could so easily despair at what women and men do to other women and men.

War, hunger, oppression and all other human ills do not have to be. It's the human urge for power and human greed that locks the world in what seems like an endless nightmare.

And yet there is hope, despite it being difficult for a Rohingya Muslim living in squalid exile in Bangladesh or an abused child. The Christian Church has hope at its very core. Humankind can be and will be delivered from our own folly. Hope says that when chimney sweepers come to dust they become golden lads and girls because they are loved by God and transformed from glory to glory.

Lent is a time both of penitence and renewal: penitence for our part in disorder and chaos, renewal in that God in Christ sets our sins aside and makes us new. That is a continuing process and lasts our whole life long. Perhaps those who suffer so greatly and have shared the sufferings of Christ will walk straight into God's kingdom of love, joy and peace. The rest of us may well have to have some pretty large chips knocked off our shoulders first.

The last week of March is Holy Week: We live through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and 1 April (another possibly happy coincidence?) is Easter Day. And we are to be known as "fools for Christ", counter-cultural, fighting against the less than godly, less than human, standards of a fallen world and corrupt society.

During Lent, Holy Week and Easter, we are on a journey, a pilgrimage, in which we are step by step made new. We follow the footsteps of Jesus, who, because of the Love of God, transformed (and transforms) defeat into victory, death into life, dust into glory. This journey can be an annual microcosm of our whole life, in which, if we allow him, God helps us to become the people we truly are, the people we are destined to be and become.

However you keep Lent, as we journey to Easter, please try to think (and to pray) about some of the fundamentals of which I've written. Try to escape from the things that keep us earthbound and in chains. Because Christ sets us free.

*Edward.*

# Aldeburgh ravaged by pirates, hunger, poverty and disease

Thankfully, not a reflection of today’s tranquil Suffolk coastal resort, but a reminder of the many challenges endured by the townsfolk of ‘early modern’ Aldeburgh, spanning the years 1500-1800. This period formed the subject of a fascinating talk, given by former teacher and local historian Diana Hughes, to the January meeting of the Alde Valley Family History Group at Snape Village Hall.

Diana’s fact-filled presentation was primarily based on the original Chamberlains’ Accounts, covering the years 1566-1592 and 1625-1649, found in a hole in the wall of the council chamber in the Aldeburgh ‘Moot Hall’. Now housing the Aldeburgh museum, the timber-framed Moot Hall was erected by the town Burgesses at a time of great prosperity and is one of the best preserved Tudor public buildings in England.

Drawing directly from the pages of the Chamberlains’ Accounts, that she has personally transcribed, Diana provided the 73 strong audience with intimate details of the historic borough’s income and expenditure, the former including ‘mooring and tonnage’ fees for ships docking at Slaughden Quay, the latter reflecting essential outlay on guns for defence, at a time of threat from pirate raids or foreign invasion.

On a lighter note, we learned of the not insignificant expense of beer, a staple of life in 16th and 17th centuries for those working in the bustling port or labouring in the fields and marshes. Diana then told of the exploits of a talented musician, ‘Blind Harry of Badingham’, apprenticed in Aldeburgh in 1576, and so popular with the locals, that the burgesses supplied him with a number of musical instruments at the town’s expense. Often in a bid to escape the plague, travelling players also paid regular visits to the town, although we find on one occasion, in the increasingly puritanical days before the English Civil War, that a sum was ‘given to the players that they might not play’.

Perhaps the most gruesome content of Diana’s talk was found in the accounting entries relating to the exploits of Matthew Hopkins of Manningtree, known more chillingly as ‘The Witchfinder General’. Here we learned that seven poor women upon whom ‘the finger had been put’ had once been imprisoned in the Aldeburgh Moot Hall at Christmas time. Deprived of food and sleep, they finally admitted to witchcraft and were sentenced to death by hanging. Viewed from a modern perspective, such treatment seems barbaric. However, at the time, Matthew Hopkins was seen to be doing good in rooting out evil and was paid handsomely for his services; so handsomely, in fact, that a special rate was levied upon the inhabitants of Aldeburgh to cover his expenses.

**Chris Broom.**

## THE FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH CENTRE

The Family History Research Centre in the Leiston Council offices is open to all, free of charge, from 10am to 12noon on the first and third Saturday morning of each month, and on Wednesdays by prior appointment. If you wish to request an appointment, please contact Angela Skelcher on 01728 830949.

The Research Centre contains much local information which is not available online, including graveyard catalogues for Benhall, Saxmundham, Leiston, Eastbridge, Aldringham and

Sutton, censuses, directories, information on local war memorials, books, and historic maps. We have recently acquire a large number of CDs and microfiches of local interest. The research centre has computers with Internet, printer, and a scanner. There is also unsecured WiFi Internet access if you wish to bring your own laptop or tablet at your own risk. Experienced family history researchers are present to give assistance if required.

The Research Centre is upstairs in the old Council Offices in Main Street, Leiston, IP16 4ER, in the same building as and to the right of the Library, opposite the Long Shop Museum. Please note that access is by a steep staircase. You can park outside free of charge for one hour, or there’s an “unlimited” free car park in Valley Road – go straight on past Barclay’s Bank and it’s on the right. To access the Research Centre on a Saturday morning you will need to ring the doorbell and wait for one of the volunteers on duty to ‘run’ down the stairs and let you in – we keep the door locked to deter nefarious intruders.

The Group looks forward to helping you with your family history research and to welcoming new members into the fold!

For our March meeting, we return to Leiston, where Chris Broom will give a talk on ‘Heraldry for Family Historians’. The talk will start at 7.30pm on Monday 19th March in the United Reformed Church, Leiston. Anyone with an interest in family or local history is welcome. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members and includes tea/coffee. We look forward to seeing you.

**Blyth Valley Team Ministry**  
**St. Mary’s Church, Halesworth**

*Mothering Sunday*  
*Afternoon Tea*

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**Sunday 11th March**  
**from 3.30pm**

**\*Tea & Coffee**  
**\*Assorted sandwiches / scones / cakes**  
**\*Live entertainment (thank you Jason)**

**ST. MARY’S CHURCH HALL , EVERYONE WELCOME**  
**DONATIONS FOR ST. MARY’S – SIGN UP IN CHURCH / CALL JASON 873336**



## ST EDMUND'S RC CHURCH

The month of March this year is entirely taken up with the solemn season of Lent. The flowerless Christian churches must follow the stony path through to Palm Sunday on the 25th, the beginning of Holy Week, leading up to Good Friday on the 30th and the Easter Vigil on the 31st. This Blyth Valley Times will contain many comments and admonitions regarding what should be our attitude towards Lent. Whatever abstentions we may observe, whatever spiritual resolutions we may vow to carry out, it is a time of prayer and self-denial.

Does that sound very strict and stern? Well, yes, depending on how disciplined we are - but for me and I guess for the majority of us, March will be a month of joy, especially on or around the 21st, the vernal equinox, traditionally the first day of Spring. O blessed Equinox! Let March winds blow, let showers pour down, we shall rejoice and give thanks for the signs of the awakening earth - the first shy violets, the first peeping primroses, the 'lamb's tails' on catkin-bearing trees, hanging down before the leaves appear. And then the golden daffodils which Shakespeare praised because they 'come before the swallow dares, and take the winds of March with beauty'. Is there anything more beautiful on earth than an English Spring, banishing this miserable winter that seems to have gone on for ever?

We must wait until the first day of April for Easter Sunday, the day of Resurrection, echoed in the resurrection of the earth. We cannot experience the glory of that Sunday without first acknowledging our Saviour's sacrifice on Good Friday when by his death he gained for us everlasting life.

Thanks be to God!

*Margaret Holt*

# News from our

## WENHASTON

## METHODIST CHURCH

Here we are now half way into the period of Lent and March takes us through Mothering Sunday, Palm Sunday and up to Good Friday. Easter Day being on the 1st April.

Also during March we shall be having Women's World Day of Prayer, which is on Friday the 3rd.

This year's service has been planned by the women from Suriname and will be hosted this year by the United Reform Church in Halesworth at 2.00 pm.

On the first Sunday this month I shall have the privilege of leading worship, followed by our minister the Revd Louise Morrissey taking our Mothering Sunday service, when all the ladies are presented with a posy of fresh flowers.

