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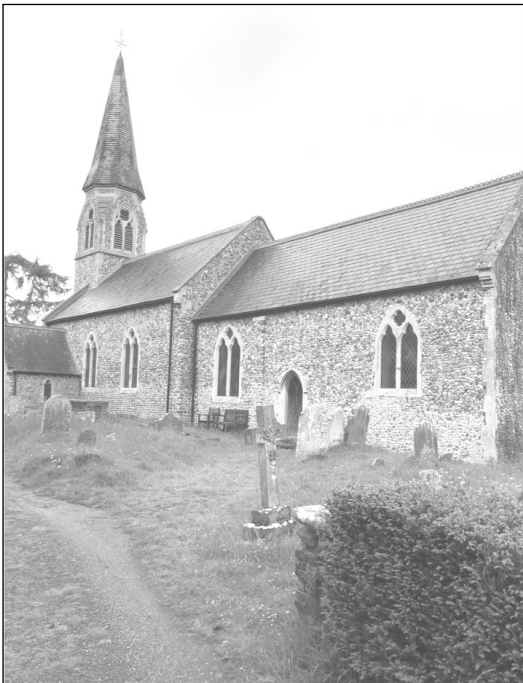
This month we are delighted to report that the renovation works at St Mary's church Walpole, for which we have been fundraising during the last two years, through our music and arts events, have finally been completed - we are all thrilled with the results.

The process started in July 2022 when we met up with architect Matthew Thomas, following the Quinquennial report of 2020. The report had prioritised the need for raking out and re-pointing low-level flint work joints in the exterior walls and buttresses, repairing plasterwork, redecorating the nave, aisle and porch interior walls.

The process has been a learning curve for us, including navigating the DAC Portal to determine if a Faculty or List B needed to be set up and subsequently completing the relevant paperwork. Our architect drew up the required detailed specifications and, after putting the proposal out to tender, we appointed L A Hurrell as our approved builder.

We were optimistic that the work would commence in early Spring 2024...

Continue reading Lee and Anita Hill's report on the renovation works at St Mary's Walpole, on page 10 of this issue.



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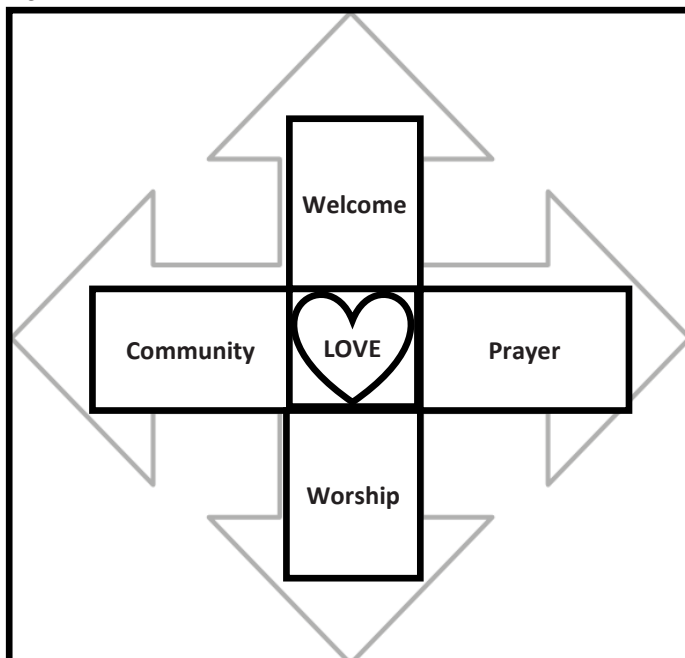
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BLYTH VALLEY PARISHES JOINT COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday 12th June 2024

7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Halesworth

All welcome.

*Join us for light refreshments at 7pm,
before the meeting.*

The annual meeting will be followed by the
first meeting of the
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June 2024 Lectionary

for Traditional and Holy Communion only.

Please refer to another lectionary for other services e.g. Daily Office (Morning Prayer).

Sunday 2nd – First After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion

1 John 4: 7 – end (KJV)

Luke 16: 19 – end (KJV)

Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 4: 5 – 12 (NRSV)

Mark 2: 23 – 3: 6 (NRSV)

Sunday 9th – Second After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion

1 John 3: 13 – end (KJV)

Luke 14: 16 – 24 (KJV)

Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1 (NRSV)

Mark 3: 20 – 35 (NRSV)

Sunday 16th – Third After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion

1 Peter 5: 5 – 11 (KJV)

Luke 15: 1 – 10 (KJV)

Sunday 16th – Third After Trinity (Green) - *continued*

Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 17 (NRSV)

Mark 4: 26 – 34 (NRSV)

Sunday 23rd – Fourth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion

Romans 8: 18 – 23 (KJV)

Luke 6: 36 – 42 (KJV)

Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 6: 1 – 13 (NRSV)

Mark 4: 35 – 41 (NRSV)

Sunday 30th – Fifth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion

1 Peter 3: 8 – 15 (KJV)

Luke 5: 1 – 11 (KJV)

Holy Communion

2 Corinthians 8: 7 – 15 (NRSV)

Mark 5: 21-43 (NRSV)



Worship in the Blyth Valley in June 2024					
CW – Year B Continuous Green	2nd CW & BCP – First After Trinity	9th CW & BCP – Second After Trinity	16th CW & BCP – Third After Trinity	23rd CW & BCP – Fourth After Trinity	30th CW & BCP – Fifth After Trinity
Halesworth St Mary	10am Holy Communion Gini	8am Matins Jason 10am Family Communion Linda	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Iona Worship Jason 6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic 10am Holy Communion Alison A 6pm Evensong Dominic	
St Peter Group					
Holton St Peter		10am Morning Prayer Veronica M	10am Iona Worship Alison A	10am Holy Communion Dominic	
Wenhaston St Peter		10am Ecumenical Communion Alison A	10am Holy Communion Gini	10am Pause for Thought Vic	
Bramfield St Andrew		10am Holy Communion Gini		10am Morning Prayer Linda	
Blyford All Saints			10am Morning Prayer Linda		
Thorington St Peter				10am Morning Prayer Alison C	
St Andrew Grp					
Wissett St Andrew		10am Morning Prayer Jim	10am Holy Communion Dominic	10am Breakfast Church	
Chediston St Mary		10am Holy Communion Vic		10am Morning Prayer Veronica D	
Spexhall St Peter					10am Holy Communion Dominic
Linstead St Margaret		10am Matins Malcolm	3pm Ceremony at St Peter Linstead Dominic		
St Michael Grp					
Cookley St Michael			9.30am Traditional Communion Jonathan		
Heveningham St Margaret		6pm Choral Evensong Alison A			
Huntingfield St Mary				10am Holy Communion Gini	
Walpole St Mary				10am Morning Prayer Veronica M	

Other Regular Services: 10am Tuesdays: Café Church by Zoom; 10am Wednesdays: Holy Communion, St Mary's Halesworth;
 9.30am Thursdays: Morning Worship, St Andrew's Bramfield.
Resuming from 18th June: 8am & 6pm Tues to Sat: Daily Prayer, St Mary's Halesworth.

Wenhaston Methodist Church

Coles Lane, Wenhaston

Minister: The Revd Martin Keenan

JUNE 2024

2nd The Revd Pam Bayliss
 9th Mrs Lizzie Zukiewicz US
 16th Local arrangement
 23rd The Revd Iain McKillop
 30th The Revd Robert Soanes HC

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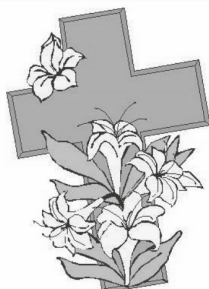
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Morning and Evening Prayer

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 from Tuesdays to Saturdays
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 YouTube channel).

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

SERVICE for MAY 2024

Friday 31st 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning

SERVICES for JUNE 2024

Sunday 2nd 11am Gathered Worship with Communion
 Tuesday 4th 10am to 12 noon Coffee morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 7th 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 9th 11am Gathered Worship TBA
 3pm Bramfield Chapel
 Tuesday 11th 10am to 12 noon Coffee morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 14th 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 16th 11am Gathered Worship TBA
 Tuesday 18th 10am to 12 noon Coffee morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 21st 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 23rd 11am Gathered Worship TBA
 Tuesday 25th 10am to 12 noon Coffee morning at
 Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
 Friday 28th 9.30am Prayer Meeting in the Church and
 Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
 Sunday 30th 11am Gathered Worship TBA

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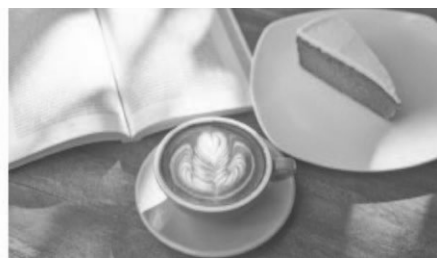
Elizabeth Aslett 07710 916737 (for families and children)
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Zoom Meeting ID: 776 - 044 - 1926,
 Passcode 811885

Café Church Tuesdays!

