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CORONATION DAY IN ST MARY'S HALESWORTH



What a joy it was to welcome over 50 people to St Mary's Halesworth to watch the Coronation on a big screen on May 6th. It almost felt like we were there!

Thanks to Jason who organised the screen and excellent sound and to the Friends of St Mary's and Halesworth Volunteers who made and served refreshments.

Halesworth celebrated in style the following day with a wonderful street party in the Thoroughfare. It was great to see so many people from different parts of the town getting together to enjoy the day. Thanks to the organising committee, and everyone behind the scenes, who worked so hard to make it a truly memorable event.

See inside pages for more on events across the Blyth Valley...

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JUNE 2023 Lectionary

These selections are for Holy Communion (Common Worship). Epistle and Gospel for Traditional Communion (Book of Common Prayer) may be found in the book itself. These and others may be found at <https://almanac.oremus.org/> or in printed copies of the Common Revised Lectionary.

Sunday 4th – Trinity (White)

Isaiah 40: 12 – 17 and 27 - end (NRSV)

Matthew 28: 16 – end (NRSV)

Sunday 11th – First After (Green)

Genesis 12: 1 – 9 (NRSV)

Matthew 9: 9 – 13 and 18 – 26 (NRSV)

Sunday 18th – Second After (Green)

Genesis 18: 1 – 15 and 21: 1 – 7 (NRSV)

Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 23 (NRSV)

Sunday 25th – Third After (Green)

Genesis 21: 8 – 21 (NRSV)

Matthew 10: 24 – 39 (NRSV)

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LIFE EVENTS

FROM THE REGISTERS IN MAY FUNERALS/INTERMENT OF ASHES

Jean Gardner at St Peter's Wenhaston

Margaret Evans at St Andrew's Wissett

WEDDINGS

Marc Rush and Jane Stevens at St Margaret's
Heveningham

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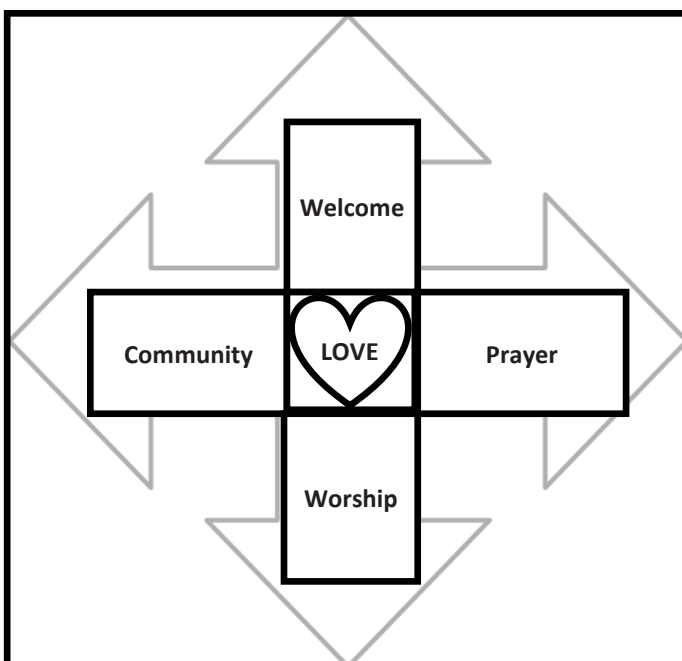


The Waveney Foodbank is very short of helpers at the moment.

**Is there anyone who can spare one or two
Wednesday mornings each month - 10am to 11.30am
- to come and help us at St Mary's Halesworth?**

We would be very grateful!

**If you are able to volunteer, please contact
Gill on 07940 221054 or Pauline on 07758 489102**



Worship in the Blyth Valley				
CW – Year A	June 4th/ <i>White</i> CW – Trinity Sunday	June 11th/ <i>Green</i> CW -Trinity 2	June 18th/ <i>Green</i> CW – Trinity 3	June 25th/ <i>Green</i> CW – Trinity 4
Halesworth St Mary*	8am Traditional Communion Gini 10am TEAM Holy Communion Gini 6pm Evensong Gini	8am Traditional Communion Gini 10am Traditional Communion Linda	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Holy Communion Dominic 6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Iona Worship Jason 6pm Evensong Dominic
St Peter Group				
Holton St Peter		10am Morning Prayer Diana	10am Iona Worship Linda	10am Holy Communion Vic
Wenhaston St Peter		10am Morning Prayer Methodist Chapel	10am Holy Communion Vic	10am Service dedicated to St Peter Alison A
Bramfield St Andrew*		10am Holy Communion Gini		
Blyford All Saints			10am Morning Prayer Alison C	
Thorington St Peter				10am Morning Prayer Linda
St Andrew Group				
Wissett St Andrew		10am Morning Prayer Win	10am Holy Communion David	10am Breakfast Church Diana
Chediston St Mary		10am Holy Communion Alison A		10am Morning Prayer Veronica
Spexhall St Peter		6pm TEAM Choral Evensong Gini	10am Holy Communion Gini	
Linstead St Margaret		10am Matins Malcolm		10am Holy Communion Gini
St Michael Group				
Cookley St Michael			9.30am Traditional Communion Jonathan	
Heveningham St Margaret		10am Traditional Holy Communion David		
Huntingfield St Mary				10am Holy Communion Dominic
Walpole St Mary				10am Morning Prayer David

*Additional Regular Services

Daily 8am Morning Prayer and 6pm Evening Prayer in St Mary's Church Halesworth and on Facebook

Tuesday 10am Weekly Café Church on Zoom; **Wednesday** 10am Weekly Holy Communion in St Mary's Church, Halesworth

Thursday 9.30am Weekly Morning Prayer in St Andrew's Church, Bramfield

First **Monday** every month 2.30pm – Reflection at the Labyrinth, St Peters Holton

Additional Occasional services

Thursday 8th June Corpus Christi, St Mary's Halesworth, Gini

Community services: Beech House monthly. Highfield two per month

Wenhaston Methodist Church

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June 4th: Trinity Sunday

The Revd Martin Keenan HC

June 11th: The Revd Robin Searles

June 18th: The Revd Iain McKillop

June 25th: The Revd Leslie Richards

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From

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

In person, or join via:

8am Morning Prayer

Zoom Meeting ID - 883 5778 9092

Passcode - 607673

6pm Evening Prayer

Zoom Meeting ID - 850 0997 6304

Passcode - 825686

Halesworth & Bramfield URC

Minister: Revd Jon Sermon

Gathered worship

Sundays 11am (10.30am for refreshments)

Usually on Zoom

Sunday 28th May 10.30am Pentecost at Holton

SERVICES IN JUNE

Sunday 4th Gathered worship with Communion

Tuesday 6th 2.30pm Elders' meeting in the
school room

Friday 9th 10am Prayer meeting (and Zoom)
10.30am Coffee morning

Sunday 11th 11am Gathered worship

Friday 16th 10am Prayer meeting (and Zoom)
10.30am Coffee morning

Sunday 18th 11am Gathered worship

Sunday 25th 11am Gathered worship

Friday 30th 10am Prayer meeting (and Zoom)
10.30am Coffee morning

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jon@sermons.me.uk

Judy Morton: 01502 724572

judy.morton@themortonpartnership.co.uk

Jo Moreira (for families and children)

jomohurc@gmail.com



Zoom Meeting ID: 776 – 044 – 1926,
Passcode: 811885

Café Church Tuesdays!

Café Church is held on a **TUESDAY** morning
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*For login details of how to join,
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or

The Revd Linda Berry at:
revd.linda@huntingfield.uk

From the Rector...

Events of recent weeks have provided an interesting context in which to reflect on leadership and community, have they not?