The following Sunday we are having a Circuit Service at 10.30 am at Knodishall Methodist Church which will be taken by our Chair of the District the Revd Julian Pursehouse and followed by a bring and shared lunch. Our preacher for our Palm Sunday service will be Ian Prettyman, one of our Local Preachers, who has been preaching in this Circuit for almost fifty years.

I am pleased to say that Ina Gray is now back in her own home and is managing with carers, Margaret is still not well and Rosemary although recovering from her injuries is now saddened by the loss of her husband David, who died on the 2nd February

We hold them all in our prayers.

Wishing you all a blessed Easter.

*Iris Baker*

# Sister Churches



## HALESWORTH & BRAMFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

As part of my preparation for Lent, I've been looking again at the incident on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24 – probably also the encounter mentioned briefly in Mark 16: 12-13). With a theme of 'Walking through Lent with Jesus'. I'm wondering what this can say to us today?

So, there were two of Jesus' followers (many translations use the word disciples) walking back from Jerusalem to the village where they are staying, 3 days after Jesus was crucified. They are talking – and we know from their encounter with Jesus a bit later that their talk is of disappointment, despair even.

One of them was called Cleopas. Did you ever wonder why one is named and the other not? Could it be that Luke didn't remember who was with Cleopas that day? Or is it simply that he did most of the talking – and that's why Luke names him?

There is another possibility, reflecting the culture of the time: What if the other was not a 'he' but a 'she' – perhaps Cleopas' wife? Their cultural assumptions would have made them treat identifying a woman as somewhat less important than a man. We can't know, of course, but it is just possible that this is another of those indications, often just below the surface, that women played a much bigger part as early followers of Jesus than was the 'norm' for their time.

They didn't recognize Jesus! He came alongside them,

gradually helped them see God's bigger picture... Eventually they did, and all fell into place: "Didn't our hearts burn within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (v32) Once they realised it was Jesus, the way he had helped them see God's Word from the Scriptures applied to recent events made perfect sense!

Jesus still comes alongside. Sometimes not recognized at first. He helps us see God at work in our circumstances – and to read and understand the Scriptures. And when we meet for Bible Study, Home Groups etc, we can still experience our hearts burning within us!

One last thing: They thought it too late for Jesus to travel further and invited him to stay the night. Even later (after the meal) they were so excited they travelled all the way back to Jerusalem – to tell the others. Do we need to re-capture the excitement of telling the Good News of Jesus?

They burst in 'big with news' and the others 'stole their thunder'! They already knew Jesus was risen! I hope Cleopas and the woman or man with him didn't feel they'd had a wasted journey. And nor should we, whenever we tell the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Risen Saviour, who wants to gently come alongside everyone.

Blessings

*Jon*



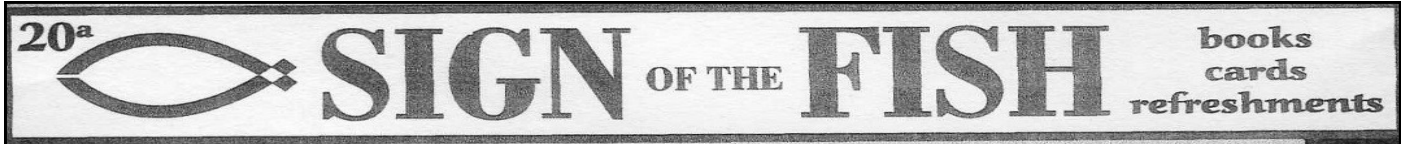
### Easter Worship and Events

*Palm Sunday Procession – 25<sup>th</sup> March*

*Good Friday Walk of Witness – 30th March*

On Palm Sunday meet at Halesworth library at 10.00am. There will be a blessing of palms and the procession will then move through the Thoroughfare finishing at St. Mary's Church for Sunday worship.

The Good Friday Walk of Witness will leave Halesworth Methodist Church at 10.15am and follow a route via the Market Place and Thoroughfare, finishing with a service at the United Reformed Church at 11.30am.



Is the spine hanging off your favourite Bible? Is it held together with elastic bands? Is it stuffed with bookmarks containing thoughts and comments because there's no more room for marginal scribbles or underlining? Or perhaps a new Bible with benefit of historical notes, commentary and "life application" points for added guidance is called for? Or maybe it's just time to see if another version alongside your favourite would be enlightening and refreshing? Or perhaps you are looking for a gift for a young relative or friend. Could be time to pay a visit to *Sign of the Fish* where a fairly comprehensive range of Bibles in different versions and formats is available for you to inspect and browse through: and here is a useful guide produced by the Bible Societies to assist your deliberations.

(The list is alphabetical, excluding the words "the" and "new", no ranking order is intended or implied!)

*Val Jennings*  
for Sign of Fish

#### **NEW AMERICAN BIBLE (NAB)**

Catholic. A translation from the original languages by a group of Roman Catholic scholars done in the 1970s and revised in the 1980s. Also includes helpful reading notes. **A good study Bible.**

#### **NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE (NASB or NASV)**

Protestants who reworked the Revised Version (not the RSV), which was a revision of the KJV done by British Scholars on the basis of available manuscripts. It used readings preferred by the Americans and with "American" English and weights and measures. In 1963/71 a conservative revision of this became the NASB. They used the most up to date critical editions of the biblical texts and attempted to be as literal as possible in terms of translation and sentence structure. **A good Bible for close textual study.**

#### **CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH BIBLE (CEV)**

A rendering of the intent of the Hebrew and Greek text published in 1995 by the American Bible Society. It uses inclusive gender language and is sensitive to concerns over Jewish sensitivities. There is some controversy over this version's claim to contain no anti-Judaism since there are biblical texts which seem, in the original, to express such sentiments. The interpretive translation strategy eliminates these and sometimes masks the language of the original writer. Although this is done to help modern readers avoid drawing wrong inferences about Judaism, this version is sometimes less of a translation and more of a commentary. **A readable version but should be used with caution and checked against other versions.**

#### **ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)**

An "essentially literal" translation that seeks to capture the precise wording and personal style of the original writers. Produced by an international 100-member team of many denominations who share a "commitment to historic evangelical orthodoxy, and to the authority and sufficiency of the inerrant Scriptures." Its emphasis is on 'word-for-word' correspondence, at the same time taking into account differences of grammar, syntax, and idiom between current literary English and the original languages. Thus it seeks to be transparent to the original text, letting the reader see as directly as possible the structure and meaning of the original". First published in 2001. ([www.esv.org](http://www.esv.org)).

#### **GOOD NEWS BIBLE (GNB) = TODAY'S ENGLISH VERSION (TEV)**

Published in the 1960's-70's by the United Bible Societies. A translation of the original texts which does not use the traditional vocabulary and style found in English versions but "attempts in this century to set forth the Biblical context and message in standard, everyday form of English". A few "cultural" or "historical" notes are supplied to explain aspects of the texts. Available in Catholic and non-Catholic versions. In some editions line drawings attempt to illustrate various aspects of the text. In 1990 a revised edition was published which attempted to use inclusive language and correct passages in which the translation was seen as problematic or insensitive from either a stylistic or an exegetical (accuracy) point of view. **Good for general reading and to supplement more literal translations for Bible study.** The Good news Bible is widely used in schools in the UK.

#### **NEW ENGLISH BIBLE (NEB)**

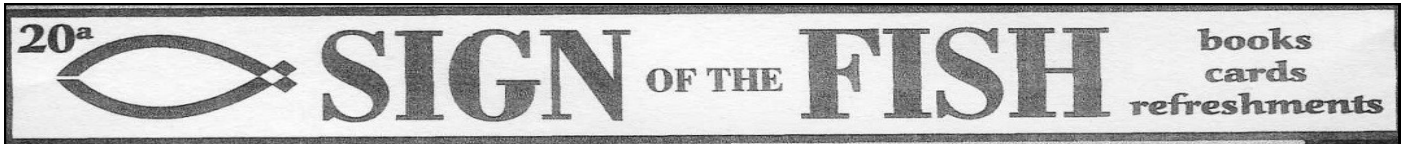
British Protestant churches set out to produce a completely new translation of the Bible, based on the Greek text, under the general directorship of C.H. Dodd (1961/70). It shows excellent scholarship and vigorous modern British style. The translators had access to all the important Greek manuscripts, including the major codices. It is good for general reading but is not literal enough for detailed study. Now revised as the **REVISED ENGLISH BIBLE (REB)**.

