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## St Peter's Holton Flower Festival 2024

Our Flower Festival in July on the theme "Favourite Childhood Stories" was most enjoyable and successful. A big **thank you** goes to all those involved; the flower-arrangers, stewards, cake-makers and cake-sellers, washers-and-wipers-up,

rafflers, bric-à-brac-ers and tombola-ers, and the audience; and particularly to Dottie, Helen and Chris, the organisers and money-counter. We raised more than £1,130 for church expenses and, more important, had a very good time together doing it all.

We must also thank the Halesworth Strummers who came and entertained us on Sunday afternoon. They are expanding their repertoire and their vocal skills, so a big thank you to them all.

At the end of a very successful week-end we gathered together for a service of Songs of Praise with hymns chosen by members of the congregation. Eight hymns were sung with great joy, with some people telling us why they had chosen the hymns they did. Some were part of faith journeys, one was a reminder of a mistake made while typing out a service sheet!

The Revd Dominic had chosen very appropriate readings and John led the prayers. Altogether a lovely end to a great Flower Festival.

**John and Jill Hewlett**

*You can read more news from St Peter's Holton (and other Blyth Valley Churches) in our "News from Town & Villages" column starting on page 18 of this issue...*



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## St. Mary's Church Halesworth

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## September 2024 Lectionary

The usual Trinity Season set readings for Traditional (BCP) and Holy Communion (CW) are set out below.

Parishes and Ministers may however opt to observe creationtide for which a selection of readings have been chosen. In addition, a fourth set of readings has been provided for where and when Harvest Festivals occur.

### Sunday 1st – Fourteenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 1	Harvest Festival
Galatians 5: 16 – 24	James 1: 17 – 27	Romans 8: 18 – 22	1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10
Luke 17: 11 – 19	Mark 7: 1 – 23	Mark 4: 35 – 41	Matthew 6: 25 – 33

### Sunday 8th – Fifteenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 2	Harvest Festival
Galatians 6: 11 – 18	James 2: 1 – 14	Revelation 2: 1 – 7	1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10
Matthew 6: 24 – end	Mark 7: 24 – 37	Luke 13: 6 – 9	Matthew 6: 25 – 33

### Sunday 15th – Sixteenth After Trinity (Green)

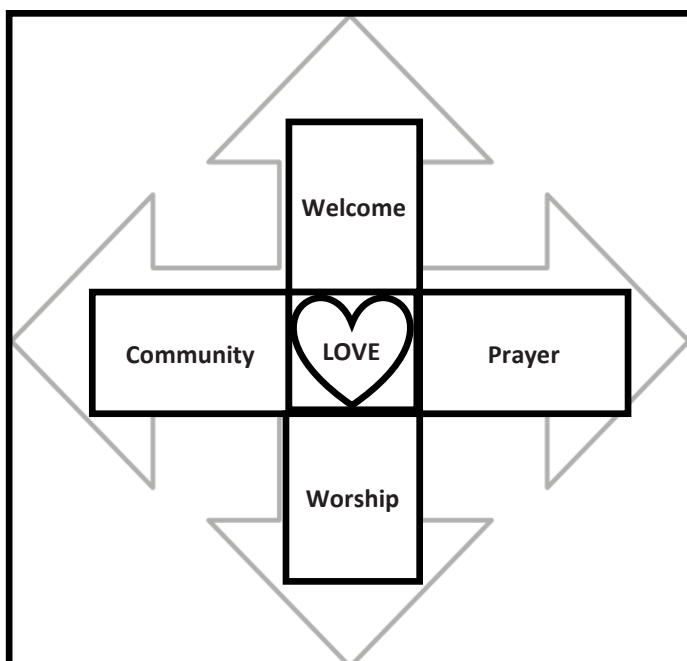
Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 3	Harvest Festival
Ephesians 3: 13 – end	James 3: 1 – 12	1 Timothy 6: 7 – 19	1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10
Luke 7: 11 – 17	Mark 8: 27 – 38	Matthew 6: 25 – 34	Matthew 6: 25 – 33