Our Common Worship Evening Prayer Gospel readings have been found in the beginning of Luke. We have been presented with John's extraordinary birth and the Gospel Canticle put in his father's mouth. We have been presented with Jesus' extraordinary birth and the Gospel Canticle put in this mother's mouth. They were both born to their tasks as King Charles has been born to his. So there is the question raised by republicans: surely, birth is not a qualification to leadership. However, we are all born into situations that make us who we are. A child born to privilege may end their life in excess or pain or learn to serve. A child born in poverty may end their life in pain or excess or learn to serve. It is not unusual for inheritors of property to see their wealth as an unaffiliated responsibility to be born on behalf their children and or community. I hope you will join with me as we pray for His Majesty in the vulnerability of his calling.

On another Evening Prayer we heard of Jesus' internal struggle relating to how he is going to fulfil what he thinks of as his calling. This is presented as the Devil discussing the application of Psalm 91 with the Lord. Should he rely on his personality and powers, over content and actual ability? Should he rely on the personality and powers of his connections or does he cheat? Intriguingly, that was the day of our local elections! Local politicians in Labour and Conservative in some cases found themselves at variance with their national parliamentary party. Suffolk Conservative politics has been more cross-party and community-minded than media coverage of their national voice might lead you to believe. I hope you will join with me as we give thanks for our outgoing and incoming local councillors in the vulnerability of their callings.

We have also read the gospel used in the Coronation: the story of Jesus reading the Isaiah passage that the spirit of God is upon him to bring good news to the poor. That day I may have also chaired one of the AGMs of the fourteen local charities whose volunteer committees are each responsible for an invaluable ancient local asset. Like the Queen's Oak at Heveningham, these tourist attractions present an awesome hope of positive energy and longevity. Perhaps like the oak, perhaps like the Lord, they may be overlooked in the physical, social and spiritual landscape. Alternatively, they may be loved if their people speak of good news to the poor. Though relations may quickly sour if the actuality of that directive is clarified and the poor identified, as opinions on slavery reparations demonstrate.

These readings and their context carry the threads of ideas

relating to leadership and community. It is a maxim that people can only lead if they are followed. Our practising Christian monarch appointed on the basis of heredity, pledged to serve the nations of the commonwealth. Then alongside clergy, military and other professions the nations were enabled to promise to serve him. He pledged to serve Parliament as its elected members promise to serve him. Despite living in a parliamentary democracy, our practising Hindu Prime Minister was only chosen by his party... full stop! We have the current administration on the basis of the popular opinion of a previous Prime Minister. Scratch below the surface and you'll find many who felt he was unfit for purpose before election and achieved little save notoriety during his resultant tenure. Yet, look at the outrage when a few with the integrity not to eat meat to avoid animal exploitation, use the only means at their disposal to object to a National Hunt handicap steeplechase! Who do we privilege, then, as the leaders of our community by choosing to follow, swear allegiance to, or vote for? Just those who agree with us even though they may exploit us.

Do we go with arguably the policies of our unelected Prime Minister who is wealthier than the King? Or do we prefer the mixed race, multifaith, ancient and modern inclusion the coronation presents. Are we happy that our parliament's curtailment of human rights, free speech and deportation of asylum seekers may be leading to young people writing offensive graffiti on the skate park. Will we, like the community at Holton who recently saved the pits, organise to stand up and take action for what we believe in? If you do choose to speak good news to the poor, you will know who is on your side.

Dominic

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Rev'd Jon Sermon – Minister

Dear Friends,

By the time you get to read this, I will have begun my sabbatical. I am exploring Inter-Cultural Ministry and Mission in an African context. During June, July and August, I have visits to churches in Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Northumbria among others. That will include giving presentations and meeting congregations with significant numbers of people of African heritage. But the major proportion of my time will be in Africa, visiting Zimbabwe, Uganda and Kenya.

In due course, I will be giving feedback, including here in Halesworth.

In the meantime, it is an exciting time for the church, rising to the challenge of coping whilst I am away. Our denomination is less reliant on clergy than some, so that in normal times either Halesworth or North Lowestoft will have someone other than me leading worship, sometimes both. It is in our heritage.

Even so, the number of services covered by others increases significantly while I'm away. And the lead responsibility for Pastoral Care falls to the Elders. If funerals come up, one of the Elders will take them. And in many ways, the wonderful team of Elders, Lay Preachers, our Children and Family Worker, and all kinds of volunteers will be 'stepping up' even more than usual.


It is such a blessing to be surrounded by brothers and sisters in Christ, ready and willing (but sometimes a bit daunted). Thanks to all of them. Please pray for them – that they will be aware of the equipping of the Holy Spirit and their individual giftings coming to the fore, as they cover whatever God calls them into.

Blessings

Jon


Rev'd Jon Sermon, Minister of
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The Revd Canon Rich Henderson installed as the new Archdeacon of Suffolk

The Revd Canon Rich Henderson was installed as the new Archdeacon of Suffolk during a moving service on Sunday 14th May at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds.

He had previously served as Rector of Beccles with Worlingham, North Cove and Barnby, as well as the Rural Dean of Waveney and Blyth. Canon Henderson, who has been a priest in Suffolk for 17 years, served in Beccles for seven years in his previous role and was a curate there for three years previously.

The Archdeacon was one of the first supporters of foodbanks and is an honorary canon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral.

He said: *"I have been involved in church leadership for 35 years, seven years as a churchwarden, then as a lay youth and families pastor before being ordained in this diocese in 2006. I am looking forward to coming alongside clergy, churchwardens and parishes to help develop good sustainable and flourishing ministry across the archdeaconry. As Archdeacon of Suffolk I will also be supporting chaplains in a variety of ministries across the diocese."*

Archdeacons are key members of the bishop's senior staff responsible for supporting parishes and clergy and furthering church mission, reporting directly to the Bishop.

The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, said: *"We are delighted to welcome Rich to what is a very varied role as one of our archdeacons. He will play a*



vital part in strengthening the mission of the diocese and relating this to the local realities and concerns of the moment. He has a wide-ranging brief which includes care of clergy and matters relating to church buildings, clergy housing, parish fund raising and a range of pastoral concerns."

The Rt Revd Dr Mike Harrison, Bishop of Dunwich, said: *"The Archdeacon of Suffolk is a role dating back to 1119AD and Rich will join our three other Archdeacons in the diocese. He will be supporting myself and Bishop Martin as we encourage parishes, benefices and deaneries in their vital work of mission and ministry in the communities they serve"*.

The new Archdeacon follows in the footsteps of the Ven Jeanette Gosney, of Ipswich, who retired in April after three years as Archdeacon. Her farewell service was attended by many well-wishers in St Michael's Church, Framlingham, recently.

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We were pleased to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III with crown-making and an interactive hand bell workshop on Coronation Day. It was lovely to see over 100 families come together in the library and enjoy the celebrations. We have lots of exciting events planned for the summer months so come along and join in – there's something for everyone!

We continue to offer free hot drinks and a quiet space for anyone who wishes to work or study in the library and when the sun shines our garden is a warm and secluded space for all to enjoy.

Working alongside the Friends of Halesworth library we offer a wide range of activities:

EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF HALESWORTH LIBRARY

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Thursday Book Talk – Thursday 29th June at 7.00pm. For 30 years Jo Jordan and her husband operated long-haul trans-Africa expeditions, driving overland from Halesworth to

Southern Africa. They also self-built an eccentric house on the steep slopes of Mt Meru in Tanzania. **'African Approaches: Roads to a Far-Off Place'** tells their story. Please contact the library for further details and to book your place.

Further details of all our activities are available from the library.

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'100 CLUB' – The Friends of Halesworth library run a '100 Club' to raise funds for the library. Each number costs £1 – so only £12 for the year! To join please ask for details at the library.