#### **NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)**

Evangelical. A translation of recent critical editions of the biblical texts by conservative, protestant biblical scholars done in 1973/78. It is based on a dynamic equivalence model (see below) and thus the text is very readable. It is recommended for reading large blocks of material. This is probably the most widely-used translation in the world. There is also a **New International Readers Version (NirV)** which is for readers of English as a second language. In England a gender inclusive language edition was produced but has generally not caught on as well as the original NIV. A new, gender inclusive language edition of the NIV - "Today's New International Version" (TNIV) - is quite controversial among the conservative evangelical community ([www.tniv.info/index.php](http://www.tniv.info/index.php)).

#### **JERUSALEM BIBLE (JB)**

Catholic. Originally a French translation of the original languages. The English translation of the French was checked against the original languages, but sometimes the French is



followed more closely than the original languages. It includes an abbreviated form of the original French notes. Although the English is a translation of a translation, it is still thought to have captured well the sense of the original. **It is good for study and reading purposes.**

#### **NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE (NJB)**

Catholic. Published in 1985, it is a completely new translation into English of the original Hebrew and Greek text of the Bible. It is a more literal translation than the original JB. The introductions and notes are revised and expanded to take account of recent advances in scholarship. Where some aspect of an interpretation of a text is involved in the translation, the interpretation chosen by the editors of the JB has generally been followed by the NJB. It reflects consistency in translation of similar synoptic passages and in using the same English word for a particular Greek or Hebrew word. **Primarily a study Bible but it also reads well.**

#### **KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)**

Also called the Authorized Version, this text dates from 1611. It is a revision of the Bishop's Bible (which was somewhat based on the original languages) by a commission appointed by King James I. It was favourably received by the authorities and authorized to be read in the churches. It has had an important influence on English literature. However, it is based on III CE (or later) Byzantine Greek texts, which have subsequently proven to be fairly unreliable from a text critical perspective. The **New King James Version (NKJV)** updates the language of the KJV while preserving its basic literary structure. There is also **The 21st Century King James Version (KJ21)**.

#### **THE LIVING BIBLE (TLB)**

Fundamentalist. A paraphrase of the Bible done by one man, Kenneth Taylor, between 1962 and 1970. His sources were the English versions of the Bible available to him. He took many liberties in his modernization of the English text which often alters and distorts the biblical message. It has a fundamentalist theological bias and betrays a certain anti-Semitism in places.

#### **NEW LIVING TRANSLATION (NLT)**

Conservative Evangelical. A new translation (1996) of the original languages based on a dynamic equivalence model done by a large group of American evangelical scholars. Although marketed as a revision of the Living Bible (to capitalize on the earlier version's popularity) it represents a fresh, easy to read translation. **It is better used for reading large amounts at a time than for detailed study of a text.**

#### **THE MESSAGE**

A translation of the New Testament by a single person, Eugene Peterson, rather than a committee, that seeks to capture the expressiveness of the original languages. It is not a word-for-word translation, The Message has become very popular because of its poetic language and readability. Earlier versions did not include Chapter and Verse numbers, which made it more difficult to cross-reference against other Bibles. This was improved with an update, **The Message Version 2.**

#### **REVISED STANDARD VERSION (RSV)**

Commissioned in 1937 and authorized by the National Council of Churches, this American work is the best of various attempts to revise the KJV (published 1946/52). It stays faithful to the KJV where possible, but uses modern scholarship and a good sense of English. Its two problems are that its loyalty to the KJV prevents the full play of modern critical knowledge and it retains much "Bible English." It was able to employ better Greek manuscripts than its predecessor, particularly some that are both early and important. **It is a fairly literal translation and thus good for study purposes.**

#### **NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV). [THIS IS THE TRANSLATION USED IN THE BLYTH VALLEY TEAM MINISTRY]**

True to its name, this is a revision of the RSV, taking full account of the most recent papyrological finds. The committee of scholars was able to break free from adherence to the KJV. It attempts to use inclusive gender language. It is somewhat quirky in its translation in a few places **but generally it is a good choice for reading and study.**

## **CENTENARY SHARE**

£95.4k was paid by the Parishes to the Diocese last year, which was 90% of the amount requested. These figures amount to a reduction on the previous year and reflect the difficulty all of the Parishes are having in raising funds. Having said that the majority of Parishes paid their requested share in full (some had to draw on reserves), and all made a commendable effort. Many thank to all of you for your generous contributions.

As I have said before, this money is essential to the Diocese and contributes towards the cost of ministry in each parish. However our ability as a benefice to meet an increasing funding request from the Diocese (as in the current year) is severely limited and realistically is unachievable and therefore we will need once again to recommend to the Diocese that it takes effective steps to balance its books and recognise that our ability to raise extra funds is extremely unlikely in the foreseeable future.

**Pedro Cockerton, Team Treasurer.**





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**Saturday 16 June 2018 10.00am to 4.00pm  
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This conference is aimed at anyone who is interested in world mission and in what we can learn in regards both to discipleship and evangelism as we seek to fulfil our Growing in God vision.

Our keynote speaker is Janice Price, World Mission Adviser to the Archbishop's Council and other speakers will talk about the challenges of climate change, our link diocese of Kagera, the world on our doorstep, and Fairtrade. There will be a variety of workshops looking at other aspects of mission as well as opportunities to share world mission links and experiences with others. Amongst the organisations attending will be Christian Aid, Global Hope, CMS, USPG and SIM.

Cost: £5 a head. Please bring your own packed lunch. Open to all, to book please visit: <https://worldmissionconference2018.eventbrite.co.uk>  
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**St Mary's, Halesworth  
Receipts Summary - January 2018**

Collections	£1516.52
Planned Giving	£1404.00
Fees	£562.35
Fundraising	£198.70
General	£77.93
VAT Reclaimed	£242.10
Gift Aid Refund (incl Friends)	£8383.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>£12384.77</u></b>
Church Café	£67.79

**EASTER LILIES**

It's that time of year again, Rosemarie Mallett is collecting donations of £5 for Easter Lilies for St Mary's, Halesworth

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is

**Saturday 10th March please, by 12 noon.**

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*Please bring a torch*

### LENT LUNCHESES

*in support of the Leprosy Mission*

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2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March

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Sandy Burnett

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Stephen Dufy

All lectures will commence at 2pm in  
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# What's On at Halesworth Library

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Mondays from 10am to 12pm, local writer/publisher Tom Corbett runs a creative writing group at the Library. A parallel group is held on Tuesday evenings from 6.30pm to 9pm at Bridge House. This eight-week rolling programme includes both poetry and prose writing. Contact Tom on 07831 364021.

Board Games Café is a great way to socialise and play some fun new games, or re-visit old favourites! Usually the last Monday of the month. Diary date - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. All adults welcome.

Tuesday mornings we usually have a support session for using Laptops and iPads from 9.45am to 10.45am at £5 per session. There is also the possibility of one-to-one sessions at £15 per hour. All places must be booked, usually well in advance! Please contact staff.

Every Tuesday, we have Baby Bounce and Tot rock from 10am to 11am, for babies/toddlers and parents/carers. Young and old can make new friends and enjoy some company.

Are you new to the area and want a bit of company? On the first and third Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm "Knit & Natter, Stitch & Chatter" takes place. Support for your craft projects. New members welcome. If knitting is not your thing, on the second and fourth Tuesday, from 2pm to 4pm "Mindfulness Colouring" takes place. Use our materials or bring your own. New members welcome; a great way to meet people.

Wednesday from 10.30am to 12pm we host the popular and friendly "Time Out" session. 28th February - Dorothy Courtis has a new book out, and will be telling the group about "Necklace of Lies". 7th March - "Friends of the Gambia" - Sheila and Esther will be sharing their experiences as

frequent visitors since 1989. Many thanks to all who contribute to make this group such a great success.

On Thursday mornings (when the Library is otherwise closed) we host two fitness classes suitable for all abilities (in both classes all activity is done while seated). From 9.30am to 10.15am there is an exercise class which includes cardio and strength movements. Then the popular "I Move Freely" class of gentle fitness exercises takes place between 10.30am and 11.30am. The price is £4 per session, but if you attend both, the second session will be half price! Any queries please email [susan\\_potter\\_57@hotmail.com](mailto:susan_potter_57@hotmail.com) or text 07780 707972.

There is a chess club at the library! Call Andrew Lindqvist on 01986 785467 or email [andrewlindqvist@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewlindqvist@btinternet.com) for more details.

On the second Saturday of the month, between 10am and 11am, local county councillor Tony Goldson holds a drop-in surgery.