### Sunday 22nd – Seventeenth After Trinity (Green)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 4	Harvest Festival
Ephesians 4: 1 – 6	James 3: 13 – 4: 8	Colossians 1: 15 – 20	1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10
Luke 14: 1 – 11	Mark 9: 30 – 37	John 21: 1 – 14	Matthew 6: 25 – 33

### Sunday 29th – Michael and All Angels (White)

Traditional Communion	Holy Communion	Creationtide 5	Harvest Festival
1 Corinthians 1: 4 – 8	Revelation 12: 7 – 12	1 Corinthians 3: 1 – 9	1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10
Matthew 22: 34 – 46	John 1: 47 – 57	John 6: 1 – 15	Matthew 6: 25 – 33



Worship in the Blyth Valley in September 2024					
CW – Year B Continuous New Testament	1st Green CW & BCP – Fourteenth After Trinity	8th Green CW & BCP – Fifteenth After Trinity	15th Green CW & BCP – Sixteenth After Trinity	22nd Green CW & BCP – Seventeenth After Trinity	29th White CW (& BCP) – Michael and All Angels
Halesworth St Mary	8am Traditional Communion Dominic  10am Holy Communion Dominic  6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic  10am Family Communion Alison A	8am Traditional Communion Dominic  10am Iona Worship Jason  6pm Evensong Dominic	8am Traditional Communion Dominic  10am Holy Communion Gini	11am Climate Collective Gini
St Peter Group					
Holton St Peter		10am Morning Prayer Janet	10am Iona Worship	10am Holy Communion Dominic	
Wenhaston St Peter		10am Ecumenical Communion Vic	10am Holy Communion Linda	10am Pause for Thought Jim	
Bramfield St Andrew		10am Holy Communion Linda		10am Morning Prayer David	
Blyford All Saints			10am Morning Prayer Vic		
Thorington St Peter		6pm Sung Evensong Dominic			
St Andrew Grp					
Wissett St Andrew			10am Family Communion with Baptism Dominic	10am Creationtide Breakfast Church Linda	
Chediston St Mary		10am Morning Prayer Veronica D			6pm Taize Alison A
Spexhall St Peter			10am Harvest Festival Veronica		
Linstead St Margaret		10am Matins Malcolm			
St Michael Grp					
Cookley St Michael					9.30am Team Traditional Communion Dominic
Heveningham St Margaret		10am Traditional Communion Dominic			
Huntingfield St Mary			10am Holy Communion Gini		
Walpole St Mary				10am Morning Prayer Alison C	

**Additional Services:** 10am Wednesdays: Holy Communion, St Mary's Halesworth.

9.30am, Thursdays, Morning Prayer, St Andrew, Bramfield.

Friday 13th September, 7pm, Harvest Festival and Supper, Dominic. Archdeacon Rich preaching.

## Wenhaston Methodist Church

Coles Lane, Wenhaston

Minister: The Revd Martin Keenan

### SEPTEMBER 2024

1st The Revd Iain McKillop

8th US at St Peter's (10am)

15th Ms Pat Williamson

22nd The Revd Les Richards

29th The Revd Clive Sutcliffe

ALL SUNDAY SERVICES at 10.30am

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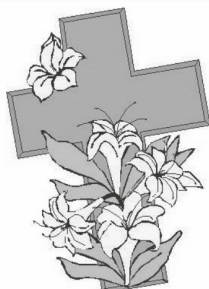
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## Morning and Evening Prayer

with the Revd Dominic Doble,  
from Tuesdays to Saturdays

(Live streamed and later audio on Dominic's  
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

### SERVICES for SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st	11am	Gathered Worship with Communion. Minister Jon Sermon
Tuesday 3rd	10am to 12 noon	Coffee morning at Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
Sunday 8th	11am	Gathered Worship TBA
	3pm	Bramfield Chapel
Tuesday 10th	10am to 12 noon	Coffee morning at Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
Friday 13th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in the Church and Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
Sunday 15th	11am	Harvest Sunday. Minister Jon Sermon
Tuesday 17th	10am to 12 noon	Coffee morning at Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
Friday 20th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in the Church and Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
Sunday 22nd	11am	Gathered Worship. Judy Morton
Tuesday 24th	10am to 12 noon	Coffee morning at Lowestoft followed by Morning Worship
Friday 27th	9.30am	Prayer Meeting in the Church and Zoom followed by Coffee Morning
Sunday 29th	11am	Gathered Worship TBA

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The Revd Alison Alder at:  
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or

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



## From the Rector...

We have a couple of unusual weddings this month. They are not unusual because of the time of year, they are unusual because the couples asked to be married with two months' notice. It is more common for people to ask with two years' notice. With legal help, we can arrange marriages at very short notice indeed.