Café Church is held on a TUESDAY morning
 at 10am, via Zoom.



*For login details of how to join,
 or to be added to the mailing list,
 please email:*

The Revd Alison Alder at:
 revalialder@gmail.com
 or

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

From the Rector...

With the month of June we are entering what is for many people, businesses and organisations, the wedding or marriage season. This is despite the Church Times reporting a halving of marriages over the last 20 years. I forget whether this was specifically those in church or mixed gender or some other category. Congratulations if you are getting married with us this month, this year. You are bucking the trend!

There are many reasons why couples choose to get married in Church of England parish churches. Most pertain to examples in rural Suffolk. They include having a family connection with the place. It may be within a vintage double-decker ride of a reception venue. In addition, or instead, the building may be beautiful, historic and or have a feel about it. These are all fine reasons to choose us over or against a tropical island, a Register office or a digger bucket- if that's your bag!

A couple came to me recently to talk about getting married. As I was settling down to collect the information I needed to get the preliminaries under way, they put the brakes on. They were, in fact, just interested in finding out what marriage was about, rather than actually wanting to tie the knot. Whilst usually couples have thought that through by the time I see them, it did make me think that everyone in a relationship perhaps ought to consider what and why marriage is, or is not, for them. Some say they'd rather rely on love than law or convention. Whilst that might be right for you, for now, such decisions have their consequences. Some on the other hand simply accept marriage is marriage. Just the other day, I read on Facebook of the parents of a friend re-marrying after 50 years. This was because one of them had been diagnosed with cancer. It turned out this gave them just a mere few days together in their re-established union.

Sometimes we don't help ourselves as the Church of England in maximising our assets. Nationally, our General Synod can not agree on allowing everyone who wants to get married. This is despite a number of Bishops and clergy not being in binary heterosexual marriages. There are also nationally set rules about who may marry in any one church. These were loosened 15 or so years ago to include what are known as Qualifying Connections. Yet still, these details may prove to be a barrier. To our peril we also unhelpfully ignore all other types of relationship in supporting applications for marriage. Then Parochial

Church Councils and the individuals that constitute them may feel aggrieved that a couple who never normally come to church, take the place over for a day or two and then we never see them again - even if they live in the village.

All this is a real shame, as our faith can offer couples such a great deal. Historically, God is seen as the believers' (singular and plural) spouse. Jesus is, famously, known for making an objectively positive contribution to such occasions when he turns formality and lack into jollity and provision. There are many scriptures that teach us how to love and how to forgive; for example, when two family cultures collide and things go awry. Our tradition speaks of how marriage is the foundation of family life, enriching society as it strengthens community. The wonderful personal experience of the love covenant can lead into a new religious experience, new friendships, a new sense of place and self. Whilst not a club - save for non-members - when you marry in church you should have platinum access to practical and spiritual support. You find yourself belonging to an extraordinary institution.

As with other aspects of the great circle of life, marriage used also to be an opportunity for the church to develop new relationships with new people, engaging them with the life and work of the building and its attendant community. Whether you are having a church marriage this month or next, or if your Christian marriage is a distant dream or memory, without your parish church being loved and cherished it would not even be possible. Congratulations on your love! Thank you for sharing your love with us. And to everyone, or church or visitor, please do what you can to share the love that all may know the breadth and length and height and depth of the love of Christ (Ephesians 3: 18 - 19).

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Revd Jon Sermon – Minister

Dear Friends,

We have recently celebrated Pentecost. For many years this had been a joint open-air event and we did miss the coming together of folk from all the churches of the area. Holding Pentecost worship just as ourselves in our own building was a “first” for me, since I came here as Minister eight years ago! We were sorry to lose the previous pattern, although it was good to come together at St Mary’s in the afternoon for the Christian Aid service.

In our culture, indeed in many churches and denominations across the West, Pentecost has an extra importance: It reminds of God’s original intention – that the empowered ministry of Jesus continues through the church. So much of Western church life lost sight of this in earlier generations! (Africa, Asia and South America can be very different. My experience in Uganda, for example, is of people far more open to spiritual experience, yet often lacking in Biblical discernment).

We are reminded that Jesus told his followers to expect to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. And that’s just what happened! Throughout the Book of Acts, we see the emerging church experiencing this empowerment in miraculous healings, prophetic ministries, direct encounters with demonic spirits, and huge swathes of people coming to faith in Jesus.

In the churches in Western countries, we are on a journey of re-discovering this empowerment for the expansion of the Kingdom of God. It is an exciting journey to be on: Jesus told his followers “You will do the things I do” (John 14: 12). If Jesus doing such things a healing stemmed solely from the fact that he is Divine, how could he make such a statement? And how could the first followers find they were enabled to do the same? But as St Paul writes in Philippians 2, Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but humbled himself. In doing so, he became reliant on the power of the Holy Spirit – His gift to the church.

Lord Jesus, thank you for pouring out your Holy Spirit, May we, your followers today, be open to receive and become aware of how You are gifting and inspiring us. Amen.

Blessings

Jon



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What has your Team Vicar been up to?

What have I been up to? Well, I'm back on my feet, thank goodness, and enjoying the wonderful Spring weather! It's the season for fairs, fêtes, car boot sales, beer festivals and everything in between. All things I enjoy, but find difficult to get around to now. I did manage a quick drop-in

to the Holton car boot sale. It brings back such fond memories of when I began my time here two years ago and one of the first things I did was to have a stall at the car boot. It was a lovely day then and so it was again this year.

I have been thinking a lot about the events in the world, about illness and suffering and most recently about the tragic accident on Halesworth road in Wissett where one man lost his life and another has been seriously traumatised by the experience. Such a tragedy will affect both families, friends and the local community and I am sure they will be held in our prayers in the coming weeks and months. Such an event reminds us that life is fragile and we never know what is around the corner – quite literally. I had driven down the same road the week before, probably far too fast as I was worried about being late for a meeting. It could have been me: it could have been any number of people.

Taking the service in Wissett on Pentecost Sunday, it was helpful to be reminded of the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the helper and guide Jesus promised to send to his disciples after he was taken up into heaven. He knew they would face difficulties as they spread his message of love across all nations. His message was radical then and it continues to be radical now. Jesus knows they will suffer just as he did in this world. People who think following Christ is an easy option

need to think again. We need help, we need each other and above all we need to accept God's abundant and unconditional love in good times and bad. There are so many questions about the terrible suffering of innocent people – Why them? Why me? These are valid questions, but unfortunately there are no easy answers.

The things which have been bringing me joy include my ongoing work with Holton Primary School as Governor and vicar. We have plans to get some of the older children involved in our eco-friendly efforts at St Peter's church and are looking forward to the school being involved in some kind of project relating to the Climate Conference in Halesworth at the end of September.

My tricycle riding is coming on and I was delighted to get out on my own for a couple of miles. It is such a joy to get out into our beautiful countryside, especially at this time of year. I have missed walking so much and am so grateful to have found an alternative. It was also wonderful to have a ride around Holton Pits with a couple of locals to check out how accessible it might be to people like me who use mobility aids. We managed to do this before the public meeting about Holton Pits where we were able to give our feedback. There is now a website for the Pits (www.holtonpits.org) and the committee is eager to hear from people who have ideas about the site and who have skills which might be useful in all sorts of areas. It is wonderful how much has been achieved so far. There is an extraordinary amount of work involved behind the scenes to keep this lovely area open and available to the community – hats off to all involved.

With love and blessings

Rev'd Gini

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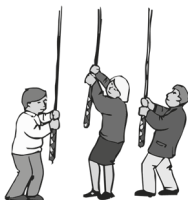
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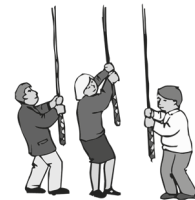
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From the Ringing Chamber



May is competition time, and this year's NE District Striking Competition was held at Theberton. Nine teams were competing, 50% up on last year. The judges had driven all the way up from Staplehurst in Kent. The Halesworth band had a hard practice session at Wissett the night before. What could go wrong?

Well, the first thing was that we arrived to find the church locked. After finding out where the churchwarden lived from a passing tractor driver, and after quizzing everyone in the pub when said churchwarden was found to be not at home, a lady eventually arrived with a key (only an hour late) and we could make a start. Every team having had a short practice, the draw took place. Halesworth were drawn to ring seventh, not ideal, as it meant an hour and a half waiting around.