Sunday between 12pm and 2.30pm we have free craft activities and stories for children. All ages are welcome but 7's and under must be accompanied.

Every other Sunday, from 10am to 11am, the Library hosts Lego Club. All are welcome. £2 per builder.

Monthly on Sundays at 11am to 12.30pm we have Book Wizards reading club for children aged 7 to 13. This is free, but it is essential to book ahead.

If you are not already a Library member, then please come and join. All you need is to come in with proof of name and address and we will issue you with a library card that can be used at all Suffolk Libraries and will give you access to the Cambridgeshire catalogue (and to their libraries should you be there). Apart from the usual books, DVDs, CDs etc., we have lots going on for all ages.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Or e-mail us at [halesworth.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:halesworth.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk) or phone us on 01986 875095.

## HALESWORTH *dementia* CARERS' FUND

Two months into the new year and we are called on even more for help with respite for carers of people living with dementia. So our work continues raising funds to carry on. Every single penny we raise goes towards paying the professional, dementia-trained carers we always use. To this end, our last film 'Going in Style' was a real hit with our audience. It proved you can't write off the old'uns just yet.

Our next film to be shown at 3pm at the Cut on Wednesday, 21 March, is the highly-acclaimed 'Victoria and Abdul' starring Dame Judi Dench. Please come and support us. Tickets, at the door, are £5 but please arrive early as last tickets - and those for the raffle - are sold till 2.45. We are constantly seeking good prizes. If anyone can let us have any nice items we would be so grateful. Please contact Dave & Jackie Rich on 01986 875444. It defeats the object if we have to use hard-won funds to buy prizes. Jill Denny will also be selling her lovely hand-crafted cards before the film. Again, every penny goes towards care costs. If you haven't already got a 'Fill-a-jar' and would like one, please go to Dave and Jackie again.

Many of you enjoyed our Charity Gig at Chinny's in November. We hope to run another evening of music this year but we're looking for sponsors to enable it to go ahead.

In May we will be celebrating our 5th birthday. We would love current and new 'Friends of' to hold Chari-Teas for us when the weather is nicer...as the name suggests, similar to coffee mornings but tea and cake instead. Once again, Dave and Jackie have details and packs.

We thank so much the several clubs, groups and societies who raised money for us over the last few months with carol singing, a jewellery sale, collections and donations. This was wonderful. Where would we be without these lovely people?

Paddy Flegg, Publicity

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# Mothers' UNION

## Christian care for families

### Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich

You are invited to our coffee morning on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 10 a.m. in St Mary's Church Hall. Do come along and share fellowship and a cup of coffee, there will be the usual bring and buy stall and homemade cakes.

As members will know the government regularly consults Mothers Union on matters that affect family life and the wellbeing of children. So this month I thought I would reproduce an article from the Mothers' Union monthly newsletter "[Mothers' Union attend Parliamentary consultation on Supporting Relationship Education](#)". During January our Chief Executive, Bev Julien and Mothers' Union Coventry diocese Parenting Facilitator, Karen Morris attended a Parliamentary consultation on supporting Relationship Education" hosted at Parliament by Fiona Bruce MP.

Karen Morris is currently involved in what Should We Tell the Children about Relationships and Sex? in her diocese of Coventry. It's a parenting programme developed in 2004 by Coventry University Health Research Centre, commissioned by Coventry City Council. Mothers' Union parenting facilitators were amongst those on the steering group and have been the major providers of the programme in Warwickshire.

After listening to speakers such as Judith Nermerth, executive director of Najos and Harry Benson, research director from the Marriage Foundation, Karen spoke about the importance of remembering the perspective of parents when looking at Relationship and Sex Education (RSE). She said "Parents are really concerned that they don't have the skills to talk to their children about relationships and sex but they also don't know

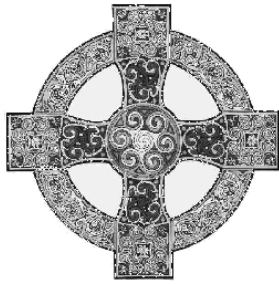
what is happening at school and what their children are being taught. She continued, "The what we tell the children...scheme that Mothers Union are involved in helps empower parents to have ongoing conversations with their children about flourishing relationships and sex. It also builds up a relationship with the child, parent and school so that there is transparency around what the child is being told." Karen's words were cited throughout the rest of the debate with contributors echoing the importance of parents' involvement in RSE.

There were a number of valued points and opinions raised throughout the consultation with everyone in the room in agreement on the importance of Relationship and Sex Education to educate children on the importance of healthy, flourishing relationships.

Bev says "it's extremely important that we are sitting at the table and contributing to such an important discussion. Mothers' Union members continue to be at the forefront of supporting families and have tremendous insight in to what parents are concerned about when it comes to talking to their children about the crucial issues of relationships and sex."

The May/June issue of Families First magazine has an article written by two of the Coventry parenting facilitators which can be down loaded by the families first app. This month the focus of our monthly meeting is Lent and Diana will be leading the meeting, as our planned speaker is unable to attend owing to unforeseen circumstances. This meeting is open to all whether MU members or not so do join us for a quiet afternoon of spiritual refreshment.

*Win Sutton*



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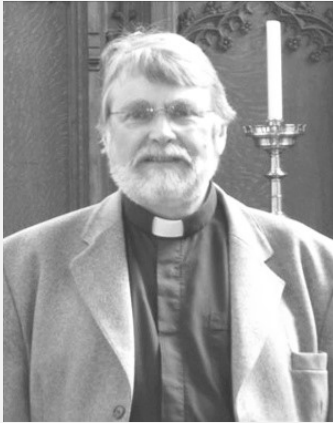
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# News from Town and Villages

## Bramfield

Temporary Correspondent

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FURTHER DETAILS NEXT MONTH

### Irene Johnson



Another month when I have to report the death of a long- time resident of Bramfield. In her very late eighties Irene Johnson (née Sherwood) has died in Halesworth. She was born in Bungay and moved to Bramfield when aged 5. The large family of 5 boys and 3 girls lived (maybe not all at the same time) in the very old house (pictured) opposite the alms house site and where Dave Pring's house now stands. Irene married Fred Johnson who was manager at Macleod's fruit farm where Irene also worked until she moved to helping clean the school. She had one son, Adrian who lived with her and they moved to Bouchain Court when sadly she had move from the School House.

She had been such a tireless supporter of the Village Hall always ready to dispense teas. In May 2012 I reported in the *Team Times* " *At the recent Military Band Concert given by the The Band of the Brigade of Gurkhas at Halesworth Middle School Irene Johnson supported by a large group from Bramfield, was congratulated on her loyal years of collecting for the Royal British Legion and was awarded a brooch and presented with a bouquet of flowers*". We shall miss this sort of continuity of life in Bramfield and our condolences go to Adrian in his sad loss.

A celebratory tea will be held in Irene's name in the Village Hall on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Early snowdrops



I have often included a picture of the snowdrops in the churchyard (down in the eastern corner) and sometimes I have despaired about them ever appearing. A picture in April 2012 shows them to have been very late. Well this year here they are at the beginning of February. The birds also seem to be making distinct signs of pairing up and testing the nest boxes.

A fantastically successful pantomime, *Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*, was staged at The Cut by Circle 67 (who rehearse in Bramfield Village Hall ) during January and here are a couple of choice jokes which were enjoyed by the packed audiences.

**Constable** " An urgent crime report has just come through , Sir."

**Inspector** " What is it Constable?"

**Constable** "Vandals have cut a big hole in the fence at the local nudist colony, Sir."

**Inspector** " Hmm, we'll have to look into that."

### Two robbers in prison.

**Ahmed** " What was your family like Mahmoud?"

**Mahmoud** "My parents were in the iron and steel trade – my mother did the ironing and my father did the stealing."

### Village Hall Draw

#### January

1 <sup>st</sup>	V & R Heater	£11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs P Cairress	£6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Jean Cox	£5

#### February

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mrs S Scott	£11
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mrs R Brough	£6
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs B Langley	£5

### Church Opening and Closing

#### For week beginning Monday

Mar 5	L Buckingham
Mar 12	E Edwards
Mar 19	L Trussler
Mar 26	C Webb

### Church Cleaning

#### For week beginning Sunday

Mar 4	C Chenery
Mar 11	R Booth/C Webb
Mar 18	L Buckingham & L Trussler
Mar 25	R Booth & C Webb

### Altar Flowers for Sunday

Mar 4 & 11 Sylvia Foster.