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To the St Mary's Halesworth Team

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who made the screening of the Coronation in St Mary's such a success on Saturday 6th May. It was a splendid occasion and a privilege to be able to enjoy the ancient ceremony, prayers and beautiful music in the wonderful surroundings of St Mary's. Thank you to you all, the bell ringers, the lovely catering team and Jason and his team for setting everything up and creating such a great atmosphere. It was an occasion we will never forget.

With our best wishes, Catherine and Ronald Hellen



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Please either visit the Museum at the Railway Station, contact office@halesworthmuseum.org.uk via email, or leave a message on 07552 508893 with your name and telephone number, if you have anything that might be suitable.

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- A little bit of history: Monuments of all shapes and sizes - Part 9

We have reached the penultimate part of this exploration of the many monuments in our parish church of St Mary The Virgin here in Halesworth, with just sundry monuments to mention.

First is the handsome organ, set within a mediaeval perpendicular arch on the north side of the chancel. This replaced an earlier instrument in a gallery at the west end of the nave, which was large and blocked light from the west windows. According to Roy Tricker, "A new organ, by Hill, Norman & Beard, was placed (at a cost of £500) in the north chapel and the area behind it made into a choir vestry, separated from the north aisle by a carved wooden screen. The instrument then comprised eight speaking stops on the Great Organ, nine on the Swell and two on the Pedal Organ. Provision was made for the addition of a Choir Organ, when funds allowed." He adds that the instrument received its choir organ, adding a third manual, six more speaking stops and thus increasing its versatility. The organ bears a brass plaque at its rear with the inscription, "Presented by Helen Warwick in memory of her parents Robert and Hannah Burleigh 10th September 1893." A label dates the renovation of the organ by W A Boggis of Diss in 1986. Helen, née Burleigh, was the wife of Dr Percy Warwick, a GP of Halesworth.

The sound of an organ playing in a church is truly iconic; Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart said, "To my eyes and ears the organ will ever be the King of Instruments."

And then to brasses of which other brasses have been described previously, but a curious brass monument is set into the wall at the east end of the outer south aisle, just to the right of the Lady Chapel. Known as the John Browne Brasses, John Browne, d.1581, was Lord of the Manor of Ubbeston and patron of the living there. Four brasses were found in the River Waveney in 1825, (perhaps a salvaged item from the iconoclastic activity of William Dowsing and his men in the 17th-century), and placed in the church by the Revd S Blois Turner, perpetual curate of Linstead Parva.

The 1577 survey of Halesworth Manor shows John Browne with a house in the Thoroughfare, (possibly where Cross Ram now stands), along with various pieces of land yielding rent. The brasses (which may be incomplete), were dragged out of the river at a spot called the 'roaring arch' at the second bridge on the Earsham Dam. Turner noticed that they fitted the matrices in a stone slab uncovered during the restoration of the church, and had the slab and brasses mounted on the wall. He showed

the restored brasses to members of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology meeting at Halesworth on 11 August 1870.

They are described as palimpsest (ie re-used) in 16th-century Flemish brass. They show his wife with the figure cut off at waist, and two separate plates engraved with figures of 6 sons and 10 daughters. When John died at the age of 80, 54 of his 65 grandchildren were alive. A section is hinged, which, when opened, reveals the original brass, engraved in Flanders in the 1350s.

The inscription reads: *Here lieth John Browne of Hallesworth who lived a quiet life and died the 23 of August in the year 1581, of the age of LXXX years and XXV weeks. He had by his onely wife with whom he lived 54 years and 5 months 6 sons and 10 daughters. He had also 65 grandchildren of whom 54 were living at the daye of his decease.*

Revd Samuel Blois Turner, (1805-All Saints Day 1882), was the eldest son of parents Thomas Turner, (1773-1865), doctor, and Lucretia Grace nee Blois, daughter of Sir John Blois of Cockfield Hall, Yoxford. He went with brothers Henry and Thomas to Charterhouse School, and then to Pembroke College, Cambridge 1824, BA 1828. He was ordained deacon at Norwich in 1829, priest in 1830, and perpetual curate for Linstead Parva in 1832 and Linstead Magna in 1838. By 1836 Revd Turner was living at The Elms in Pound Street (now London Road), Halesworth, with landlord George Suggate (Halesworth clockmaker). He married Marion Day sometime before 1840. The vestry minutes recorded that new street lighting would commence at the house occupied by, "Rev S B Turner near the theatre". A son, Thomas, was baptised on 11 August 1840 at Halesworth. In 1844 he bought land fronting the Bramfield Road from Jeremy Day and built South Lodge.

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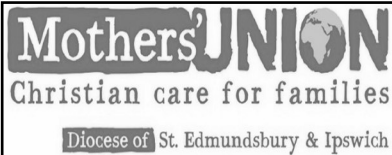
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Good News about Treasurer and Emergency Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - We are delighted to report that Amanda Langan feels able to continue in her role as Treasurer. She will try to limit other MU tasks and concentrate on keeping our Finances in order, so that hopefully the job will not be too time consuming. Sue Doe also feels that she can resume her work as our Emergency Prayer Chain Co-ordinator. Amanda and Sue fulfil their roles very conscientiously and we are really pleased to have them back in the Diocesan Team.

Review of Constitution - At the recent AGM in Martlesham, amendments were discussed to ensure that our Constitution reflects what MU is doing and will be doing in the next triennium. You can find these amendments on the MUSuffolk website.

Communities of Interest - Over the last few years we have started to use some different names for key areas of MU work. The old 'Action and Outreach' is now known as the Development Community of Interest. 'Faith and Policy' has split into a COI for Faith and another for Policy. The Communications Unit has become a Media and PR. Community of Interest

Thy Kingdom Come - Look out for the range of material available at www.mothersunion.org/news/thykingdomcome-2023. The prayers and service outline on the website can be adapted for Branch meetings. The expanded remit of Thy Kingdom Come this year to *"go the extra mile, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to love and serve those we are praying for or others who are in need"*, fits particularly well with our vision and mission, and also gives good opportunity to share this with others, who may be less aware of MU.

Vocations Fair Report - The display for the Vocations Fair at the Cathedral recently, was to highlight our work with the charity Restored on raising the issue of domestic abuse. It was the first stand that people passed as they entered the Fair. The first person who came to talk to me as I set up the Mothers' Union display was Graham Miles, who has just recently joined the chaplaincy at Highpoint Prison. Graham spoke of the need to provide support after prisoners have been released and we went on to discuss potential projects for the inmates, such as a 'Being Dad' parenting project, AFIA holidays for families of prisoners and the Angel tree project. I met the vicar from Christ Church Felixstowe who started by saying she knew all about Mothers' Union and then having looked at some of our resources for churches became much more interested and said 'I never knew you did this!!' She took several leaflets and was very interested in the AFIA projects and has a family in mind that she would like to refer for an AFIA grant.

Jeanette Appleton

Prayers - DP Linda Ginn told us at the Council meeting in Martlesham that she had sent a greeting to King Charles III, assuring him of our prayers.

HALESWORTH MOTHERS' UNION FRIENDSHIP GROUP

We are holding a tea party in St Mary's church Halesworth on Thursday 15th June at 2.30pm. All are welcome, this is an open invitation for anyone to attend for friendly chat with tea and cake.

Win (Tel 01986 875225)

Mothers' Union Quiet Day 26.6.23

The North Suffolk Area MU will be holding a Quiet Day on Monday 26th June from 10am till 3pm in and around St Peter's Church in Holton. The day will be led by Revd Margaret King, a retired priest who lives in Wenhaston, but mostly serves in the Sole Bay Team. The title of the day is **'Doors into Heaven: the role of icons in worship'** Margaret took up icon painting a dozen or more years ago, and last year she came to Wenhaston MU to talk about what was involved and brought a number of icons to show us, including ones she had painted herself. It was a truly inspiring afternoon.