The first team started off, rang their bit, and that was fine. Then, halfway through team no two's piece, an alarming clanging brought the ringing to a halt, one of the bells having smashed through the wooden slider and whipped the rope up to the ceiling, injuring the ringer in the process (small amount of blood, bit of bruising, shaken up, nothing too serious). In the absence of a local ringer (all strangely on holiday) our resourceful steeple-keeper Pete managed to find a ladder to climb up to the trap door and re-wheel the rope. He also came down clutching the remains of the slider, more woodworm than wood, which explained the accident.

The extra half hour delay didn't help the nerves, but at last it was our turn and off we went, and I'm pleased to say we rang better than we had the night before. Would Beccles (as it happened ringing next) be able to match it?

To cut a long story short the answer was no – we won by three faults (23 v 26) and retained the Trevor Hughes Trophy.



Judith Raven with the Trevor Hughes Trophy

So well done to the band, Judith, Erika, Sal, me (!), Pete and Jon. An honourable mention also goes to Joanna who stepped in to ring as a substitute for one of the Yoxford ringers who went home with a migraine, and helped them to a best ever third place, and winning the call change trophy.

Apart from contest preparation we've ticked over much as usual. This month's first Sunday evening quarter peal was successful. We rang Kent Treble Bob Major, a bit more complicated than usual and a first of Treble Bob for Sal and

Erika. Also, this month featured a quarter peal at Chediston which was a first for the new tower captain at Metfield, Lizzie Wood.

PJG



Above: The trophy-winning band (L - R): Jon, Erika, Sal, Philip, Judith, Pete.



The band that rang the quarter at Chediston: Philip, Jon, Lizzie, Graham, Veronica, Chris (Ronnie's brother).

Festival bell ringing

Ringing has long been part of Aldeburgh Festival and this year, Blythburgh is joining in the celebrations. Ringing takes place after the 9.30am service at Holy Trinity church Blythburgh on Saturday 23rd June, from 10.30am - 12.30pm, to include St Mary's ringers, St Edmund's handbell group, a quarter peal, photo display and light refreshment.

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Halesworth *dementia* Carers' Fund



In 2018 the Tamsyn Imison Award for Halesworth Community Project of the Year was inaugurated. We are delighted to report that the award was won by Halesworth *dementia* Carers' Fund for the year 2022.

The award was presented to HdCF Chair Nikki Sawkins by the Revd Dominic Doble, on behalf of Michael Imison, Patron of the award, at a lovely celebration in St Mary's Church on April 27th. The event was marked by music, and short talks telling of Tamsyn's work and love of Halesworth. There was also a very moving talk by Pippa Evans, telling of her experiences when her beloved husband, Bertie, developed dementia.

Working with the Pear Tree Centre and other local organisations and service providers the HdCF works very hard to provide respite for families where a loved one has dementia. Nikki and our Patron, Paddy Cox, expressed their gratitude to everyone for their support in so many different ways, and helping to make Halesworth a centre of excellence for dementia respite care.

Halesworth *dementia* Carers' Fund Golf Day

May 1st was a beautiful day and 19 teams took to the fairways at Halesworth Golf Club to raise funds for the Halesworth *dementia* Carers' Fund.

The event was a great success and we are very grateful to John Giles and Sara Higgins for their wonderful organisation. We are also very grateful to Suffolk Car Centre, the main sponsors, and to the following companies who so generously sponsored us:- Pearce and Kemp, Spectra Packaging, SJ Geomatics, Kevin Townsend, Micropress, Norton Peskett, Dynamic Dental, Broadway Colours, Cecil Amey, Wickham Care, Gentlemen's Row, AW and D Hammond, Jordan Fencing, Glam R Beauty Salon, Blakemore Foundation (Spar), MRWCF Electrical, Diesels Direct and Durrants.

On the day, members of the HdCF committee held a raffle. There was a wonderful selection of prizes and we are so grateful to the very many shopkeepers, businesses, pubs and people who so kindly donated to the raffle, and to all those who bought tickets.

Our thanks must also go to Halesworth Golf for letting us have this, our second golf tournament, at the course.

At the time of writing, the final figure has yet to be worked out, but it looks as if it will be well in excess of £5,000 after expenses.

Thank you, one and all, for making this such a great success. We look forward to seeing you all again on May 7th 2025.

To find out more about our work, ways to help us, and the various group activities full information can be found at info@halesworthdementia.co.uk

Official Notification of AGM

The AGM of the Halesworth *dementia* Carers' Fund will be held in The Stables, Angel Hotel, on Monday 10th June 2024, beginning at 2pm.

All interested parties are welcome to attend, and the meeting will be followed by refreshments.

John Wood



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

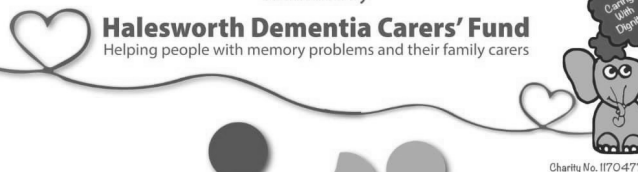
Can anyone spare one or two Wednesday mornings (from 10am - 11.30am) each month to come and help us at Waveney Foodbank in St Mary's church Halesworth, please?

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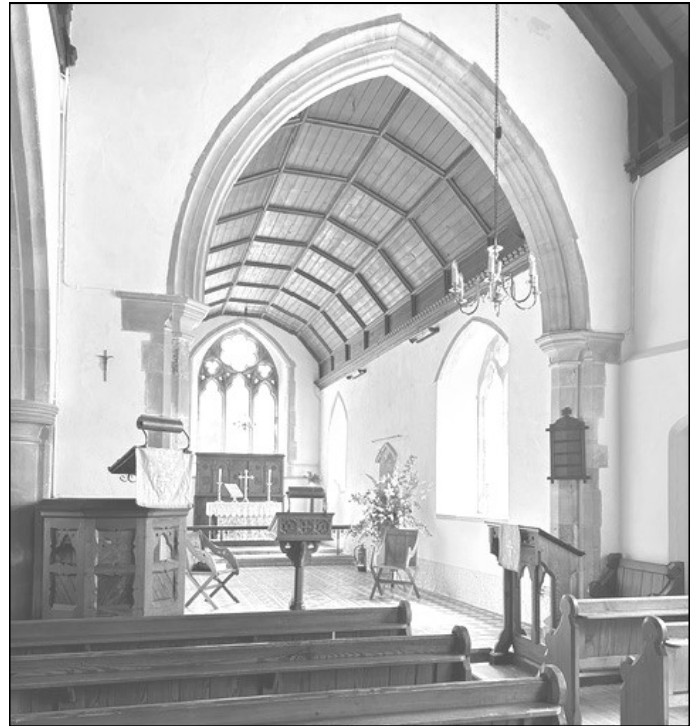
Matthew Thomas highlighted a number of organisations that we should apply to in order to obtain the required funding. We were successful in securing grants from: Heveningham Hall Country Fair Trust; SHCT; Benefact Trust; Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Settlement and The Scarfe Charitable Trust - totalling £14,500. This, together with the monies raised from fundraising events enabled us to meet our final target and thus commence the work. Following the completion and certification, we have submitted an application to The Listed Places of Worship (LPW) Grant Scheme to recover the VAT on the repairs.

We have only praise for Matthew Thomas and L A Hurrell and are grateful for their regular communications and site meetings during the process. The Church was closed during April and following the completion of the specified works the PCC have commenced a thorough deep clean of the Church with the aim of restoring wood work, flooring etc. to ensure it looks its best.

We now look forward to celebrating the re-opening of St Mary's with a service on May 26th led by the Revd Vic Hopkins and also this year's

first music event on Saturday 29th June, when we welcome back the fabulous Dave Keech Jazz Quartet. (See advertisement below).

Lee and Anita Hill



ST MARY'S WALPOLE EVENTS

An Evening of Live Jazz from the
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On Saturday 29th June we are thrilled to welcome back **The Dave Keech Quartet**, featuring three superb young musicians: Isaac Keech on piano, bassist Sean Blake, Adam Smith on drums and of course the phenomenal Dave Keech on the trombone. Come and join us for an evening of sublime jazz. Limited tickets - booking advised.

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Restore Nature Now

Church groups are joining a coalition of nature and climate organisations, including the National Trust, the RSPB, the Wildlife Trusts and the Woodland Trust, for a *Restore Nature Now* march on Saturday 22nd June in Central London. Creation is in crisis. Nature in the UK is in long-term decline and without radical change we're set to lose even more precious habitats and species. This will be a creative, family-friendly and legal mass gathering that demonstrates a united call to politicians from all parties to act now for nature, people and climate.