No flowers during Lent

## Chediston

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There is, I'm afraid, very little to report this month. January, I think is one of the saddest & longest months (at least it felt like the longest!) of the whole year and this year was no exception. We have had dreadful weather although when writing this we have so far escaped too much of the dreaded



"white stuff".

In the garden the birds all sing merrily and are eating what I put out for them. The snowdrops are out, not as many this year and very few aconites as I don't think they like our soil. There are even a few hyacinths pushing their way up – I feel like telling them to go back to bed as I cover them with compost.

We look forward to spring & hopefully it will come early this year so all those who have had colds or the dreaded 'flu and who have been unable to get out will feel refreshed and invigorated.

We are sad to report the passing of Jim Webb on Sunday February 4th. Jim was a long-term resident of Chediston and latterly had moved to Halesworth. Our sincere condolences to Eileen and the family.

Chediston Church PCC is looking for a keyboard and/or organ player who would like the opportunity to play in public in the church. This would entail playing maybe twice monthly and also at weddings and funerals. Maybe a student to enhance a cv! If you think that you can help or want further details please contact David Mantell on 785440.

### Chediston Bowls Club Outing

*Pat Twyman writes*

Hi everyone, just to let you know what a wonderful outing we had at the end of January with the Chediston Indoors bowls group. Lovely meal in "Kemps" the restaurant of the Theatre Royal in Norwich, a marvellous show afterwards (Top Hat). What a wonderful cast, we all came out afterwards wishing we were just going in again.

Thanks Joan Williamson for obtaining the tickets, Linda Coe for arranging the Community Bus & Graeme for organising this lovely outing.



*Graeme adds: although this show was an amateur production, it was difficult to tell – the cast were superb. Irving Berlin's tunes and lyrics were all there and the group had a lovely visit. The Community Bus meant that there were no worries about having the odd drink either – all round a great night out.*

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting for all Parishioners which is open to **everyone in the parish** – churchgoers or not, takes place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Chediston Church Schoolroom preceded by wine and cheese at 7pm

This is the meeting when church wardens and officers are elected and any issues that parishioners may have can be aired.

It would be appreciated (but not absolutely necessary) if any issues to be raised can be notified in advance to any member of the PCC.

This is your opportunity to voice your opinion on the running of the Church.

With Lent now upon us we look forward to forthcoming services in the church. Mothering Sunday this year is on 11<sup>th</sup> March. The service will be led by Diana Gardiner, one of the Blyth Valley's lay readers. There will be simnel cake afterwards and an opportunity for children (and parents and friends of course), to see the latest new born lambs at Bridge Farm. Hopefully we will get a super attendance for what should be a lovely day.

### Easter Services

Good Friday is on 30<sup>th</sup> March and there will be the usual service at St Mary's, Chediston at 9.30 am. This service is a brief reflective event, led by Veronica Downing and is in marked contrast to the joyous Easter Day service, two days later, also at 9.30am, led by Vic Hopkins, one of our retired clergy.

We will be decorating St Mary's for Easter so "all hands on deck" please. Either Good Friday afternoon or Easter Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

## Halesworth

### Correspondent

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£542.50 was raised for Church funds on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January as we once again started the year with a Burns Night Celebration (we seem to have the knack for a Burns night now!) With thanks to Jean, Gwen, Simon, Matt, Sue, Mike, Jan, Sarah, Debbie & Charlie for their contributions. A real team effort. 37 mouths enjoyed a three course meal: Salmon Salad; Haggis, neaps & tatties then a traditional Cranachan (made by my wonderful mother-in-law). We toasted the Haggis, gave the address to the lasses & concluded the evening with an extended version of Auld Lang Syne. Pencil in Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 6.30pm NOW if you missed out this year. To start the year with a fundraising event lifts our spirits as we face another challenge this year to raise £30,276 for the 2018 Parish Share & £5964 in team expenses. On top of which last year we spent approx £10,500 just keeping St. Mary's ticking over. 2017 did see a £7,852 deficit in the share, but do not be disheartened. It is what it is. We will continue our best efforts with fundraising and follow our mission for the team, our communities & diocese. Thank you for your continued support & generosity.



We have two further fundraising efforts/social events booked up. Do join us on Mothering Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am for Breakfast Church, but in the afternoon at 3.30pm join us in the Church Hall for an afternoon tea. Sandwiches, cakes, scones with jam/clotted cream, plenty of tea with a few light sing-along songs, a raffle & a jolly good time. Please sign up in Church so we can keep an eye on numbers for catering.

Then on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April we celebrate the feast of St George with a supper, celebrating all things English. A

three course meal, a short quiz, a few songs, a story of St George, a raffle (of course). Tickets are £15, pay on the night. The night starts at 6.30pm for 6.45 kick off. Sign up in Church. Bring your own beer / wine etc (tea & coffee served on the night). Bring everyone. See the 'What's on' page for more details.

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April starting at 5pm in Church. Jean Lucas will be standing down as Churchwarden. Jean, thank you from us all at St Mary's, you have served faithfully & with dedication whilst Churchwarden, we will be lost without you. Do come along to the meeting to hear reports from Parish organisations, treasurer, FOSM & secretary. Jan will give a clergy view of the year and we will finish the meeting with an open forum. A chance for you to say something which is on your mind, or to offer an idea. Everyone is welcome to join us. 5pm, 10<sup>th</sup> April (note the earlier time).

In my last couple of articles I've been getting excited at the thought of the pews coming out. A chance to open up St. Mary's to all sorts of groups, events, concerts with the flexible space an open plan layout could offer. This project has been delayed for various reasons. At the time of writing I cannot say for sure when the pews will be removed. Watch this space for more details.

Lastly, it seems odd to be writing about this in March, but I haven't had the chance to review Christmas. Once again, St. Mary's played host to the Christmas Tree festival and Santa's Grotto for the town's lights switch on. The Town Carol service which for the second year in a row was very well supported by the choir, musicians & our community. The Children's Christingle Service saw a packed Church singing 'Away in a manger' by candlelight. A sincere thank you to everyone, too many names to mention for contributing to the Christmas life of St. Mary's.

Please pay close attention to the service schedule at the front of this issue of the magazine as we have four Sunday services in March with three different start times! Easter Day falls on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April, this will NOT be a team service, we will have a 9.30am Eucharist. Until next month!

## Holton

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#### Christmas Coffee Morning - Belated Thanks

A big thank you to all who came to my Coffee Morning in December. Once again it was a very happy affair with cakes, sausage rolls and scones aplenty, raising an amazing £335 for Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund.

**Dot Booley**

#### HCNCF Race Night

Holton Village Hall was buzzing on Saturday 3rd February as the Race night once more took off. Six horses for each race pranced down the track with various riders from old to young vying to be a winner. Ten races took place and all had been sponsored by individuals or local businesses. A big thank you must go to all these people. Another thank you to the bookshop for selling tickets for us once more, and most of all to everyone who came and enjoyed the evening and spent their money raising an amazing £2108 for Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund. We look forward to doing it all again in 2020.



THANKS AGAIN!

**Dot Booley and helpers.**

#### Lent Lunches

As you will probably be aware the Lent Lunches have been happening since Friday 16th February, but what you might not realise is that this year we are supporting the Leprosy Mission. This is a charity that we have supported before, but unfortunately Leprosy is still very much a disease of

the 21st Century. Despite the availability of effective drugs many people are still unaware that the disease can be treated and because of fear of rejection by family and society as a whole those affected hide away or are hidden. The Leprosy Mission is involved in treatment and in education, giving people opportunities they would not have received or been aware of.

The Lent Lunches are held in St Peter's Room, Holton Church from 12 noon to 1.30pm each Friday in Lent (2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd March) when home-made soup is served, plus bread and tea or coffee. We also have a Fairtrade stall selling food and household items plus some cards, we are hoping that there will be Easter cards available nearer Easter.

#### Photo Board

The Church Council are looking for ways of making St Peter's seem more user-friendly, and are planning a Photo Board, with pictures of members of the congregation, John Hewlett will be carrying a camera around for the next few weeks, and hopes to be allowed to take your photo; if you like it, it will be put it on the board at the back of church. No pictures will be exhibited without the owner's permission.