Like all MU events this Quiet Day is open to anyone who would like to attend. You don't have to be an MU member or even a woman! There will be three short talks followed by a time for quiet reflection and ending with a short act of worship. We usually start with coffee and a short time to chat. Drinks will be provided but please bring your own packed lunch. There is no charge, but donations would be appreciated to cover costs.

There is plenty of room to park on the paddock. Let me know if you need a lift. There is a labyrinth on the paddock and a number of benches in the churchyard. There is a small kitchen area in St Peter's Room and also a toilet, so we have every convenience!

If you would like any further information do speak to me or give me a ring. Do look out for posters and flyers which show one of Margaret's icons. There are certainly flyers in St Mary's Halesworth, St Peter's Holton and I think St Peter's, Wenhaston.

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Monday 26th June 2023

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led by Revd Margaret King

Three talks, each followed by a time for quiet reflection. The day will conclude with the Eucharist.

Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided.

FRIENDS of ST MARY'S RECITAL REVIEW

On Wednesday 10th May we welcomed local Mezzo Soprano Wendy Slaney and Soprano Veronica Downing being accompanied by Jonathan Rutherford on the piano to St Mary's for a lunchtime recital.

Both soloists are grateful to Rebecca Knight for her wonderful patience and tuition over the past months.

The recital opened with a duet *Panis Angelicus* by Cesar Frank. Veronica and Wendy's voices complimented each other well. We moved on to Handel, a solo piece from Wendy *Ombra Mai Fu* from Handel's *Largo*, hearing her interpretation giving a sense of rain and thunder very effectively.

I enjoyed Veronica's first solo piece *Domine Deus* by Vivaldi which was cast as a gentle loure, or slow gigue; a French Baroque dance in triple time. Mozart's *Susannah's Aria*, a challenging piece for Veronica or any soloist moving around high/low designed to keep sops on their toes, a fun piece. Wendy took over with a piece by Gerald Finzi. Another duet followed by Britten to the tune *O Waly Waly* this version composed in 1946. We enjoyed the change of pace with a couple of songs from the shows from Wendy *Memory* by Andrew Lloyd Webber then *People* by Bob Merrill. One highlight was *Solveigs Song* by Edvard Grieg.

The recital finished with *Evening Hymn* by Englebert Humperdinck, this famous duet from the fairy tale opera Hansel and Gretel was a fitting end to what was a truly, sumptuous delight for the nearly fifty people who came along and enjoyed hearing Veronica and Wendy. We hope they will return to us for the 2024 season.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported this recital, we look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 14th June when we welcome back The Rococos.

Jason Busby

SUPER SEPTEMBER IN HALESWORTH

Put a note in your diaries for September 2023!

Don't miss Halesworth Happenings.

A month-long celebration in this historic market town.

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Here's what is planned so far:

Saturday 2nd: All-day Celebration of the 800th Anniversary of the Granting of the Town Charter: Mediaeval re-enactment in the town park; Parade through the Thoroughfare; Market Place stalls, children's activities, music, street theatre.

Saturday 9th: Halesworth-In-Bloom Open Gardens Day.

Sunday 10th: Halesworth to Southwold Narrow Gauge Railway Open Day at Blythburgh Station.

Wednesday 13th: Lunchtime Recital in St Mary's Church. Picnic in the Pews before.

Saturday 16th: Halesworth Annual Heritage Open Day: *Creativity Unwrapped!* Guided Town walks; Museum displays and children's activities; bell-ringing, tours and creativity on show in St Mary's Church; Old Railway guided walk; film and photographic archive of 20thC Halesworth showing on The Cut Big Screen; Open-Air Community Choir.

Thursday 21st: Halesworth & District Museum evening talk on the 800th Anniversary of the Granting of the Town Charter.

Saturday 30th weekend: The *Halesworth Climate Action Conference* will continue to build connections and strengthen partnerships which have been growing since the last event held prior to COP 26. Progress and priorities will be shared from all levels: policy, community and individual. It is a joint venture between Halesworth Town Council and the Blyth Valley Churches.



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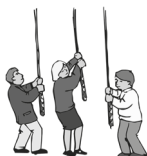


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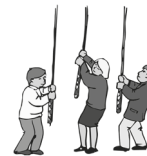
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From the Ringing Chamber



Well, the event of the year, the Coronation, has happened, and your ringers have been busy! As District Ringing Master for NE Suffolk it was my job to ensure that as much celebratory ringing took place as possible. What was NOT possible was for all bells in the area to be rung simultaneously on the day, as we simply do not have enough ringers, so we agreed to spread our activities over the period a few days either side of the big day. Where possible, local bands would ring on Coronation Day; otherwise a "hit squad" would fly in and ring a celebratory quarter peal, or a shorter burst of ringing if an extended performance was not possible.

Just a reminder: a quarter peal is (obviously) a quarter of a peal, a peal being 5,000 changes, i.e. 5,000 dongs, which takes about 3 hours. A quarter peal therefore takes about 45 minutes depending on the weight of the bells, and requires lots of concentration and a modicum of physical effort.

In the event the District managed a grand total of 24 quarter peals, in addition to local bands ringing on the day. The Halesworth band were prominent in achieving this with no fewer than 8 of our band ringing 4 or more, and 5 of the 6 most prolific ringers in the project were members of our band. I am so proud of them all.

We were very grateful to all those who, unprompted, provided refreshments at the end of some of the performances, and in particular the selection of cakes we received at Chediston and Bramfield was hugely impressive (and filling!)

Included in the 24 quarters were seven in the Blyth Valley, one in each of our churches with bells. In view of the historical importance of the event I've set out full details below.

On Monday 1st May 2023 in 41m

Heveningham, Suffolk. St Margaret. Tenor: 9cwt
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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| 1 Kevin Mossop | 2 Jonathan Iles |
| 3 Sal Jenkinson | 4 Philip Gorrod |
| 5 Peter Lock (C) | |

On Monday 1st May 2023 in 44m

Huntingfield, Suffolk. St Mary. Tenor: 7cwt
1260 Doubles (2m: 600 Grandsire, 660 Plain Bob)

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| 1 Erika Clarke | 2 Sal Jenkinson |
| 3 Keith Dennis | 4 Philip Gorrod (C) |
| 5 Peter Lock | |

On Tuesday 2nd May 2023 in 43m.

Wenhaston, Suffolk. St Peter. Tenor: 12cwt 1260 Doubles
(3m: St Simons, St Martins, Plain Bob)

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| 1 Mike Bostock-Smith | 2 Chrissie Pickup (C) |
| 3 Sal Jenkinson | 4 Philip Gorrod |
| 5 Peter Lock | 6 Graham Downing |

On Sunday 7th May 2023 in 47m.

Halesworth, Suffolk. St Mary. Tenor: 18cwt
1280 Plain Bob Major

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| 1 Philip Gorrod (C) | 2 Chrissie Pickup |
| 3 Sal Jenkinson | 4 Veronica Downing |
| 5 Jason Busby | 6 Jonathan Iles |
| 7 David Webb | 8 Adrian Edwards |

On Monday 8th May 2023 in 43m.

Bramfield, Suffolk. St Andrew. Tenor: 12cwt.
1260 Southrepps Doubles

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Kevin Mossop | 2 Sal Jenkinson |
| 3 Jonathan Iles | 4 Philip Gorrod (C) |
| 5 Peter Lock | |

On Monday 8th May 2023 in 42m.

Chediston, Suffolk St Mary. Tenor: 11cwt.
1260 Plain Bob Minor

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| 1 Graham Downing | 2 Sal Jenkinson |
| 3 Veronica Downing | 4 Philip Gorrod (C) |
| 5 Jonathan Iles | 6 Peter Lock |

On Friday 12th May 2023 in 42m.