Beccy Speight, RSPB CEO said: *Here in the UK, we care deeply about nature. But last year's State of Nature report laid out a grim picture, finding that there's been no let-up in the decline of our wildlife over recent decades, with one in six species now at risk of being lost from our shores. But there is hope: while we know the threats, we also know the solutions. But we simply aren't acting fast enough or at a big enough scale to tackle the nature and climate crisis. We're calling for urgent action and a much stronger commitment to nature's recovery from politicians of all parties, because we cannot afford to wait any longer.*

A Rocha UK, Green Christian, Christian Climate Action, and Operation Noah are collaborating on a *Creation Cries Out* ecumenical service of worship, 11am, Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH before joining the main march on Park Lane between midday and 1pm.

You are invited to join with them to pray, worship and lament in the context of biodiversity decline and climate breakdown. It is a family event with a children's nature-based church outside in the church garden.

Christian groups like Green Christian are supporting this event because God's creation is suffering from humanity's greed and lack of care. We must work to transform the unjust structures in our society that are the root cause of this.

We are called to love our neighbour (Mark 12:31) and to seek justice (Isaiah 1:17). If we take this seriously we must do what we can to call on our leaders to act for the

common good and to safeguard our common home - our faith must be accompanied by action (James 2:17).

The world is crying out for courageous moral leadership at this time. This is the job of the church. It is to call for what is right from our leaders - that the UK might demonstrate genuine leadership in taking meaningful action to safeguard creation.

(Article from: www.greenchristian.org.uk)

Jim and Sue Green plan to go to the Restore Nature Now march on June 22nd, they would love you to join them.

Contact them at: jimpiecrust@phonecoop.coop

June Events at Halesworth Library

Our headliner this month is an *illustrated talk* on poems inspired by art which will be given by Tamar Yoseloff on Thursday 27th June, 7.30pm. Ms Yoseloff's debut book won the Aldeburgh Festival Poetry prize, and she currently lectures at Newcastle University. She will discuss her own work as well as poems influenced by Monet, abstract expressionist painting and Greek sculpture.

This month also sees three sessions of our regular *Sociable Sunday* events (June 2nd, 16th and 30th). You can drop in any time between 10.30am - 12.30pm and enjoy meeting new people, and chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

The *Board Games Café* takes place on the last Monday of the month (June 24th). It's open to all ages and abilities. There will be a range of games available, so join us and meet new friends, have fun, and enjoy tea and cake in the welcoming space of the library. Feel free to bring your own board game along! No need to book. Drop in any time between 2pm-4pm.

All events will take place in Halesworth Library and are organised by the Friends of Halesworth Library. Attendance is free, though donations to cover the cost of refreshments are appreciated. It helps our planning (how many biscuits to buy etc) if you can let us know if you plan to attend the book talk.

You can email us at: friendsofhalesworthlibrary@gmail.com or speak to the library assistants.



Halesworth Lions Club Swing Dance

SATURDAY 22nd JUNE at HOLTON & BLYFORD VILLAGE HALL will be the place to join in, and learn, the art of SWING DANCING, starting at 7.30pm.

DJ Flying Fortress, The Accordion Man and Sgt Bilko accompanied by Miss Joyce Dee will be in voice – they are brilliant – the bar will be open – and the barbecue will be serving burgers – all within the ticket price of £10!

Tickets are available from Sue on 01986 469515 or 07951 381407.

The Halesworth Lions have done a great deal for the Halesworth area over the years and want to go on doing so – but they need to raise funds to achieve that, so come along to the dance and have great evening and contribute towards more help for those who can't help themselves. **WM**



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Celebration and Thanksgiving for the work and ministry of Churchwardens

On Sunday 5th May, my daughter Sophie joined me for a visit to the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds for Choral Evensong with a celebration and thanksgiving for the work and ministry of Churchwardens. Geoffrey Kiddy from Wissett also attended, and I was so grateful that our Rector Dominic and his wife, Liz, came and supported the wardens.

Dean Joe gave a welcome and commented on the task of a Churchwarden sometimes being thankless and involving many hours of patience and hard work. The beautiful fabric, the heritage of the buildings in our county that we love and care for whose stories we know and carry, the passion we feel for the way in which our faith is made incarnate in time and space, in brick, stone, glass and wood, the living stones who come Sunday by Sunday. Churchwardens are the stewards, the guardians of this heritage. Beautiful words.

So, with a packed Cathedral, the organ roared into action during the singing of three great hymns *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty, In Christ Alone My Hope Is Found* and *Crown Him With Many Crowns*. With Bach's epic *Fugue in D, BWV 532* played as the voluntary.

Bishop Martin spoke of Churchwardens dedication, our work ensuring that mission and ministry of our Churchwardens can be released to serve our communities and be signs of God's heart of love for all people. He went on to tell a story of how he became aware of what a Churchwarden was when he was five years old and his dad was one! The Bishop's dad spending a great deal of time in church during the week as well as on Sundays. With the Bishop and his sister being the

only children in the congregation, at that point I turned to Sophie and said "that sounds familiar" with a cheeky smile on my face! Bishop Martin ended with giving his deep gratitude to all Churchwardens on behalf of the whole Diocese. Our love and care in the fellowship of Jesus Christ is always mutual. The New Testament reading came from Philippians 4.4-8 a well-known reading (which actually was read on my wedding day) *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice*. Paul is reminding them to look after themselves in the midst of all that they were trying to do, let's look out for each other, our clergy, and all of us called into the Lord's service.

Having been the steward of St Mary's Halesworth for many years, I consider the task of being Churchwarden a privilege and although a challenging role, it is also a great joy seeing how the building, the 'living stones' have grown these post-covid years, seeing the community using our buildings more and more is so extremely encouraging. So THANK YOU to all my fellow Churchwardens. I think we should come together for a similar service of celebration in the summer?! You can catch-up on the service via the Cathedral's YouTube page at www.youtube.com/@stedscathedral – oh and yes I came home with a bottle of St Edmundsbury bitter 5.6% vol, called *The Dean's Undoing* – bloomin' lovely!

Let us pray:- God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: give us thankful hearts for the work and dedication of our churchwardens; and by the Spirit's gifts equip us all to live the gospel of Christ, and be eager to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Son our Lord, who is alive and reigning with you and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Jason Busby

Churchwarden, St Mary's Halesworth



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We are so very grateful for every penny that you kindly drop into our collecting goblets. Again we are so sorry but our collectors will not have access to a card machine.

On Sunday 30th June Lowestoft & District Organ & Keyboard Club are holding a Musical Concert in memory of their chairman who sadly passed away with cancer. The proceeds are being divided between Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research and Parkinson's UK. The concert will be at the Parkhill Hotel, Oulton NR32 5DQ. 2pm-4.30pm. Tickets £5 at the door. Refreshments and raffle. Please go along to support this lovely event.

Forthcoming events:-

We are having the iChameleon pop-up shop from July 4th-10th. We are always grateful for donations of good quality items that we can sell in the shop, please contact me. (Sadly we can't accept large items of furniture, electrical goods or clothes).

We will have something extra each day including again the two very popular events from last year, Jane Bastow's plant stall on the Friday and the U3A ukulele band on the Tuesday morning.

After the huge success of last year's Maze by Torchlight hosted by the Old Hall Cafe Reydon they have very generously agreed to do it again this year on Friday 30th August. As soon as the tickets go on sale on their website please book early to avoid disappointment. We will provide some games and stalls again this year.

We can't do all of this without all of you. Thank you for continuing to attend our events and so generously supporting the Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research.

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Stallholders will bring interesting items to tempt us, there will be the usual walking raffles of bottles of spirits, a few reasons to sit in the sun (fingers crossed) and enjoy a relaxing day full of interest.

The Village Hall continues to offer a tasty cooked breakfast the first Sunday of the month – starting at 9am. It's a way to meet friends old and new.

On every other Thursday, the ever popular bingo kicks off at 7.30pm with great cash prizes – and a super big raffle.

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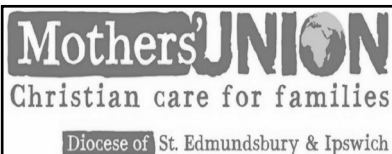
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We need a new Diocesan Secretary and Diocesan Treasurer
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Woodbridge Branch are having a 'Cream Tea' afternoon on **Thursday 13th June at 3pm** in St Mary's Hall. Parking is easier in the 'Railway Station car park' and then walk up Church Street to the hall. The cost is £5 per person to include as many scones as you can eat and lashings of tea. There will be a raffle and Clare will be joining us with the MUE stall. All are welcome.

"I Spy the MU plaque [at Southwold]"

Mary Sumner Day, August 9th, from 12noon at the foot of the pier in Southwold - a time to come together, relax, share stories, have fun, (bring our picnics or buy our own fish and chips) and simply enjoy being Mothers' Union together in Eds and Ips. The MU brass plaque celebrating 125 years of Mary Sumner's vision has, since the pier's renovation, "gone missing" - and we need to find it again. Maybe there's someone out there with a rag and some polish too and where did the Time Capsule from 2001 end up....? 2026, it will be 150 years!