#### From the Church Registers

The funeral service for Irwin Harley (Bob) Parker was held on Friday 12th January; a memorial service to celebrate the life of Maureen Sillifant was held on Saturday 20th January; the funeral service for John Cliff was held on Friday 26th January. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and close friends.

#### Dates for your Diary

*Sunday 1st April, 11.15am*

Our Easter Eucharist service will include a celebration of 20 years of St Peter's Room, built by Geoff Quinton & Clifford Woolnough, and opened on Easter Sunday 1998.

*Friday 27th April, 7pm for 7.30*

Quiz Night in Holton & Blyford Village Hall. Dawn and Joy have volunteered to run the quiz to help support the repairs after the storm in January, when two 25m trees fell across the churchyard & the footpath, causing more than £4,000 damage to the churchyard and a neighbour's wall. Ecclesiastical

Insurance (allegedly "Insurance you can believe in") does not apparently pay for any of the clearing-up or repairs.

*Saturday 5th May, 10am*

The Car Boot Sale, on the Church Paddock, returns by popular request.

*Sunday 13th May*

Christian Aid Week begins

*Saturday 7th July*

Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee morning, in the church.

*Saturday & Sunday 21st & 22nd July*

Flower Festival in the church. More information to follow.

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THE AWFUL FASCINATION WITH THE machinations of Mr OpenReach and his merry band is conducted against a background of quiet bewilderment. We assume that the Dénouement, the Ultimate Goal, the Holy Grail, will be the arrival of super-fast broadband, a sort of telephonic Second Coming. However, in spite of years of beavering away, the results can, to date, only be described as modest. When The Day finally arrives we will expect nothing less than Angelic Hosts, Clouds of Glory and Mr OpenReach riding across the Heavens in his chariot pulled, doubtless, by a team of gleaming white vans.

THE PCC MET AND MAPPED OUT something of a gallimaufry of delights for you in the coming year. The A.P.C.M., at which you elect your church officers for the year, will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> there will be a summer party and barbecue, again at the Village Hall. On Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, we hope to visit the site of St. Peter's Linstead Magna for our biennial open-air service. The St. Margaret's Patronal Festival will be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Linstead Village Hall from 12.00 Noon onwards. The Harvest Festival will be on Sunday, October 7th at 6.30 p.m. The Harvest Supper will be held at the Village Hall

on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The Linstead Market will be on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Church Hall. The service of Carols by Candlelight will be on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. It should be stressed that some of these dates are provisional and that in all cases there will be more details closer to the time.

JUST A REMINDER THAT SUBS ARE now due for the Linstead Letter. For the very modest outlay of £12, you will receive, hand delivered, a copy of the Linstead Letter every month. As a bonus, you will receive wrapped around it, a copy of Blyth Valley Times, which comes absolutely free! A bit like fish & chips I suppose. You will have seen the slip attached to the January edition, which some of you have probably managed to studiously ignore (sorry about that, - I split an infinitive). Needless to say, Roger Wilkinson is looking forward to receiving your sub.

WHILST ON THE TOPIC OF SUBS subscriptions are now due for the Linstead & Chediston 100 Club. This is a simple and enjoyable way of supporting our irreplaceable local churches. Each number costs £12 per year and you can have as many numbers as you want. You may even win a modest prize. If you would pass your subscription to Cecilia Metherell for Linstead, Pat Mattinson for Chediston, or any member of the P.C.C. If you haven't subscribed before, or haven't done so yet, do so now, because we usually hold our first draw of the year, retrospectively, at Easter.

NOW THERE IS AN EXPRESSION THAT our transatlantic cousins use, that something is as normal as motherhood and apple pie. Let us be totally honest here. Most of us could make a rough guess at when Mothering Sunday is, but Father's Day, so-called? Total non-event and quite right too. Whilst fathers do have a rôle in life (even if we are not totally sure what it is), Motherhood is indispensable for the survival of the human race and, be they dead or alive, we are all rather fond of them. So here it is:

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CHEDISTON & LINSTead W.I. MET IN February and were treated to an afternoon of reminiscences from Bill Mahood. Predictably they were highly entertaining, including the time he attended the Remembrance Sunday parade at the Cenotaph. On Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> they hold their birthday party, when they will be revisiting the Spexhall Huntsman & Hounds for luncheon. I can also report that in January they met and had great fun making collages of great originality. Rumours that the village hall is still faintly sticky are untrue.

SERVICES IN MARCH COMPRISE Mothering Sunday, (see box) on the 11<sup>th</sup> and on the 18<sup>th</sup> we visit Chediston for a Morning Worship. Both are at 9.30 a.m.

### ROTAS FOR MARCH

#### DATE: FLOWERS & CLEANING

4<sup>th</sup> No Service  
11<sup>th</sup> Mrs A. Frost & Mrs V. Bish  
18<sup>th</sup> No service  
25<sup>th</sup> No Service

## Spexhall Correspondent Roxie Kett 01986 781319

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Hello everyone; I am standing in again for Roxie.

I grew up on a dairy farm, and in our home the badger had a bad press because of its associations with bovine TB. When I was trying to understand more about Candlemas, (half-way between the December solstice and the March equinox), I was intrigued to read that in some traditions the badger was one of the animals thought to come out to test the weather around this time, as

all hoped for a sign of spring.

Be that as it may, we at St Peter's had a lovely Candlemas service where we celebrated Jesus as the Light of the World, with a candlelit procession. Jane was preaching, and reminded us that Candlemas looks back to the birth of Christ and forward to the resurrection; when Jesus is presented at the temple Simeon recognises Jesus as 'a light for revelation to the Gentiles', but also warns Mary that '...a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Prior to Candlemas we celebrated Plough Sunday, the start of the agricultural year. This was a lovely service, enhanced by the presence of the Team Choir with Jason as organist. Whilst baby Clover slept peacefully, we gave thanks for our food and for those who work on the land, and the plough was blessed. As we contemplated new beginnings, we remembered in our prayers those less fortunate than ourselves.

There have been some signs of spring, and some beautiful things to look at in recent days. One morning there was a pink-hued sky with a gorgeous rainbow, and then at the beginning of February the wonderfully bright disc of the full moon as it set. Gentle-looking snowdrops, said to be a symbol of hope, grace the churchyard. By the way, don't be alarmed if you notice that our church gates have vanished – they are in the process of being refurbished.

It will soon be Valentine's Day, when the focus is on earthly love. The Song of Solomon in the Old Testament celebrates this type of love. However, its phrases "... love is strong as death" and "Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it" are sometimes interpreted as describing the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The composer John Ireland (1879 – 1962) used these phrases from the Song of Solomon together with some of Jesus's words in John's Gospel in his choral piece "*Greater love hath no man*".

Shortly before his arrest, Jesus speaks to his disciples and says "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends", having first commanded them to love one another as he has loved them (John, Chapter 15). An unambiguous, difficult challenge here I would think. In preparation for Easter Jane will lead a weekly Lent course, based on John's

Gospel, beginning on 19 February.

Fred is off for a while after a little operation (nothing serious) and will be much missed while he gets over it, as he is one of our quiet heroes in church – just doing things as they need to be done with no fuss or flurry. We send him our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Future events, to which all are invited:**

March 11 – Mothering Sunday service at 11.15 a.m., and Team Evensong at 3.30 p.m.

March 30 – Tenebrae at 8.30 p.m.

April 1 – Easter Sunday service at 11.15

Liz Crago

## Thorington Correspondent Trish Gower 01502 478267

Thorington apologises for lack of entry last month but wishes to thank all those who supported the Carol Service on Christmas eve. The church was full and Jan took the usual service so thank you again to our readers, mulled wine maker, Viv for the mince pies and a thoroughly hearty Christmas Eve.

We will report soon on our PCC meeting and future fundraising plans.

Please see the front of the magazine for Thorington church services.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

## Wenhaston Correspondent Margaret Goldstone 01502 478378

My apologies that there was no news from St Peter's in the February issue, again the mysteries of modern technology or my lack of technical knowledge! Unfortunately the article from MU also was lost"!

By the time that you read this report, we will have had our Pancake Lunch and also the Children's Society Box

Opening, hopefully both will have been successful events.