Weddings are one of those things that eight or so couples a year ask for from our Blyth Valley Churches. You'd have to ask them why they come to us. I guess that for younger and older alike, there is something about the building as a backdrop for the pictures. Palm trees or pillars? Sandy beach or stained glass? Though, that is not all, of course. There is something about the fact that the building has seen many marriages already. One of those may have been a parent, grandparent or aunt. The building will see many more. The building marks a place, a village - perhaps, of memories where our family is, or has been. Then, of course, however much we try to put it off, there is that special, spiritual, magical value added of marrying in a God spot. The pagan handfast traditions merge with the contractual signing over of property and the echoes of the Judeo-Christian covenant between God and creation in microcosm.

Back in the day, only the rich and privileged got married - mainly to secure power and wealth. The rest of us lived together under common law. Then church and state colluded and intervened and the institution was normalised. Marriage both prevented and protected abuses, as it does today. The Church of England is quite confused about what marriage is just now and is trying to establish one rule for all. The church recognises register office marriages and previous church marriages, but not other significant past relationships, with or without children. Whilst some Bishops and Priests are in non-heterosexual, non-binary marriages, lay people cannot marry unless they are. You can in Wales and Scotland, by the way. Some people are less accepting of same sex spouses than unmarried cohabiters. This is a shame as those who live in love, live in God (1 John 4:16).

So why should you consider getting married? What is a piece of paper after all? At one level you'd be quite right. Then on another you are missing out. At one level nothing changes. Then on another everything is different. If you are a party animal and have no long term relationship ideals, that's potentially fine so long as you have the energy to fly from flower to flower. Yet, there is something reassuring about knowing one does not have

to be on form all the time for fear of losing the knack. Even in a relationship, proper, one argument or evening meeting too many, one look or suggested interest in another, can bring the whole thing crashing down. A church wedding includes the stated support of friends and family to make your covenant work. It includes the legal vows that a registry ceremony contain. Both give protection, making the relationship secure enough to get you and yours through the lumps and bumps of being human and living in close proximity to an exclusive other for some time! The church bit also adds the tradition, the hope, the magic and the wonder that in a small way your relationship is a scale model of God's decision to establish a self-giving covenant with all creation to bring it to fruitful fulfilment. That's not just about one biblical, traditional or social model. Nor is it just about preferences for enjoying physical intimacy. Neither, is it just about having children. Rather it's about belonging as a couple among a loving, living, breathing spiritual community.

If you are interested, do get in touch. We'll check your eligibility connections with one of our churches, your nationality and your marital status. A few months before we will publish your Banns, asking if anyone knows a reason why you may not marry. At about that time, we read through the words of the service. Then we have a walk through the day before. On the day you have the opportunity to accept you may not marry and you say you would like to. Then you say your vows to each other before friends, family, the law and God - or at least the vicar (!) - and exchange rings. A reading or two and some music complete the memories. We sign a Marriage Document for the Register Office and you head on to your venue and the rest of your life to live happily ever after! Though, we're here for you to help you through any hard times and celebrate children in baptism or anniversaries with renewal of vows or blessings.

Dominic



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## HALESWORTH & BRAMFIELD UNITED REFORMED CHURCHES

**Rev'd Jon Sermon – Minister**

Dear Friends,

Our young families had a wonderful week at the beginning of August with our Olympic-themed Holiday Bible Club. They now look forward to the re-start of messy Church as well as the Sunday family worship sessions.

Meanwhile, I had a wonderful mission trip to Uganda, accompanied by Stu Precious from North Lowestoft URC. We are giving feedback and a taste of the excitement we encountered in the Ugandan churches:

**“The Uganda Experience”**

**Wednesday 25th September**

**7pm**

**@ Halesworth URC, Quay St**

Please do come along and invite friends. I promise it will be inspiring. (The last time I had such an event, it resulted in Stu coming with me this trip. But don't assume that's how it has to be for you!).