Council Meeting Decision. At council, it was agreed to shorten the name of the Diocesan Mothers' Union Fellowship groups to Mothers Union groups. The members present, expressed a desire to have the word fellowship dropped so that the focus would be on the Mothers' Union group. The need to differentiate between groups and branches is so that it is clear where the Treasurer sends the annual returns form at the end of each year.

Mothers' Union Quiet Day 26.6.24

The North Suffolk Area MU will be holding a Quiet Day on Wednesday 26th June, from 10am till 3pm in and around St Peter's Church Wenham IP19 9EG. The day will be led by the Revd Canon Andrew Vessey, a retired Priest who lives in Fressingfield. Several years ago he did take some services in the Blyth Valley Team. The theme of the day is '**Finding Prayer: through a Window, a Tapestry and a Poem**'.

Like all MU events, this Quiet Day is open to anyone to attend, men or women, MU member or not! The day will start at 10am with coffee, tea or a cold drink and biscuits. There will be time to chat before the Quiet Day begins. There will be three short talks, followed by a time for quiet reflection. If the weather is fine we will be able to sit in the churchyard or go for a short walk in the village, perhaps to the Church common.

Lunch will be a time when you can talk in St Peter's. Drinks will be provided, but please bring your own packed lunch. The day will conclude with a short service after the third time of quiet reflection. There is no charge for the day, but donations would be appreciated to cover costs.

Parking will be in the Village Hall car park, opposite St Peter's. There are toilets available in the Village Hall.

If you would like any further information do contact Margaret Goldstone, Wenham MU Branch Leader (01502 478378). Can you please let her know if you are thinking of coming, so she knows how many to cater for and Andrew knows how many sheets to provide for those taking part. There may also be maps, showing the local walks. Do look out for posters and flyers in local churches, with details of the Quiet Day.

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A Spring Bouquet – FoSM RECITAL REVIEW by Jason Busby

Usually, we have the delights of a trio in Mezzo Soprano Wendy Slaney, Soprano Veronica Downing, ably accompanied by Jonathan Rutherford on the piano. However, Veronica was recovering from a bad bout of laryngitis. So, after some encouragement, Wendy and Jonathan gave the recital on Wednesday 8th May.

Entitled 'A Spring Bouquet of Songs and Piano Pieces' we were treated to 45 minutes of delights. From well-known pieces like *Down By The Sally Gardens* by Britten to *Voi che sapete* from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro* to *Getting To Know You* from *The King & I* by Richard Rodgers to the more complex and challenging piece (not that it showed), the dark and sinister story of *The Nurses Song* by Benjamin Britten.

On a beautiful spring day, the tower doors wide open, with the smell of the freshly cut grass from the churchyard, tea, coffee, cake and sandwiches, Wendy sang eloquently. Her voice lifting, gently at times, but roared with passion which you could see in Wendy's expression.

Meanwhile, it was a pleasure to hear the new piano being played sensitively by Jonathan, who treated us to an arrangement of the well-known *Londonderry air* which we know as the hymn *I Cannot Tell* but this version arranged by Percy Grainger.

Later, he played three short lyric pieces by Edvard Grieg, the theme of the very first piece of the collection, *Arietta* (Little Song), was one of Grieg's favourite melodies. Then he played a tune known for the 1955 *The Woodentops* theme!

I personally enjoyed the two bagatelles by Beethoven, Jonathan commented on his favourite recording of the bagatelles played by world renowned pianist Sviatoslav Richter. We can not thank both Wendy and Jonathan enough for a thoroughly enjoyable lunchtime recital.

Hopefully, we look forward to seeing the trio back together next season.

On Wednesday 12th June, we welcome Patrick Crooke and Ben Payne, who will delight with music by Mozart, Beethoven, Telemann and Bartok in a programme featuring various combinations of string duets. DO JOIN US. **JB**



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Chediston

Correspondent

Sally Aldous 01986 873363

Spring at last has arrived and "May" is decked in all its finery. The blossoms have been spectacular, driving through the countryside, everything is now a

burst of colour. The trees are very forward and roses are bursting out in bloom.

To quote- (first verse) "Spring"

Spring, the sweet spring,
is the year's pleasant king.
Then blooms each thing, then
maids dance in a ring.
Cold doth not sting, the pretty
birds do sing:
Cuckoo, jug-jug, pu-we,
to-witta-woo!

T Nash

(Sadly now, I fear the cuckoo has left this area).

Joan Attridge

I was sorry to read that Joan had passed away. She and her family lived at Leggatt's Farm (on the very edge of Chediston). When we first came here, she was one of the first to welcome us. She and her husband were both regular church-goers and active members of the PCC. Our condolences go to her family.

Chediston & Linstead WI

As the arranged speaker for the April meeting was unable to attend, Helen from "Home Start" in Suffolk stepped into the breach. Her talk told us how volunteers helped families who were struggling with issues such as mental health, financial difficulties, isolation and various other conditions.

The award-winning team at present has 280 volunteers. Training is provided for those volunteers, but more volunteers are required for this worthwhile cause.

If you would like to find out more call:

01473 621104 or email: volunteer@homestartinsuffolk.org

Veronica Downing writes:

Chediston welcomed bell ringers from Lancashire on Saturday 11th May. They rang a peal (5040 changes) in 2 hours 39 minutes of Surprise Minor methods. For most of us listening, the joy was in the beautiful striking and music that the bells made, but with sound control in operation, the sound of bells was a bit muted! We are very lucky to have such a good ring of bells, having had them restored and retuned in 2009. Visiting ringers always comment on their sound and their "go", as they are lovely bells to ring, as well as listen to. Four of the ringers went on to ring the eight bells at Hitcham in Suffolk for another peal on Monday. On May 2nd, our own local ringers (see below) rang a quarter peal of doubles methods (1,260 changes of Reverse Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob) as part of our regular practice night. After the quarter peal, there was an open practice for any ringers, and we tried out a new method for us – All Saints.

1. Graham Downing
2. Veronica Downing
3. Chris Samson (brother to 2)
4. Philip Gorrod
5. Jon Iles
6. Lizzie Woods (First quarter peal)

Rung as a wedding compliment to Liz (daughter of 3) and Mike Cartwright who were married near Norwich on April 20th.

There is no pub in Chediston, but everyone came back to Bridge Farm barn for beer, crisps and a natter, as the social bit is half the fun.

If there is anyone reading this, aged nine and upwards to about 65 years, who is interested in learning to ring, contact Veronica on 07799 48466.

You are invited to celebrate Suffolk Day on Friday 21st June in Chediston. For more details please see the advertisement on this page or contact Jo Wareham on 07711 066727.

Finally, I am collecting subs for this year's *BVTimes*. If you have not already paid me for this year or last year! Please see page 13 of this issue. To recap: 2024/2025 subscriptions are valid from the May edition. Payment

You are invited to celebrate Suffolk Day

Friday 21st June in **Chediston** with:

- **Open gardens** 2:30pm-4:30pm
 - **Art exhibition** 11am-4:30pm
 - **Wine Tasting** with wines from Suffolk & Norfolk
 - **Snacks & Music** in the Church at 5pm
- £20 entry, in aid of Chediston Church

Call or email Jo to book:



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of £12 (for the year) can be given to your local delivery person (me!) or paid directly into the *BVTimes* Barclays bank account: Blyth Valley Team Ministry, sort code 20-53-06; a/c number 13647579. (Please ref BVT sub). Thank you. SA

Cookley

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St Michael & All Angels Church, Cookley

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

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Halesworth

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On April 22nd, we welcomed the Bohemian Choir of the Technical University of Liberec. (See photo below). Just over 50 of us enjoyed an evening of powerful stories from their motherland and beautiful song. From traditional Czech melodies to a couple of well-known English favourites. Following the concert over refreshments the audience spoke at length with the choir. We look forward

to welcoming them back to Halesworth again one day. The Church was presented with two beautiful glasses from the 1712 glassworks in the Czech Republic. With many thanks to my wife Sarah, also Gwen, Simon and John who helped feed the choir before the concert and provided all the refreshments afterwards. A night to remember.

Bill Pagan writes: *I would like to comment on the recent visit to our region during the week of April 22nd of the Bohemian Choir of the University of Liberec in Bohemia, made up of students, mainly girls, who are training to be primary school teachers.*

This was their fourth visit, and during the week, the choir visited several primary and secondary schools for musical workshops. They also visited care homes, and during the evenings, performed concerts in several local churches.

Their connection to our region is that their English teacher and director of the choir, Christopher Muffet, has strong family links with Southwold, his mother being in a care home there.

The theme of their concerts was life in Bohemia under German occupation in 1939, and Russian occupation in 1948, in words and music, mainly with reference to their Bohemian royal families.