Easter is early this year and we shall be celebrating Mothering Sunday on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March with a service in the Church at 9.30am. There will be posies of Spring Flowers for everyone and Coffee with simnel cake after the service. Do come and join us for this service to give thanks to God for our Mothers and our Families. You will be very welcome.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March is the date for our first Jumble Sale of the year in the Village Hall at 2 o'clock. We are always grateful to receive any jumble that you may have and are willing to collect if it would help. Please phone Margaret Bloomfield 478502 or alternatively bring it to the Village Hall after 10.30am. on the day of the Sale. There will be the usual cake stall and I will be very grateful to receive any cakes or produce for the stall. Customers always like homemade cakes! (Please phone 478378 if you would like me to collect). Our Prayer List in the Church, which we read at our services, is quite long at the moment as there seems to be a lot of illness and problems around. If you would like us add a name of a family member or a friend to our Prayer List, we should be very happy to do so. Please leave details in the Church in the small box on the table beneath the Doom.

Do not forget that we are always happy to "Fly the Flag" to celebrate Birthdays and other special occasions – just a donation of £5.00 to the Church. Please let me have the date and details. (478378) .

SIDESPEOPLE IN MARCH		
4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30.am.	TEAM EUCHARIST AT ST. MARY'S HALESWORTH
11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30.am.	MOTHERING SUNDAY Jenny Jeffrey
18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30.am.	PARISH EUCHARIST Clive Watson
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30.am.	PALM SUNDAY TEAM EUCHARIST AT ST. MARY'S (Procession from Library 10 am.) No service at St Peter's

1<sup>st</sup> April 9.30.am. EASTER  
SUNDAY  
EASTER  
EUCCHARIST  
Valerie Ellis,  
Jenny Jeffrey

#### CHURCH CLEANING IN MARCH

11<sup>th</sup> Anne and Colin Wright  
25<sup>th</sup> Dorothy Franklin  
Heather Hammond

#### WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB

Our meeting, on Tuesday 6th March in Wenhaston Church Rooms at 7.30pm, will be a workshop with Jane.

The theme is either an arrangement for Mothering Sunday or one to give as a gift.

You will need:-

A pretty teapot or jug. One metre ribbon (no wider than 1") to tone with the colour of your flowers. Scissors. One block of oasis. Some delicate garden foliage. A variety of Spring flowers (or carnations, gypsophilia, roses or chrysanthemums).

New members always welcome. For further information ring Jean Spindler 01502 478317.

#### Wenhaston Mothers' Union

Lent begins on 14<sup>th</sup> February with Ash Wednesday, which happens to be our meeting day. We are looking forward to the Revd. David Sochon's 'Thoughts for Lent'.

Mothering Sunday falls on 11 March, and members will be asked to provide a few small posies to give out at the service that day.

The next meeting will be on 14<sup>th</sup> March in the Church Room, when John Hewlett from Holton will tell us about Water Aid. This should be very interesting and informative, and we do urge visitors to come along and join us.

**Margaret Bloomfield**

#### Wenhaston Village Show

The good news is that even though the Gardeners Club is now defunct the Village Show will still take place. It will be in August the exact date to

be negotiated. The popular Potato in a Bucket competition is to be part of the proceedings, buckets and potatoes will shortly be available at the café. The schedules are being compiled even as I write. Now is the time for seeds to be bought and sown so that we can have a magnificent show!

#### Wenhaston W.I.

Gus Jones' talk on Pizza, Polizia and Mafia certainly lived up to its intriguing title.

Gus joined the Kent police in 1965 before moving to Scotland Yard where he was involved in fighting organised crime, coming up against notorious criminals including the Kray family.

Moving on he joined the National Drugs Intelligence Unit. For a while he was sent to Italy and lived in the grounds of the magnificent Villa Wolkinsky, given to the English as a war prize. It was in his time here that he met Judge Giovanni Falcone, famous for his 400 convictions of the Mafia.

Gus told us of the many ways drug traffickers smuggle their illegal goods across the world. They had a tip off about a boat sailing to the Netherlands. When it arrive it was noted that the bow was very deep in the water, it was searched with dogs but nothing was found. They discovered a concrete block which when destroyed revealed water on top of another block under which was a stash of drugs.

It seems London is the hub of all money laundering, placed as it is between the West Indies and the Middle East. It's a wicked world out there.

Next month Angela Lawrence talks to us about Scandal

#### Footpath walking

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

On Tuesday 20 March Ian Denney will lead a walk round Holton. Meet at 10am at The Triple Plea, to which we shall return for lunch.

For any further help or further information please contact Heather Phillips 01502 478545.

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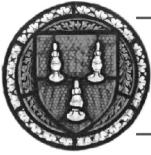
The dogs bark, the caravan moves on... or we thought it had. The water main is laid and Base Camp on the Municipal Car Park has been dismantled, but a new barrier closes The Street near Farm Close, and the official signs advise that essential maintenance work is being carried out. Perhaps it will be over soon, not only making it easier to get the vegetables from Derek Nunn, but also for wider access to The Plough and its Restaurant, which, we are excited to note, officially re-opens at 6.00 p.m. on 8<sup>th</sup> March.

I expect you will remember clearly that about a year ago I was reporting on the impact of Storm Doris on Wissett, and in particular that she had taken half the top off the middle one of the three Scots pines on the border of the churchyard with The Old Vicarage. We recently had Storm Anonymous, which some called David, which dangerously lowered the other half, and sadly we have had to fell the tree. It is hoped that a saw mill will be interested in the long straight stem.

We trust that by the time you read this the church will have been successfully clipped, and all the pancakes eaten. Lent will be on us, and the penitential task of PCC accounts casts its shadow. Valerie Eagle-Bott has a **Coffee Morning for church funds on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, at Hill House, Lodge Lane.** The next day is Mothering Sunday, with the special service at 10.30. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> we plan to spring clean the church from about 10.00 to 12.00: no doubt Maggie will be getting on to some of you about that, as well as decorating with Easter flowers on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>.

Good Friday is 30<sup>th</sup>, and we welcome anyone from around the team to the Stations of the Cross at 9.30 a.m., leading to the enactment of the **Walk up the Green Hill, and hot cross buns at Valerie's.**

We have just heard that we will be able to have our **Easter Eucharist at 9.30 a.m.**, and we are very grateful to Jane Held, who has taken on the formidable work of preparing the team rotas.



# Friends of St Mary's Halesworth

## LUNCHTIME RECITALS

Unfortunately this month's BVT deadline is before the Feb recital performed by The Blyth Ensemble, so the write up will be included in the next edition. Hopefully many of you turned out to support them.

Please also look out for the programme of recitals for the first half of 2018, thanks to all involved with this and to Leiston Press for printing. Since the first recital by Veronica Downing (performing this year in April with Joanna Barfield and Jonathan Rutherford), the lunchtime recitals have raised £7070.23. A huge thank you to everyone who organises, contributes, attends and donates to these as well as to those who very generously donate their time to perform as they play a large part in both our fundraising, but also in providing a platform for anyone wishing to perform their music for their own and others enjoyment.

We are always looking to expand our list of musicians so if you think you might be interested in providing a recital or know someone who would, please do contact us by email, facebook or directly to any of the committee members. It's never too early to book your place for next year!

We are also looking for recitalists for this year to fill the last 2 remaining slots – Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – could this be you?!

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> March – Maggie Smith, Shirley Smith and David Ludlow will be performing songs and arias from opera, operettas and musical theatre!

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

More photos can be seen on our website : [www.friendsofstmaryshalesworth.org.uk](http://www.friendsofstmaryshalesworth.org.uk)



## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are pleased to have raised £92.34 from the Christmas Tree Festival.

## REGENERATION UPDATE

Thanks to all who donated following the urgent appeal requests in 2017 towards the heating and roof repairs. We have temporarily repaired the boiler which is on its last legs. As with everything, the cost of an alternative is significant. Some of the donations received for the heating repairs will need to be put towards upgrading to 3phase electrical which will lead to plug in heaters, following which the flooring can be completed. The cost to install 3 phase electrics is huge. So far, we have raised £3880 towards heating costs, £3250 towards the roof and £2430.56 towards urgent building repairs.

Please do continue to donate if you are able to and just as importantly, if you are able to gift aid your donation, whether it be to this, at a lunchtime recital or your regular giving, please do so as it means we can reclaim 25p for every £1 donated. For the tax year 2016-17, Halesworth PCC were able to reclaim £8383.17 of which £2742.13 was transferred to FOSM for gift aid reclaimed on our donations. Please do remember to include your full name and address, date and signature as without it, we are unable to reclaim.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL

The theme of this year's Flower Festival to be held over the



weekend of Sat 16<sup>th</sup> & Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June will be 'Everything Suffolk'. We look forward to all churches in the Blyth Valley having a flower display. There will be tea, coffee and cakes available so we are looking for volunteers to man this for 1-2 hrs at a time. A rota will be available on the information table shortly for anyone able to help. Further details about the festival and contacts for booking your place to follow.