The charity, Romans 1.11 Trust is all about mutual encouragement between the UK and Africa.

Come and be encouraged!

Blessings

*Jon*

**Rev'd Jon Sermon,  
Minister of**

**Halesworth & Bramfield URC  
and North Lowestoft URC**



## SERVICES AT ST MARY'S, HALESWORTH

**10am Holy Communion, every Wednesday.**

**8am Traditional Communion, every Sunday.**

**6pm Evensong, most Sundays.**

## HALESWORTH COMMUNITY LARDER PROJECT

**ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL**

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**Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays**

**10am - 11.30am**



**Wenhaston Methodist Church  
St Edmunds RC Church  
Halesworth and Bramfield URC  
& the Blyth Valley Churches, Anglican**

We are looking at how best to re-invigorate our working together (whether or not we continue to do so under the 'Churches Together' banner).

I invite you all, from any of the churches in the area, to a get together to look at how we take things forward. It is very important that this *is not just clergy*. People within the congregations need to get involved – helping as to catch God's vision for our co-operative mission in this area.

So please join me and others already keen to play a part in developing our unity for worship, prayer, seeking the Lord's will...

**Wednesday 18th September, 6.30pm, at the URC**

**Rev'd Jon Sermon**



## What has your Team Vicar been up to?

What a lovely August it has been. I have struggled a lot with the heat, but it is wonderful to have sunshine in Suffolk. There is no place I would rather be. The colour palette of blue skies, golden fields interspersed with green trees and

hedgerows make my heart sing. It reminds me of summer holidays growing up. And now we don't have to put up with stubble burning, thank goodness. It used to scare me when the fields were on fire.

We have had lots of fun in St Mary's Halesworth with our family picnics. We hosted anywhere between eight and 30 children from 0-teens for crafts, play and a picnic lunch. It was only made possible by the wonderful volunteers, who gave up their time, and the generosity of the church council and local businesses.

We try and do something during every school holiday so we are already planning our toys and clothing exchange for October half term and a "Light" party on Sunday 27th October. Watch this space for more details.

It was a summer of Flower Festivals and two pet services. It was wonderful leading the Pet Service at St Margaret's Church of Heveningham with Ubbeston. We had 14 dogs two goats, a tortoise and two wooden ducks. They all received a special blessing and we thanked God for everything they and indeed all animals give us. In spite of the potential for chaos, they were all very well-behaved (as were their owners!) apart from Ted the tortoise who kept trying to break into the goats' enclosure. He moved with surprising speed and determination. I'm not sure the goats were impressed, but the rest of us were.

And so we come to the busiest time of year for the church: harvest, remembrance, Advent and Christmas.

There will be another Climate Conference in St Mary's Halesworth at the end of September. As well as presenting all the things which have happened since last year, the conference will be focusing on land and food. Farmers, landowners and food producers are facing all sorts of dilemmas in terms of land use and sustainability of income as well as the environment. On the other hand, the cost of living continues to be a struggle for many especially when it comes to getting hold of good quality, affordable food preferable grown locally. There will be and exhibition, discussions, talks and workshops – please see the advertisement in this issue for more information or go to [www.halesworthash.com](http://www.halesworthash.com)

Tickets are about to go on sale for two fun music events which I am very excited about. On Friday 15th November Tom Horton will be playing the organ to accompany the silent film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*.

Then on Friday 6th December Lady Maisery will be returning to St Mary's with Jimmy Aldridge and Sid Goldsmith to perform *Awake Arise!*, the most gorgeous celebration of the turning of the seasons. "Early-bird" tickets will be available until the end of September, so there's no time to waste!

With blessings for all, especially those who are starting or going back to school or university and those who find the transition from Summer to Autumn a challenge.