Wissett, Suffolk St Andrew. Tenor: 8cwt
1260 Plain Bob Doubles

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| 1 Kevin Mossop | 2 Erika Clarke |
| 3 Philip Gorrod | 4 Keith Dennis |
| 5 Peter Lock (C) | 6 Jim Watts |

PJG

FUNERAL NOTICE

MOULSON, Jacqueline 'Jackie' of Halesworth. Died peacefully on May 16th, 2023, aged 77 years. Beloved wife of the late Roger, now reunited. Much loved mum, step-mum, mother-in-law, Nana and a great friend to many. She was very active in the local area and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. A private committal will be followed by a Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church, Holton, Halesworth on Tuesday 13th June, 2023 at 12.30pm. All welcome. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired for the Amyloidosis Research Fund may be gifted via the Much-Loved online memorial tribute site at:

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Team Visit to St Edmundsbury Cathedral

A Team visit to St Edmundsbury Cathedral for a tour, Choral Evensong and tea has been booked for Sunday 2nd July. As places are limited to a maximum of 30 people, it is essential to reserve your place if you would like to join us. If you would like to book, please telephone the Team office on 01986 8758941, or, preferably email: office.bvtm@gmail.com

Geoffrey Kiddy

THE BROKEN SOUL

They thought that I was down and out
 They thought that I was done
 The more they kept me on the ground
 The more I looked towards that sun
 And as those rays of light shone down
 To warm my aging face
 I found my shoulders rise once more
 As I stood in humble grace
 No tears, no regrets, no shattered life
 Will destroy my battered soul
 Instead I'll fight and pursue each dream
 As I move towards my goal
 The ridicule, the words of harm
 The insults and the pain
 Endured by a man whose defiant spirit
 Fights back to erase his shame
 When a man is lost and feels all alone
 He must look within himself
 And rid his thoughts of any doubt
 That his life is blessed with wealth
 No gold, no silver to weigh him down
 Only pennies small and few
 But in his heart he carries the belief
 That his life can be renewed
 Blows and strikes may knock you over
 In a life that's tough and hard
 But a winner will find inside his mind
 The strength to rebuild his guard
 So look towards that sun my lad
 When your battles near their end
 And remember this as you rise again
 That a broken soul can mend

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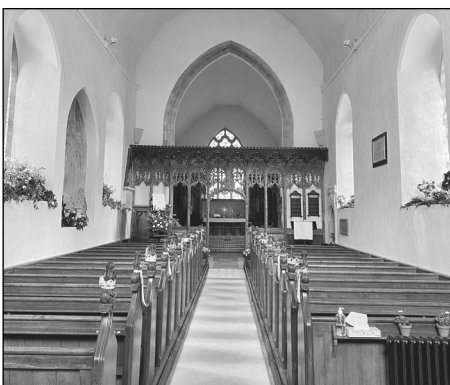


Bramfield Village Hall Concert

From Chris Collins: Many thanks to everyone who helped put on the concert in Bramfield Village Hall on April 22nd and also to everyone who came and supported it. Special thanks to Del, Jeremy and Stephen and their friends who made it such an enjoyable evening. We raised nearly £950 for the Village Hall and Bridge Meadow.

Flower Festival for the Coronation, St Andrew's Bramfield

From Dawn Munnings: The Flower Festival at St Andrew's went very well.



The volunteers did an amazing job of decorating the church with some beautiful Coronation-themed floral displays. The red, white and blue theme looked splendid. The church was open on the Monday morning with tea and cake for visitors and was well attended. We raised over £167 in donations towards the Fabric Fund. St Andrew's Bell Tower, which is of great historical significance, and the church itself, which is Grade I listed, are in dire need of renovation. All offers of funds and ideas will be gratefully received.

Oscar-winner comes to Thornington Theatre

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse creator Charlie Mackesy will share his journey of bringing his beloved characters to life at this special event at Thornington Theatre on Saturday 24th June at 7pm. The audience will be treated to a screening of the BAFTA and Oscar-winning animated short film adaption of Charlie's book, followed by a Q&A and live drawing session with Charlie himself, with all ticket proceeds going towards reviving Bramfield Village Green, a charitable initiative close to Charlie's heart as a local to Suffolk.

<https://www.thorningtontheatre.co.uk/events/an-evening-with-charlie-mackesy-june-24-2023>



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Bramfield Village Green

Bramfield Village Hall (Charity number 304710) is campaigning to raise funds to purchase an agricultural field in the centre of this East Suffolk village and

transform it into a new village green; a bio-diverse, community centric space for the village, with wildflower meadow, community orchard and space for children to play.

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King Charles III Coronation

With the Coronation now a lovely memory of a truly spectacular occasion, we are back to the reality of modern living with a bump!

Being lucky enough to remember Queen Elizabeth II Coronation, this one was very different. We saw so much more of the actual service, the processions and the interior of Westminster Abbey. However, I have vivid memories of a very happy day in 1953 crowded round a small television housed in a cupboard (black and white of course) giving us a great boost after the ending of the war. How times have changed.

Chediston celebrated in style with a quarter peal rung at 2pm on Bank Holiday May 8th. There was also a photographic exhibition entitled "Under Suffolk Skies" – I managed to identify one which was John Ibbott's beautiful hedge laying. In the choir window there were some photos displayed of Doug Cady's family. In the Church Room tea and delicious cakes were provided by Veronica, Joanna and others. The day ended on a happy note with several villagers present.

I must say the churchyard looks lovely at the moment with the paths to the graves mown but an abundance of wildflowers in bloom – a nod to His Majesty King Charles III. My garden has wildflowers popping up which I didn't know I had.

Chediston & Linstead WI

The meeting took place on Tuesday 9th May when Edwina Hughes came to speak, with the help of slides and samples of her work, about how dyeing was achieved using natural sources i.e. plants and wood. Some of the fabrics were from alpacas. She got a lot of inspiration from the late Vivienne Westwood.

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The highlight this past month of course was the Coronation of their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla on May 6th. I am very grateful to Mike Bostock-Smith for all his help setting up the big screen in St Mary's, to Probus for the use of their projector and to St Andrew's Wissett for the use of their audio transmitter. 60 people came and enjoyed the pomp and pageantry of the occasion, we sang the hymns, joined in the service, stood for the National Anthem, the enthroning and the homage *"I swear that I will pay true allegiance to Your Majesty, and to your heirs and successors according to law."*

"So help me God." With thanks to Gini, Carol and the team for the refreshments and to everyone who contributed all the beautiful flower displays, bunting and flags.



On Thursday 11th May we held the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) disappointingly only PCC members were present. Not a single person from the St Mary's congregation came which was a shame. If anyone would like to know who was appointed to the various roles and who makes up the two sub-committees of the PCC (Friends of St Mary's and The Recreation Group) then let me know I will forward the details to you. The PCC continues to work hard behind the scenes keeping our beloved Church open. We did acknowledge the significant increase in Church use for 'non Churchy' events and meetings which is really positive, we have a full and varied programme for the rest of the year, highlights of which you can find on the back page. We must thank the PCC for all their work and the many hours of their time given to us all.

A very big thank you to the Nota Bene Chamber Choir who describe themselves as a choir bringing high quality a cappella choral singing to the heart of Suffolk's towns and villages. A varied programme was offered on May 14th to a well-attended concert. £329.10 was raised for Church funds. The concert was dedicated to the memory of Shirley Smith who died in February and was part of the choir and our very own lunchtime recitals. Thank



you to everyone who came and supported this concert.

Looking ahead to June. One exciting project which has been brewing for many months and long overdue is the installation of the new live streaming cameras and equipment. Two discreet cameras both with eight different pre programmed positions will be installed and linked to the sound system to provide professional quality. We will be able to live stream ALL services with great ease via Zoom, Facebook and YouTube. To date we have received over £2300 in donations from across the team which is phenomenal and incredibly generous of everyone THANK YOU. We will (fingers crossed) be going live on Sunday 11th June.