My wife, Fiona, and I were so impressed by the concert which we went to on the Monday in St Mary's Church that we went to their last concert on Friday in the beautiful church at Sotterley. It was quite an emotional occasion, beautifully sung and presented again by the students, in front of a large and appreciative audience.

At the end, the students again mixed

with us, wanting to improve their English, which led to wonderful conversations and exchange of views.

The concerts were all free, with a leaving collection. A truly memorable visit.

We sincerely hope that the choir will return soon, and that everyone will have the opportunity to share our experience.

Sadly, the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) on May 11th was only attended by three non-PCC members. Ah well. In summary, I was elected as Churchwarden; John Ball Secretary and we have a new Treasurer in Anna Hedges. Many thanks go to Karen and Pedro who have meticulously overseen the accounts for several years and are now in permanent retirement. Welcome Anna.

Reports were presented on activities for 2023 along with draft accounts. On behalf of the PCC, we do sincerely thank EVERYONE who contributes to the life of our beloved Church. A great deal of work goes on behind the scenes to keep the doors open. Particular thanks and blessings to Dominic, Gini and all clergy who encourage, teach and guide us through our Christian journey, we look forward to what the next year will bring. THANK YOU EVERYONE.

Looking ahead to June, we have a quieter month. Apart from the FoSM Lunchtime Recital on Wednesday 12th June when we welcome Patrick Crooke and Ben Payne - violin and viola, then the monthly Community Lunch on June 26th.

Our Rector, Dominic, is taking a well-earned rest/holiday at the start of the month. We continue to offer mid-week worship on Wednesdays at 10am and two services on Sundays - 8am and 10am. All services are live-streamed via www.youtube.com/@halesworthparish

Just a note to say the pigeons are back nesting in the north side clock face! Last year the sticks from their nest stuck out enough to stop the clock!

HALESWORTH WI

Members welcomed Anne Fleming to our last meeting as she told us of her "Life as a Magistrate". Anne was a magistrate for 12 years and dealt with a wide variety of cases following an intensive training. Now, instead of a large training manual to read, this has been modernised and can be accessed via the internet. To qualify you have to



be between 18 and 70 years old, this is a volunteer organisation with no pay only expenses and involves sitting on the bench a few days per month with two other magistrates and a court clerk to give advice.

The majority of men brought before the court for motoring offences invariably protest "No, it weren't me". Although it can be proved it was them through roadside cameras and modern technology. The decision on one elderly man who was brought before the court was that he should be suspended and re take his driving licence, this met with absolute approval from his immediate family at the back of the court, who had probably been trying unsuccessfully to get him to give up driving. A very interesting talk and we were amazed to hear that the first female magistrate sat in 1919. **BP**

ST MARY 50/50 CLUB

The result of the May draw is as follows: 1st prize - B Attenborough; 2nd prize - P Cook; 3rd prize - C Kiddy.

St Mary's Church, Halesworth

has joined the "Give a Little" online donation service.

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Heveningham

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At the beginning of May, the Glebe had its first cut of the year, it was amazing to see how much space we actually have there. I hope that we will make the most of this in the Summer with some family events.

The churchyard also had a tidy up, with thanks to our volunteers giving up some of their precious time.

The Coffee Morning and Bric-à-Brac sale in May was a success, with many new faces and neighbours coming

together for an informal chit-chat. Our service was also well attended on the Sunday, so it was a busy and rewarding weekend.

The PCC met in May for the APCM. We had a good meeting, with involvement from the village and we have some very positive ideas, moving forward. We also welcomed some new members to the PCC, but we are still in need of a Secretary. If you are interested and can spare a couple of hours a month, please contact me for more information.

Another success has been our beehive. This has now become very active and has its own colony. It is great to see the bees coming and going and, maybe, we will soon have our very own church honey.

Dates for your Diary: June 10th - Service - Choral Evensong at 6pm; June 22nd - Coffee Morning and Picture Sale, 10.30am. We also have a date to welcome back the St Mary's handbell ringers on August 15th. This was so much fun last time, so, if this is something you would like to try, please watch this space.

St Margaret's Church, Heveningham

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Holton

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Another first for St Peter's! On May 12th, Jim Green led our Morning Worship, his first service in the Team since he was licensed as a Reader in the Benefice along with Veronica Mowat. Jim encouraged us to be a community of transformation engaging and working with those on the margins of society both here and abroad, a

timely message at the beginning of Christian Aid Week. We are so blessed to have two more people willing and able to take services in the churches in the Blyth Valley, thank you to them both.

And now a **BIG** thank you to everyone who was involved with the Car Boot Sale, especially Mary for organising so much, for Chris for so much practical help, for the refreshment tent team, ably led by Dot and Helen, and Richie Pymar who was chef at the barbecue; the raffle ticket sellers and those on the Church stall; but most importantly the car booters. We mustn't forget all those who came and bought from the stalls, ate delicious cake, scrummy sausages, bacon and burgers and who bought raffle tickets. (Thanks must also go to all who donated prizes for the raffle including Market Fields). And the result was the one Mary wanted, a total over £1200. Fabulous!

Holton Church Funds

The Car Boot is behind us
Which was such a happy time
But on we go trying to raise more cash
I'll try to spell it out in rhyme.

The next thing on the calendar
Is our annual Festival of Flowers
Where friends come up with amazing ideas
That they have thought about for hours.

This year our subject is children's books
With stories we love to share
Your memories I'm sure will all be jogged
When we see that familiar Bear.

The family times when we sat and listened
Or read stories to someone small
Brings smiles and pictures inside our heads
Which I'm sure we can all recall.

The toad, the rabbit, the garden, the train
All bring images to our mind
The books that as children we truly enjoyed
Portrayed in flowers we hope you will find.

So put in your diaries the last weekend of July
Have a look, sample cake and tea too
For in Holton we enjoy putting on a good show
You're all welcome, please come along, do!

Dottie Booley

Dates for your diary: **Labyrinth Event on Monday 3rd June** from 2pm until 4pm. The theme for this session is "Meadow Flowers". Can I encourage you to come along and give it a try. If you can't face the idea of doing any craftwork you don't have to, the time is for you to use in the way most helpful to you.

Joint Council AGM at St Mary's Church, Halesworth on Wednesday 12th June - 7pm for refreshments, followed by the meeting at 7.30pm. Please come to this important meeting in the life of the Blyth Valley Parishes.

St Peter's PCC, Thursday 4th July, 7pm. Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee Morning Saturday 6th July from 10am until 12 noon in church. Please contact Janet Walkey if you can help on 01986 875594.

The Flower Festival on Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th July from 10am until 4pm. The theme for this year is "Our favourite childhood stories".

Magazine Delivery Team

The Churchwarden's report at the APCM included a BIG thank you to all those who support the worship and work at St Peter's. I would like to extend the thank you to all those who deliver the *BVTimes*. We have a team of seven volunteers and between us we deliver 60 copies every month. Some of these volunteers have been delivering for over 20 years and are still willing to do so! They also collect the subscription payments once a year.

Thank you to those readers who have paid for another year's subscription. If you have somehow missed seeing your delivery person and would like to subscribe for another year, please 'phone me for collection of your payment, 01986 835752, or pay at the office in St Mary's.

Jackie

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Children's Society Box Opening & Coffee Morning 6.7.24

The annual Box Opening & Coffee Morning this year will be on Saturday 6th July, 10am till 12 noon at St Peter's Holton. Everyone is welcome whether you are a box holder or not. I do hope those who usually help with emptying the boxes and counting the money or serving the refreshments will be able to help. Please let me know if you are able to help. 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. I hope to get a letter and poster to all those on the Box List soon.

I know that many people are still not using much, if any, cash these days, so may have very little in their boxes. Cheques made out to 'The Children's Society' are most acceptable, to replace or to top up the change in your box. Cheques and notes make it much quicker for those emptying the boxes and counting the money, also lessen the weight to carry to the Bank! We may have the use of the coin counter again, which Chris Knevet used last year.

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. (My address is 4 Church View, Holton). It really does make life so much easier to have all the boxes to open on the morning.

Gift Aid: If you are a tax payer, Gift Aid means The Children's Society will receive 25% extra at no extra cost to you. If you 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 on the morning. 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 in this country. You do not have to be a regular worshipper at St Peter's or St Mary's Halesworth. Do speak to me, give me a ring or email me.