## 50/50 Club Winners for January:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: W Pagan
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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 12 noon 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.

**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;**
- Rosedale Funeral Directors;**
- Woolnough Funeral Directors;**
- Hideout Café;**
- or The Hub, Huntingfield.**

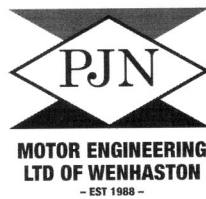
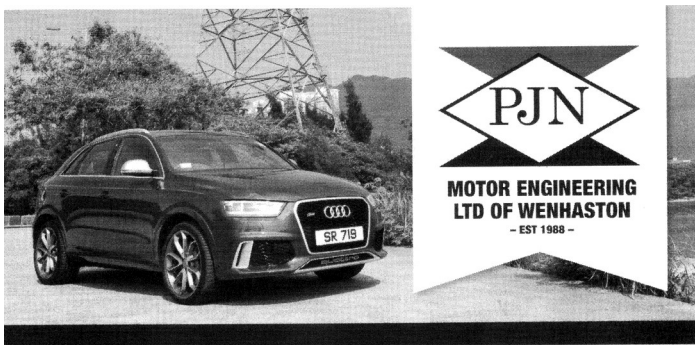
As well as food donations, we need cat and dog food, tin openers, toiletries, washing up liquid, laundry powder and household cleaning items.

We also need bottles of baby food and products, 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, tea bags/instant coffee, tinned fruit.

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**

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# Halesworth & District Museum— From the Archives

Steeple End is the road along the south side of St Mary's Church in Halesworth with its distinctive Grade II listed building, known generally as the almshouses, whose Dutch, or Flemish, gable ends are a notable feature of the Renaissance architecture which spread to northern Europe from the Low Countries, arriving in Britain during the latter part of the C16th. The almshouses played an important part in the welfare of the poor of Halesworth until, having served the town for almost three centuries, new bungalows and sheltered accommodation were built in the 1960s to replace the ageing building, and it was put to new use as the Halesworth branch of the County Library. One part was also used for a time as an office for the issue of animal movement licences. In 1985 the town opened its first museum there until it moved to the railway station in 2000.

Today its first floor is the home of the Halesworth Gallery, run by a local non-profit making association founded in 1966, and the lower rooms are occupied by a second-hand bookshop, and a charity shop which has raised literally thousands of pounds for the Halesworth Community Nursing Care Fund. The almshouses are owned and managed by Halesworth Unappropriated Estates; income from rents goes towards worthy causes in the town, including a contribution to St Mary's building insurance.

The money to build the almshouses was left in his will by William Carey, a lawyer and benefactor, who died in 1686. He was a gentleman, living in Halesworth having, according to his will, "the messuage and tenement where in I now inhabit in Halesworth", although his brother and other members of the family lived at Woodbridge. His ledger stone lies in the church near the font. The inscription reads: *Here lieth the body of William Cary, late of this parish gent, who died ye 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1686, being aged 64 years.*

William was son of William Cary and Mary nee Bolton; their coats of arms are identical to Henry Carey, Lord Hunsdon 1526-96, Lord Lieutenant of Norfolk, but the connection is probably remote. William left his land to his nephew, Thomas, whose son, also Thomas, is recorded as Steward of the Rectory Manor in Halesworth from 1688-96.

In his will Thomas instructs his executors to, "...purchase a small parcel of ground of the Lord's waste in Halesworth, at the South entrance to the Towne nere where the Lord's pound now standeth and thereupon to erect a house for the poore, to conteyn twelve rooms, besides garrets, foure yards and a half square and eight foot high, all to be bricke from the foundation to the roofe, two to be tiled gabell endes with double chimneys and two chimneys of equal distances betweene each: foure fire hearths supplies twelve rooms; one pump or well in the middle behind the house comon to all."

He further stipulates, "This I intend for ever a habitation for twelve or more aged poore single woemen and single men, of honest and good reputation, coming to divine service. And where of such that number be wanting, I will it to be supplied by poore widdowes without children at the discretion of the Church Wardens for the time being. Every person that shall inhabit in the poore's house shall ware a badge of silver as thicke as a halfe a crowne and broader than a crowne, with my coats of arms and an inscription on the rim".

Bunting records in *The Southwold Railway Society Newsletter* a little drama about a resident of the almshouses that unfolded in 1898:

"According to the Halesworth Times on Monday morning 23rd May a passenger died of heart disease, 'It appears that Mrs. Harvey, who has been an inmate of the Almshouses for several years, was on her way to attend the fortnightly meeting of the Guardians at Bulcamp, for the purpose of making application for outdoor relief. She had taken a single ticket for Wenhaston, and was passing along the platform in the direction of the Southwold train, when she fell down'. The doctor summoned said that death was probably instantaneous."<sup>1</sup>

J W Newby writes in the *East Anglian Magazine* of February 1960, "...there are three storeys and it is difficult to understand what kind of life the inmates had who lived in the attics. The one lavatory serving the building was outside at the south end."

He noted that when he went up into the attics during repairs in 1952 that there were still cinders in the old grates and, "...relics of old hats, etc., although none had been occupied within living memory."

Newby goes on to say, "Most of the inmates were old ladies, living in single rooms, who received regularly 1s. 6d. weekly and a hundred-weight of coal from charity. Most of them had relatives, for they were the days of large families, and were not allowed to starve. In addition there was a regular distribution every Sunday morning at the church of one loaf of bread for 'poor widows'.

While working in the north attic during the repairs a workman discovered a package secreted in the hollow of a wooden mantelpiece. The outside wrapping comprised an envelope addressed to 'Mrs Lockwood, Almshouses, Halesworth', and bore an Ipswich postmark dated 26 Nov. 1850. Inside was a 4½-in. clay pipe, containing traces of tobacco, a half dozen 2½-in. long, thick sulphur matches and a wire pipe cleaner."<sup>2</sup> Smoking was frowned upon, but it would seem that one old lady, at least, enjoyed a quiet puff to while away the hours!

It is clear why Steeple End is called thus, but readers who may be interested in other road and street names in Halesworth are directed to the excellent publication, *Halesworth Street Names and Places*, by Derek Newby, available at the Museum, Halesworth Book Shop and Halesworth Library. £7.95.

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# Holy Week & Easter 2018

## Sunday 25 March PALM SUNDAY

10:00 Procession from the Library

10:30 Team Eucharist and Dramatised Passion at St Mary's, Halesworth

## Thursday 29 March MAUNDY THURSDAY

19:30 Mass of the Last Supper & Washing of Feet at St Mary's, Halesworth

## Friday 30 March GOOD FRIDAY

09:30 Green Hill Walk & Service at St Andrew's, Wissett + Hot Cross Buns

09:30 Good Friday Service at St Mary's, Chediston

10:00 Walk of Witness from Halesworth Methodist Church to the URC

11:15 Walk with God - Heveningham Walk of Witness - start at church

14:00 Last Hour by the Cross at St Peter's, Holton

15:00 Bramfield Reflective Service at St Andrew's - ANAM CORA

20:30 Tenebrae - A Good Friday Night Service - St Peter's, Spexhall

## Saturday 31 March EASTER EVE

19:30 EASTER CEREMONIES and SERVICE OF LIGHT - St Mary's, Halesworth  
(Blessing and lighting of all the Team's Paschal [Easter] Candles)

## Sunday 1 April EASTER DAY

08:00 EUCHARIST at St Mary's, Halesworth  
(Book of Common Prayer)

09:30 EASTER EUCHARISTS at St Mary's, Chediston  
St Mary's, Halesworth  
St Margaret's, Linstead  
St Peter's, Wenhaston  
St Andrew's, Wissett

11:15 EASTER EUCHARISTS at St Andrew's Bramfield (BCP)  
St Margaret's, Heveningham  
St Peter's, Holton  
St Mary's, Huntingfield  
St Peter's, Spexhall  
St Peter's, Thorington

*Please remember that EVERY one of EVERY age  
is welcome at EVERY service.*

*Eucharist = Holy Communion = Mass = Lord's Supper.  
Different titles, much the same service.*

*To arrange lifts, please contact churchwardens.  
Contact details on page 18.*