We welcome Archdeacon Rich to St Mary's Huntingfield on Tuesday 13th June, 7.30pm as we host the Archdeacon's Visitation Service where churchwardens from across the deanery are sworn in. I (Jason Busby) once again will be sworn in as your churchwarden at St Mary's.

FoSM 50/50 CLUB

Results of May draw were as follows:
1st prize - J Busby; 2nd prize - P Cook;
3rd prize - J Janes.

HALESWORTH WI

Sarah from FCC Environment enthusiastically explained how to "Reduce, Re-use and Re-cycle.". We are not a rich county and have a large population with some 350,000 households, the county council pays for our waste collections and our nearest recycling centre is at Leiston. Household waste recycling centres work with the Council, the refuse collectors are not Council workers but are employed by private companies also the bins in car parks that collect glass and clothes are privately owned. Glass can be recycled again and again, tin cans can be made into rail tracks and card and paper into car products, but all waste has to be sorted so that the minimum amount goes into land fill. Only produce from our own gardens can go into the green bin, not bought produce. We were horrified by the clip that showed the result of leaving a mobile phone in a laundry washing machine, the explosion that followed was devastating and could have proved fatal to anyone in the vicinity. A quiz that followed showed that we were not as knowledgeable on recycling as we had thought and must try harder to help the environment in future. BP

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THE CORONATION

The Coronation has come and gone. John and I watched more television in one day than we have for years! We both thought that everything had been done as well as it could. Of course, there were those who found fault, but you can't please all the people all the time! The service was long, but there was a lot to fit in, all the ancient traditional things were included, some of the pomp was reduced, as were the numbers in the congregation, but the congregation included many people from all walks of life, so was much more inclusive. Well done everyone. Thank you to the Halesworth Town

Council for organising the Street Lunch in the Thoroughfare, John and I went with our picnic and chairs and had a lovely time, the atmosphere was relaxed and happy.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Our APCM was held on Thursday 20th April, the Revd Dominic Doble was in the Chair and Chris Knevett was Secretary. A small number of the congregation was present to hear the various reports on the year's activities and the "health" of the Church, both financial and spiritual.

Chris Knevett and John Hewlett were re-elected as Churchwardens, Chris also agreed to carry on as PCC Secretary, John takes over as Treasurer (Chris will bank cash as it comes in).

Mary Curtis agreed to continue as deputy Chair of the PCC; Janet Walkey agreed to continue as St Peter's representative on Team Council.

The PCC consists of the Revd Dominic Doble (Chair), voted on members are: Chris Knevett, John Hewlett, Mary Curtis and Janet Walkey. They would be grateful for any offers of help, please consult any of them about Church matters that concern you.

CAR BOOT SALE

£1200+ raised - isn't that amazing, what a result! Thank you to everyone who was involved in any way, especially Mary Curtis who got everyone motivated, and who organised the barbecue. A particular "thank you" goes to Richie Pymar for the use of his barbecue and his skills as cook!

CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE

On Sunday 14th May the Christian Aid Service at the beginning of Christian Aid Week was held in St Peter's Church, led by the Revd Alison Alder with the Revd Jon Sermon. This year the focus of the service was on Jen, a farmer in Malawi, who grows pigeon peas. Malawi is experiencing the effects of climate change with much more unpredictable weather making farming more difficult. Pigeon peas are draught resistant and highly nutritious, a good crop but more difficult and time consuming to process in order to get at the peas.

During the service we were all given a mustard seed and encouraged to grow in faith, not like the seed that fell on stony ground or the seedling that was smothered by weeds.

PENTECOST

As I write this it is almost two weeks until Pentecost when Churches Together in the Blyth Valley will hold their open-air service on our paddock. We are praying for fine weather, but more than that, an outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING AND COFFEE MORNING Saturday 1st July – please let Janet Walkey know if you can help.

ST PETER'S FLOWER FESTIVAL "Our Village: Past and Present" - Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd July.

STOP PRESS

We are sad to announce that Jacqui Moulson died on May 16th, not unexpectedly; she had been ill for some time, in Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital for a few weeks, and on palliative care for a few days. Jacqui had been Churchwarden here for some years, and on the Parochial Church Council for considerably longer. We will miss her, her advice, and her talent for asking the right questions.

HOLTON & BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL

June 3rd and 4th will see the return of HOLTON OPEN GARDENS after a gap of four years. A chance to visit some very different gardens all within walking distance of the Village Hall, where you can get your entrance, map and pay your £6 entrance fee covering all gardens.

Tea/coffee, homemade cakes, cream teas in the afternoon will keep our visitors able to visit all the gardens and a display of village history in the Hall will provide a glimpse of how the village has altered.

Another returning event is the Classic Car Day on Sunday 18th June – Father's Day! We will welcome all old and unusual vehicles – free entry for people as well! Just a donation towards the costs of running the Village Hall is all we ask. Ice cream, barbecue, bar, music, Light lunches, cream teas, art display by the Chediston Art Group, loads of stalls – both inside and outside.

In July we will be holding the Hall's Annual General Meeting. This year, we will see several long-standing members of the committee standing down, so now is your chance to get involved with your hall and guide its future events

and facilities. If you wish to talk about what's involved call 01986 872590. Your hall needs YOU!

Children's Society Box Opening & Coffee Morning 1.7.23

Everyone, especially the box holders in Holton and Halesworth, is welcome to attend, the annual Box Opening and Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st July 10am till 12noon at St Peter's, **Holton**. Will box holders kindly put this in their diaries and on their calendars!

I realise that many people are not using much, if any, cash these days, but cheques made out to 'The Children's Society' are most acceptable; also notes if you have not had many coins in your loose change, to put in your box. Cheques and notes make it much quicker for those who empty the boxes and count the money. We will also have the use of the coin counter, which Chris Knevett has purchased on behalf of the PCC.

I do hope those who usually help with emptying the boxes and counting the money, or serving the refreshments will be able to help. I have asked a few folks already and I know the raffle will be looked after by Jackie Watts and Jim will help emptying boxes. I will endeavour to ask all the regulars in due course. If you can provide a raffle prize and/or a cake, or something for the Bring & Buy, that would be much appreciated too. I hope to get a letter and poster to all those on the Box List soon.

If you are unable to come on the morning, please can you get your box to me beforehand, or give it to a friend to bring and take back when empty. It makes life so much easier to have all the boxes to open on the morning.

Gift Aid means The Children's Society will receive 25% extra at no extra cost to you. If you are a taxpayer and are not already signed up to Gift Aid for The Children's Society, do consider it. I will have some Gift Aid Declaration Forms available. I do have new boxes available for anyone else who would like to donate to The Children's Society's excellent work with children and young people. Do speak to me, give me a ring or email me.

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It's been another busy month in Huntingfield. On St George's Day, April 23rd, we held an Afternoon Tea with a Bring and Buy sale in the church. It was so lovely to welcome everyone who popped in for tea and pick up a bargain, or just to sit and chat. We welcomed visitors from other parishes and many wanted to know the story behind our beautiful painted ceiling. Many thanks to everyone for your support.

On May 1st the Halesworth bellringing team came to ring a quarter peal for the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III. A small group gathered in the churchyard to witness this event, taking in the sound of the bells and the beauty of the wildflowers around them. After ringing the bells we were informed 'that everything' needs tightening! So I am very happy to report that our trusted 'tower men' have been up and tightened everything in sight!