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St Mary's Church, Huntingfield

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HUNTINGFIELD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

COMMEMORATION D DAY PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 9th

11 - 2PM ON THE MILLENNIUM GREEN

BRING YOUR OWN PICNICS

HOT DRINKS, ICE LOLLIES & SPAM

FITTERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY

1940's MUSIC

SPECIAL QUESTS - 'DASH ASTRO' from the local ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY will be giving a presentation on the SOLAR SYSTEM at 11am promptly. There will be 'Solar Scopes' available for everyone to have a look at the Sun, its hotspots and if we are really lucky 'solar flares' Suitable for all ages

This year, at Heveningham Hall Country Fair which is June 29th/30th, we are busy planning for a 'Church Tent'. In the past, the parish Churches always had a presence in the form of a tent at the Fair. Today, the parishes provide the bulk of the volunteers that are needed to run the annual event so over time the 'tent' has been resigned to the ether.

Many visitors to the fair are unaware of the Parishes commitment to the running and making the Fair a success and many more do not realise that it is a Charity event. Over the years that the Fair has been running, one million pounds has been donated to local charities, causes and churches. Recently, Huntingfield Church has benefitted by grants from the Trustees of the Fair for: replacing lightbulbs,

costs towards restoring the East stained glass window and cleaning of William and Mildred Holland's tombstones. If you are interested in helping to be a steward in the tent for an hour or two, please contact your Churchwarden. Or you may have some pictures, photos or documents that would be appropriate to display in the tent? We look forward to welcoming you to 'your space' if you are visiting the fair, please check us out.

Linstead

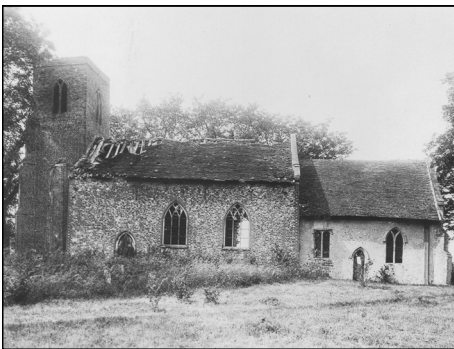
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THE 18th AND 19th CENTURIES WERE not necessarily noted for the care that was taken of our parish churches. St Peter's Linstead Magna being a case in point.

Arguably, it wouldn't happen now, even if the church had to be sold off.



St Peter's, however, is not forgotten. We are (post-Covid) resuming the tradition of holding a biennial open-air service there on Sunday 16th June. We will, with the kind permission of Peter and Tracey Abell, meet at Church Farm, at about 2.30pm and then process to the actual site of the church for a short open-air service there at 3pm.

WE WERE ENTERTAINED IN APRIL BY the 'Sugar Beatniks', a duo who sang and played a large range of music, which was greatly enjoyed. The concert was in aid of the Village Hall, our other great village asset.



CHEDISTON & LINSTEAD WI MET IN May and, after two separate speakers, on other topics, had cancelled, heard a lady talk very enthusiastically, about the work of the charity, Home-Start. Manned by volunteers, the charity helps families through crises, financial or health related. The WI meets next at Linstead Village Hall, on June 11th at 2.30pm. They will be addressed by Deborah Lay, who will talk about the conservation of the Turtle Dove.

SERVICES IN JUNE: PLEASE SEE previous column for details of the St Peter's service. There will also be a service of Matins on June 9th at 10am.

Spexhall

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St Peter's Church, Spexhall

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Who doesn't love a party?

Actually, I know quite a few, but ignoring the outliers, June is party month in Spexhall, with one Woodpecker knows, to which ALL are invited! As you know our little church is dedicated to St Peter, the day when we celebrate him every year is June 29th.

The party has been going on in Spexhall since at least 1150, and this year we want to make it a big one because we are having it on SUNDAY 30th JUNE at 10am with a special Team Holy Communion. For those not so up on the terminology it is our PATRONAL FESTIVAL.

We are so lucky that this is the 5th Sunday, so we are the only church in the whole Team to be having a morning service at that time. That's handy, because it means everyone can

make it (unless you have something pre-booked like a wedding or something that weekend, which shows lack of forward planning as far as Woodpecker is concerned!).

Wouldn't it be great to have a morning where we sing some well-known hymns, celebrate our life as a community, have a party in the piggle (field behind the church) afterwards where the champagne will flow (well, maybe one bottle unless you bring one! Other drinks and snacks/nibbles available). We would love you to come, even if you rarely visit the church, we know you love it to be here. We especially invite Parish Councillors, District Councillors, the Village Hall committee and anyone from the Huntsman who can come, or the Spexhall football team (maybe there is a game at that time, Woodpecker isn't up on the football scene!).

We would also really appreciate it if people from the other Blyth Valley churches dedicated to St Peter would come and celebrate with us. We promise not to hog this festival every year.

If you have a loved one buried in the churchyard, you might like to come and celebrate with us, too, or if you have moved from Spexhall and would like to catch up with old friends, come along! We even have the Team Choir led by Karen, and our organist Jason, helping the music along. Flowers will adorn the church, the massive George Flag will fly, (thanks St Mary's!) and the bell will be rung out across the village. We will even get out the Elizabethan chalice and paten.

St Peter's has had baptisms, weddings, funerals and festivals celebrated for centuries. Let's make this one a special festival. *So why St Peter?*

Quick CV/Obituary: Fisherman, disciple, was actually called 'The Rock' by Jesus as second in command (good name for a DJ these days), told Jesus he thought he was the Messiah and got confused when told not to tell anyone (yet!), was told he would have the 'keys to the Kingdom of Heaven', denied knowing Jesus three times before the cock crowed, at last called him Christ after the day of Pentecost, stayed put in Jerusalem most of the time as head of the first Christians as the disciples (now called apostles) went out as missionaries, had a row with St Paul (it's Paul's feast day as well btw, but we will pass that one by) and ended up in

Rome when the Romans were persecuting Christians. Finally he was executed by crucifixion and asked to be hung upside down as felt he was unworthy to die like Christ. If that's not a life at least worth a service, I don't know what is. *Fun fact:* the third most popular dedication for churches in the Church of England. (Roman Catholics continue his story, but you will have to look that one up!).

Rogation Sunday (12th May)

A lovely walk was held by a happy band of pilgrims (*see photo below*) with a service put together by Jason and Geoffrey, with stops along the way to consider the beauty of our land, give thanks for those who work on it and produce our food, and pray for those in need. Hymns sung in both Wissett and Spexhall churches, followed by a 'slap-up' tea in the village hall, with thanks to those who baked and served. Remember this is a Team Walk/Service and all are welcome. Do join us next year. We keep Rogation Sunday as the first Sunday in May if we can (or as near as possible). Woodpecker didn't know of these agricultural festivals until recently. He had to look up that Rogation comes from 'rogare' in Latin ('to ask'). We ask for God's blessing.

The Churchyard

Most know that our churchyard is a wildlife sanctuary. The wildflowers and wildlife are a sign of the beauty and wonder of God's creation. If you have a loved one whose grave you like to visit but find it difficult to walk through to it, do bring some shears and cut a path for yourself. Some paths are mown for general access. We believe that respect is shown to all the departed by allowing our churchyard to be a wild and wonderful place.

However, even the wildest things need taming and on Tuesday 9th July from about 6pm (earlier if you can make it) anyone with a strimmer, secateurs,

loppers, saws and rakes are invited to help with cutting back the Spring growth, because out of that will come the glory of next year's flowers. If anyone doubts we care about our churchyard, come and visit that evening (and other evenings if it is wet) and see a team hard at work. Let's not get binary about this. It is not 'men's work'. Those of any gender are very welcome to help us out. The more the merrier (well, it's hard work, but a bit merry!).

Woodpecker has noticed that the number of artificial flowers on graves, as well as ornaments, has been increasing in recent times. We respectfully remind those who tend graves that the Diocesan rules do not officially allow artificial flowers or ornaments. Why not think of planting some Spring bulbs or other planted flowers. No flowers on a grave is not a sign of disrespect.

Compost

If you watch 'Gardener's World' you might have seen Monty Don turning over his compost and taking out lovely loamy soil (does he really do it all himself?). Well our compost bin gets old Christmas wreaths full of plastic and wire and oasis, plastic trays and other such stuff slung in it, and Woodpecker won't be around for the 500 years it would take for it to compost down. So, the 'compost bin' is being removed and there will, in time, be a green bin for compostable material only. This will be collected by the Council.

You can assist us to help the environment by placing the right thing in the correct bin. When putting other rubbish in the black bin, it helps if it is in a bin bag first. The more you take home to dispose of, the more it helps everyone. We all know how easy it is to be forgetful, or quickly get rid of something. Plastic in the blue bin, and

paper, too. Non recyclables go in the black bin, and take glass to the bottle bank. Thanks so much for helping us!

The Village People

By the time you read this, the Summer Quiz will be over and I am sure it will have been a fun night. Next on the party agenda, the village party, kindly hosted by Francis and Elizabeth, on Saturday 12th July, starting at 3pm, to which all in the village are invited.

Food contributions gratefully received. Email: spexhallwoodpecker@gmail.com Also coming up, a possible wine tasting event and our August Summer Italian Lunch on August 4th.