As a village we held a Coronation Tea party on the Sunday after the Coronation. 32 excited children met at the church to be driven down into the village on tractors and trailers where, on arrival, they were each presented with a Coronation medal. The sun shone and everyone had a great time. Visitors to the church will see that we have our 'Pardon the weeds we are feeding the bees' signs up. The edges to the drive up to the church door will continue to be mown and there will be some pathways around the churchyard kept trimmed.

The church is open daily from 10.30am to 4.30pm

You can book a visit if you would like to bring a group and have a short guided tour where the story behind the ceiling will be recounted. Refreshments can be provided on request, for a small charge. Copies of the novel 'The Huntingfield Paintress' are available for £10. All money goes to the Fabric Fund. For more information please contact the Churchwarden, Emma Ward on 01986 785343.

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TO THOSE OF US WHO REMEMBER the last Coronation, the temptation of making comparisons was inevitable. I remember the intense preparations and the excitement and the street parties. Somewhere in the family archive is me dressed as a pirate, complete with a moustache of burnt cork. Fortunately, I can't find it, so you are spared. The weather was worse than this time, wet AND cold. We were invited to the flat of the people who lived downstairs and watched the service on a tiny television. Somehow it was remote and unreal. During the weeks that followed, the Queen toured all the London boroughs and drove past the end of our road, she looked absolutely exhausted.

THIS TIME, WE HAVE BECOME MUCH more used to national celebrations and, if not exactly blasé, we were certainly much more relaxed about it. Also, we felt more involved because of the sheer quality of the coverage. The actual service in the Abbey, seemed to me to be a much more personal, almost intimate affair to which we felt privileged to witness.

Linstead celebrated in the evening, at the village hall, with the whole spectacle still fresh in our minds.



We were all very impressed by the service and relieved that it had passed off so smoothly. Toasts were drunk, a



plentiful supply of fizz having been procured well beforehand. Ruth Fenton had made one of her superb cakes, a tour de force, with symbols around the sides.



It was cut by Jack Cousins, as the youngest born and bred Linsteadian in attendance.



Dusk was falling as we went outside into the drizzle to light our beacon. This has become another village tradition. In spite of the weather, it shone brightly. Linstead is good at celebrating.



CHEDISTON & LINSTAD WI MET IN May and heard Edwina Hughes talk about 'Dyeing from Natural Sources'. It was a most interesting talk and I am relieved to report that my wife has not yet tried out her new-found knowledge. They meet next at Linstead Village Hall, on Tuesday 13th June at 2.30pm. The speaker is Pip Wright and the subject is 'Witches in and around Suffolk'. Which reminds me, we have acquired a rather large toad which lives around our back door. I am very polite to it - just in case. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME back some old friends.

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Spexhall

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'To everything there is a season'

As the Byrds sang in 1959 (Turn! Turn! Turn!) with reference to the famous passage in Ecclesiastes. Our Rogation walk from Spexhall to Wissett was a good reminder of the turning of the seasons, and to ask for blessings on our farms, crops, animals and households. What a lovely May morning it was as we stopped at various points not only to pray, but to look, listen and enjoy the blessings we already enjoy in the beauty of the world around us. Our thanks to Gini for organising the service, and to the good people of Wissett for their hospitality. This bird enjoyed both coffee and a glass of sherry, as well as the excellent home made fruit bread and renowned cheese biscuits. Spexhall's turn to host next year!

The new parish year

This woodpecker is very glad that the paperwork has been done and we have passed the APCM and all that it entails. Thanks to Dominic for chairing the meetings which swiftly follow one another, and to all of the PCC 'team' for their various contributions. Elizabeth's very kind provision of wine certainly helped to oil the wheels of the evening. Our special thanks go to Janet Sochon for all the work she has done on the PCC in past years.

Flowers in bloom for weddings in June

The churchyard always looks lovely in the spring and early summer. We are looking forward to two weddings in church in June, and hope that the Rambling Rector (the rose, not the cleric!) will be in full bloom across the porch to welcome the happy couples and their families and friends. The flag will fly and at last Woodpecker has learned how to pull the bell rope properly to make the bell toll regularly. It is 15th century, and has a welcoming rather than sombre tone, so perfect before services and weddings!

June services

It is excellent news that Spexhall will host Choral Evensong on June 11th at 6pm. Come and hear the Team Choir lead the singing on what is sure to be a lovely June evening! We love to entertain in Spexhall, so be sure to expect some refreshment for the body as for the soul after the service.

As if that isn't enough, there will be a Holy Communion service on June 18th at 10am. As with all our services, all are most welcome to attend. It would be lovely to welcome people from other team parishes who can join us for evensong on the 11th.

High summer trimming

I am sure there may be some high summer strimming at some point in Spexhall, but we also need people to help trim the churchyard on Tuesday 4th July from about 6pm. Any person with a good strimmer or willing to help with mowing and raking is very welcome! The more the merrier (and easier). Our lovely 'wild' churchyard actually needs maintenance. Nothing looks as good as it does without maintenance, as many would agree!

Village Hall

Woodpecker has vague memories of a wonderful evening of wine tasting at the Village Hall in May. Many thanks to

Sue at Imperial Wines for leading us on such an impressive, and increasingly noisy, tasting session. Some spittoons seem to have been used as serious wine tasters (or drivers) savoured the delights on offer, while others quaffed theirs, and had a different level of enjoyment. Your correspondent fell into the latter category! Many thanks to the Village People organisers and providers of cheese and other 'eaty bits'. The raffle was won by someone of senior rank in the village. Raffle tickets in the bucket were verified by Woodpecker to make sure that they didn't all have a number seven on them! (The winning number). Great fun was had on the Coronation Bank Holiday Monday when a great team helped to litter pick for a couple of hours. Some interesting litter was found, including an 'incubator' (I think it was for eggs rather than for a baby, but not quite sure at the time of writing!). Thanks to all who participated and helped in preparation and the food and bubbles.

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Spring is here, at least we hope so with the churchyard looking very attractive and full of wild flowers, do come and have a walk round and enjoy time sitting on our benches!

The plans for Artistree, our main fundraising event for the year, to be held on September 9th and 10th are coming along and anyone who would like to exhibit art/sculpture at the church or outside in the plantation woodland nearby, please do contact

me. There is plenty of space for your work and creations. there will be the usual refreshments on offer, watch this space for more details. We look forward to seeing you there, and in the meantime our services are as published on page 3 of this magazine, again do join us.

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May has been a busy month for the village of Walpole. Our events were kick started on Sunday 7th May to celebrate King Charles III Coronation. A traditional tea party was held at the Walpole Playing Field under Marquees for the two villages of Walpole and Cookley and was attended by over 140 people.



The afternoon commenced with the National Anthem and was followed by traditional afternoon tea. There was a presentation of bespoke hand made mugs to the children of Walpole and Cookley made by Walpole Potter - Ali Peet (Old Brewhouse Pottery) with artwork by Walpole Artist - Sara Sayer.

As well as providing waitress service to this sit down event, live music, children's activities and a 'Cookpole Coronation Quiz' all added to a fun-filled afternoon.

By the time you read this, our first event of the year - lecture on philosophy/religion by Dr Jessica Frazier will have taken place. However, we are able to announce a second lecture scheduled for Sunday 18th June at 5pm by Dr Isabel Behncke.

Isabel is a Field Ethologist who studies animal behaviour to understand other animals, as well as to understand humans and our place in nature. Originally from Chile, Isabel is a primatologist, a pioneer adventurer-scientist and the first South American to follow great apes in the wild. The title of the talk is 'Risk And Reward - Why Primates Have To Play'.

Tickets (£8 available through Eventbrite or contact Anita Hill: 07717 503511 (anita.hill2006@gmail.com)

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As a bonus, whilst distributing posters and flyers, our events over the past year have given us the wonderful opportunity to visit and support the beautiful churches within our Benefice, plus others in the surrounding areas!

On a final note, we are looking forward to the Walpole May Merriment weekend event on May 27th and 28th at the Walpole Playing Field. This is a Craft Fair with family fun events on the Saturday and Fun Dog Show on the Sunday. All are welcome.

Wenhaston

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The King's Coronation weekend was celebrated here in Wenhaston starting with a celebratory service in church on

Sunday morning taken by Alison and well attended. In the afternoon the lunch ladies, assisted by WI members and friends, hosted a Tea Party. We had no idea how many would attend, but were delighted when we had a full house. The tea was delicious, many thanks to all who provided it, and the atmosphere was warm and friendly. It was a pleasure to see so many people enjoying themselves. (See photo below).

Marie entertained us on her harp and the Luncheon Club members went away with a Coronation mug tucked in their bags. The retiring collection amounted to £250 which was donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. A happy afternoon.

On Saturday 13th May, we held our Plant Sale in the churchyard and were able to add £427.26 to church funds. Again, many thanks to all who donated plants, especial thanks to Woottens and Holton Road Garden Centre, and those who provided cakes and raffle prizes. We are most grateful. The remaining plants will be on sale outside Spindleberry, so do take a look. Many thanks to Margaret for this.

June Services: 4th: Team Holy Communion, St Mary's Halesworth; 11th: Morning Prayer, 10am, Wenhaston Methodist Chapel; 18th: 10am Holy Communion; 28th: 10am Service dedicated to St Peter.

WENHASTON FLOWER CLUB

Our meeting in May was called "Let's Twist" and a new demonstrator to us, Moira certainly delivered, not only did she show us how to twist and manipulate foliage but she entertained us with a selection of music including Let's Twist Again to which she danced along too. Her flower arrangements



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were spectacular, all with a modern "TWIST".

Our next meeting is a pre-booked trip to Henstead Exotic Gardens on June 6th, meeting there at 7pm, even if wet. Cost is £10. Please let Jackie know by May 26th if you would like to go. Everyone welcome.

Our final meeting in July before we have a summer break in August, is a members' only Garden Party where we all bring a sharing plate of food. Please contact Beverly for a list of food requirements.

For further information please contact Jackie Chenery on 01502 478401.

Wenhaston Walking Group

A walk around Wenhaston will take place on Tuesday 6th June leaving Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am.

The second walk of the month, on Tuesday 20th June, will start at 10am at the Queen's Head, Bramfield IP19 9HT. A lunch menu will be circulated in advance. If you wish to have your name added to the walkers' circulation list, please email:

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Wissett

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A big thank you to all who contributed and helped in any way to make the events of the Coronation weekend such a success. The evening of words and music was very enjoyable and the plant sale made over £700 for the upkeep of our church. Well done everyone!

The Rogation Service and walk led by Gini with wonderful singing of Alleluia's in Spexhall to start and to Wissett at the end for refreshments was enjoyed by all who took part.

Our lives are a mixture of joy and sorrow, as the poet Robert Southwell wrote: "Times go by turns and chances change by course, From foul to fair, from better hap to worse".

True in the late 1500's and true now in 2023...

It is with sadness that I write that Maggie Evans died at the end of April. Maggie had a fall in January breaking her hip, was cared for in hospital and at the end in Beech House where she died peacefully.

Maggie bore her sufferings from Parkinson's disease with courage and great dignity. She was always full of concern and compassion for others. She did such a lot for the church and local community over the years and was well respected and much loved. She will be greatly missed and our

thoughts are with Nick, her family and friends, with love and sympathy.

There are joys in life and we wish all those getting married in June great happiness.

Hopefully the weather will be better in June than it is as I write and that the swifts will be swooping over the churchyard in the sunshine.

Those of an observant nature may have spotted a brown plastic upright rectangle near to the hedge nearest to the church field where the older gravestones are. If you peer into the plastic you will find a healthy looking young oak tree. It was grown and given to the church by Bishop Martin and planted by Geoffrey Kiddy.

I am glad that it is an oak as I have read that they are one of the very best trees for supporting wildlife.

May we share in each other's sorrows and joys and be supportive, too.

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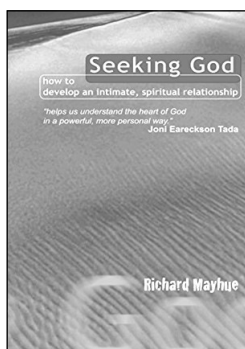
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Always to please You, never to grieve You

"Always to please You, never to grieve You" are the opening words, as best as I can remember, of a beautiful, yearning worship song we sang one Sunday recently (by David J Evans, better known for his "Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here"); I say yearning because the duties and distractions, cares and complexities of modern life leave little space or time for developing such an intimacy with God. The author of this remarkable book aims to help redress this situation:



Seeking God: how to develop an intimate spiritual relationship, by Richard Mayhue. Quoting from the author's own preface, this book 'is primarily intended to be used as a tool to disciple a new believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. However, it could also easily be employed to point an unbeliever to Christ as the only Saviour. Other endeavours might include the restoration process of a

repentant Christian, the refreshment and strengthening of a weary saint, or just the daily encouragement of any Christian who needs to be reminded of these grand truths.'

Just about all of us, it seems to me!

Our chaotic, secular, "woke" world is characterised by independence, intimacy is in short supply. It breeds a brutal, self-seeking attitude devoid of intimacy. That is why marriages crumble, families disintegrate and friendships fail. Yet, God beckons us to be intimate with him

Many of us of a certain age (old!) brought up when Sunday School attendance was more common, even in families where Christian faith was at best nominal (it gave the parents a peaceful, child-free couple of hours of a Sunday afternoon) are familiar with the chorus

"The best book to read is the Bible, The best book to read is the Bible, If you read it every day, It will help you on your way, O, the best book to read is the Bible"

And so it is, but life application often eludes us: mixing my metaphors, Mayhue's book engagingly and gently challenging, draws together the threads and joins the dots.

Val Jennings

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Thanks, Claire Tinkler

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Future meeting with reflective craft session:

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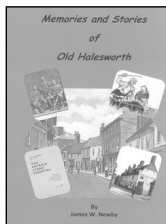
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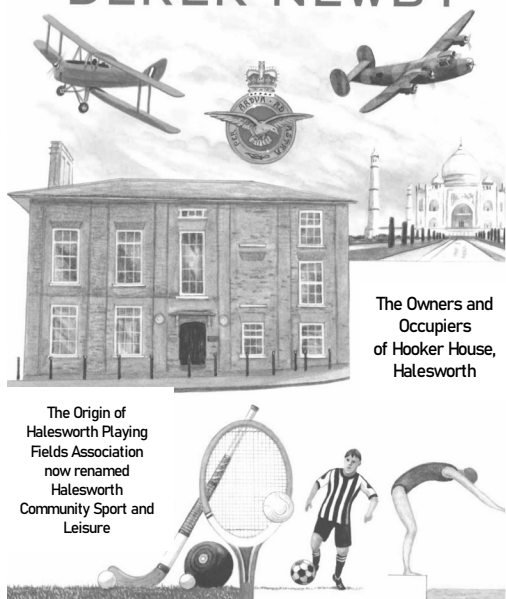


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Visitors and Members' guests welcome, at an entrance fee of £8

Classic Car Day

Sunday 18th June

Holton & Blyford Village Hall

10am - 4pm

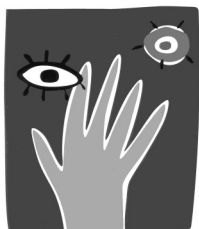
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Tickets £12 on the door or £10 in advance from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on?q=Walpole%20Old%20Chapel>

Sunday 11th June, 3pm

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Sunday 18th June, 3pm

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Sunday 25th June, 3pm


Suffolk Poetry Society:

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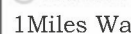
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