Wow, what a lot going on!

Join us on the 30th to celebrate the life of St Peter, and the life of our village. Woodpecker has got his work cut out!

And finally....

We owe enormous thanks to Les Lelean and Liz Crago for their hard work, skill and dedication in working as Treasurer and PCC Secretary up to our APCM in May. The numerous ways they have helped us are too many to list here, but we really thank them for what they have done! We welcome Annie Davidson as our new Treasurer and any correspondence for the Treasurer (in the first instance) and the PCC Secretary please direct to the Churchwarden: keith.noakes@gmail.com

Thorington

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Our APCM, held in April, was a small meeting with everyone agreeing to continue in their roles... a satisfactory year in 2023 highlighted with Artistree, our successful art event held in September at Laundry Farm barn, again thanks to Liam for hosting. This year we are planning a 'community' event at the Church for September 7th and more next time, but hopefully music, food and wine in the churchyard. all offers of help gratefully received.

There is a wedding in the air... Ele Gower and Jake Thorold will be married at the Church in June. It is an exciting event for all, the last wedding took place in Church about five years ago!

Spring really has sprung and we wish everyone a happy time here in this beautiful part of Suffolk.

St Peter's Thorington has joined the *Give a Little* online donation service.



Now you can scan the QR code displayed in church (and below) with your mobile device and make a donation. Thank you!

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Wenhaston

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We have been enjoying some lovely weather and were blessed with a fine morning for our annual Plant Sale in the churchyard. People were very generous with their plants, cakes and raffle prizes and we had a very happy morning chatting to people, as well as selling our goods. We managed to raise £580.50 for church funds and are most grateful to our friends who donated plants etc. and who gave us a hand on the day. You are stars! The surplus plants are

outside Spindleberry, so do have a look. Many thanks to Margaret G for this.

We seem to have a quiet month in June, so maybe we can get some gardening done!

We will have celebrated Pentecost and Trinity at the end of May.

In July, we will have a concert in church, see poster on page 28 of this issue for details. We do hope for a big audience.

We are also providing teas at the Village Show in July.

Do enjoy the Summer weather. It will soon be the longest day!

June Services

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| 2nd | 10am Team Service, St Mary's Halesworth |
| 9th | 10am Ecumenical Communion |
| 16th | 10am Holy Communion |
| 23rd | 10am Pause for Thought |
| 30th | 10am Holy Communion, St Peter's Spexhall Patronal Festival |

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WENHASTON M U

A very different subject for our May meeting when we were visited by three tortoise! We all enjoyed hearing their story and we were very grateful to Jackie Richardson for bringing three of her family of 12 to our meeting. The eldest tortoise was 107 and the youngest just one year! It was an interesting and informative afternoon. At our June meeting we shall be pleased to welcome David Bulkley who will tell us "Good News for Everyone".

On Wednesday 26th June, the North Suffolk Area MU will be holding a Quiet Day in St Peter's Wenhaston, led by the Revd Canon Andrew Vessey. The theme will be Finding Prayer

through a window, a tapestry and a poem. Anyone who would like to join us for this day will be very welcome. Please do contact me on 01502 478378.

Margaret G

Wenhaston Walkers

Just the one walk in June, setting off from Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 4th June and hopefully seeing some seasonal wild orchids.

If you wish to add your name to the circulation list for details of walks, please email: ipbigwood@btinternet.com **Heather Phillips (01502 478545)**

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We were delighted to welcome back Moira at our May meeting for a very interesting workshop. Moira showed everyone how to make a bear grass spiral framework which she then used in two very different flower arrangements. The members had a great time coping the spiral framework and producing their own arrangements. Our next meeting is our Summer Outing which will be on Tuesday 4th June to the Southwold Flower Company, Wangford Road, Reydon IP18 6SJ. Please meet there at 6.30pm. £5 payable on the night.

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Good news! The Plant Sale on May 6th raised an amazing £968 for our church funds. Thank you so much to all those who helped in many ways, especially Anne Andrews who made it happen, and the Witherbys who kindly hosted it at Rydall Mount in a late change of plan. To the growers, servers, helpers and the customers, thank you!

On Sunday 12th May the afternoon sun shone down on a happy band of people and a dog on the Rogation Walk from Wissett Lodge to Spexhall Church and to the Village Hall there for tea. Thank you to all who organised this and helped to make it a thought-provoking, enjoyable occasion.

My friends in the north laugh at me down here in Wissett, when I talk of hills in Suffolk, but I found the climb up the hill, over the field to the church

in Spexhall, steep enough for me. I was especially moved and rewarded though by the beautiful view halfway up that field and the singing of the hymn in St Peter's, *Fill your hearts with joy and gladness*.

June services are detailed on page 3 of this issue. Saturday 8th to Sunday 16th June is "Love your Burial Ground Week". I know how important to so many, our churchyard, burial ground is and how comforting and necessary visiting and tending to the grave of a loved one can be.

The same week is also "Churches Count for Nature". I will look out for and record any interesting plants and wildlife and report back. At present, there are rabbits and often a muntjac who strolls about after eating in my garden. More welcome are the swifts swooping and screeching as they arrived this week.

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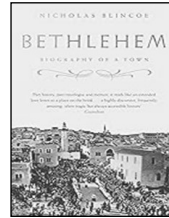
How to pray for Israel and Gaza? A few weeks ago an item popped up in one of my news feeds: *What the Bible says about the Israel-Gaza war* (<https://www.premierchristianity.com/opinion/what-the-bible-says-about-the-israel-gaza-war/16784.article> if you would like to read it for yourself). This turns out to be a very complex question, not surprisingly. The author, Revd Mark Woods says we look to the Bible for guidance, particularly in big things, and surely it must say something about this, but if we go to the Bible for simple answers we won't find them. A knowledge of scripture texts alone is not enough, we need to understand what's happening there. Great wrongs have happened to both sides, and both sides have committed terrible deeds on the other. Woods suggests there are three things in particular we need to do to and three things that should shape how we pray (we may not agree, but they are interesting and worthy of consideration).

- 1 We need to feel, not just think: both sides are driven by an intense moral conviction that is felt in the heart
- 2 We need to know our history and current affairs.
- 3 We need to know that Christians before us have thought about war too.

And when we pray

- 1 No human being is worth more or less than another because of where they were born or the language they speak; each of us is made in the image of God.
- 2 Christians resign vengeance into God's hands. We should pray that the desire for revenge is restrained and that good prevails.
- 3 We believe the words of Jesus who said 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God'.

I have recently read and enjoyed two books, very different in scope and viewpoint, which, it occurred to me, would coincidentally help inform our knowledge of the history and current affairs.



Bethlehem: biography of a town, by Nicholas Blincoe. Bethlehem is in Palestine, no longer the "little town" of Christmas and the Bible but a modern city with a university, and was predominantly, in modern times, an Arab Christian town until Yasser Arafat arrived. The author is married to an Arab film maker and

spends his time between Bethlehem and London. Quoting from the Guardian review, the book is 'part history, part travelogue and memoir... a highly discursive, frequently amusing, often tragic but always accessible history'. The history of Bethlehem, from stone age to the present, is the history of that piece of land that has been Canaan and Palestine and Israel and always the Promised Land to the Jews, a strip of land that was an important trade route and therefore a desirable possession to many different empires.

The Jewish Jesus: reconnecting with the truth about Jesus, Israel and the Church, by David Hoffbrand.

Hoffbrand is a Jewish Christian, lives in Brighton and is a member of a Pentecostal church. In this easy, friendly, compelling book he explores with wit and clarity the answers to questions such as "what relevance does it have for us (Christians) that Jesus is Jewish and what difference should it make to our faith?" On the way he emphasises God created and chose Israel, God loves Israel, the Church hasn't replaced Israel, God is not punishing Israel, God has a continuing plan for Israel, that gentile Christians are grafted into the tree of Israel. Along the way a positive future for Israel is in the frame, so maybe this book is an antidote, if any were needed, to the book above!



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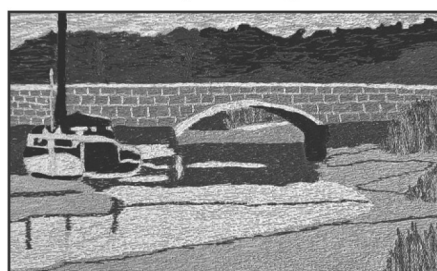
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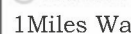
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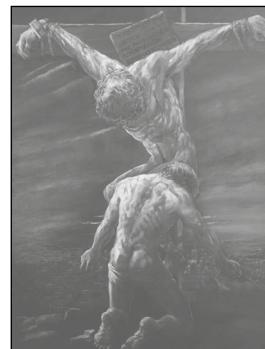
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