Revd Gini

### LIFE EVENTS

#### FROM THE REGISTERS IN AUGUST

##### BAPTISMS

Bodhi Brabbin-Guterres at Spexhall

Charlie Marcus Sadd at Holton

##### WEDDING

Eleanor Beard & Craig Sadd at St Peter's Holton

##### FUNERALS/INTERMENT OF ASHES

Rosemary Betts at Thorington

Eric King Ransby at Waveney Memorial Park & Crematorium

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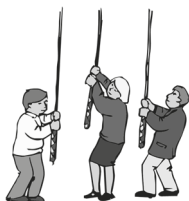


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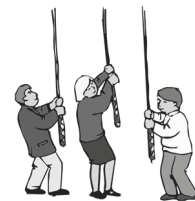


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## From the Ringing Chamber



The Vestey Ring is a "mini-ring" consisting of six bells hung for full-circle ringing, but weighing approximately just one hundredth of the bells in our church towers. Consequently they can do virtually no damage to people or fittings. The average person can learn to ring them in about ten minutes rather than ten weeks and they are a great introduction to proper ringing. Experienced ringers also use them to try out things that might make a bit of a din on tower bells.

Halesworth Heritage Open Weekend is on September 7th/8th, and we have booked the Vestey Ring to be erected in Halesworth church for a week from Saturday 7th through to the following weekend. We shall be manning the installation all day on Saturday 7th, and at any other reasonable time during the week on request. Anyone between the ages of about nine and 90 is welcome to have a go. Even if you can't manage the technique (too small or too creaky) you can still make a noise.

Individuals or groups are encouraged to book a session by emailing [halesworthbells@gmail.com](mailto:halesworthbells@gmail.com) or by speaking to one of the ringers.

Just occasionally our ringers excel themselves and produce

some quality ringing, and the quarter peal at Halesworth on August 4th was one such occasion. A couple of drop-outs the week before provided some excellent substitutes, and we rang some really good Plain Bob Major before Evensong. Our Sunday ringing has also been pretty good recently, especially at Chediston as you will read elsewhere.

PJG

*The photograph (below) is of the Vestey Ring when we took it to Henham Steam Rally a few years ago.*



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## Halesworth Dementia Carers' Fund



### September Film

Our next film, to be shown on September 18th at The Cut will be Quartet. This is a wonderful film, funny and moving, set in home for retired singers. It has a great cast that includes Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly, Michael Gambon, Sheridan Smith and many others.

As usual, the film will begin at 2pm, with doors open at 1.30pm. Admission is by £5 donation.

### i-Chameleon Shop

HDCF will be in the shop from Thursday 22nd August till Wednesday 28th August. In addition to shop sales there will be a big raffle, and, as usual, Friday will be "Cake Day". We would be very grateful for donations of items to sell, but please, no clothing or shoes.

### HDCF Concert

Plans are currently underway to stage a concert in aid of HDCF at Holton Village Hall on December 7th. Several local great musicians and groups have already committed to this so it should be a wonderful, and very colourful occasion. More details will be coming soon, but please book the date for some pre-Christmas fun.

### 100+ Draw

The winning numbers in August were 90 (£100), 55 (£75), 05 (£50) and 83 (£25).

### Can You Help Us?

HDCF is a very active and busy organisation offering respite care and a whole range of activities. With so much going on we would be delighted to see more people volunteering to help us. There are so many ways you could help so if you are available, and have an interest in dementia care, then you would be most welcome to come on board. Any time you can give us would be much appreciated. Contact details are on our website.

### Keeping up with HDCF

We do now have a very good and simple to use website. It gives lots of information about who we are, what we do and contact information. Please give us a look at [halesworthdementia.co.uk](http://halesworthdementia.co.uk) or just put Halesworth Dementia into your search engine.

You can also keep up with what we do by following our Facebook page.

For further information about all our activities and work please contact us at: [info@halesworthdementia.co.uk](mailto:info@halesworthdementia.co.uk)

John Wood

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In order to make the role of **Diocesan Secretary** more manageable we are now looking for a **Diocesan Minutes Secretary** and a **Diocesan Correspondence Secretary**. Both roles can be carried out from home if required, as all our meetings are hybrid with Zoom as well as being in person. For more information please contact: Jeanette Appleton, e: Jeanette.Appleton@mothersunion.org

**Subscriptions for 2025 are £28.** At just over £2 a month you receive your prayer diary, Connected magazine, information on our Mothers' Union Campaign and Policy work, including RISE UP and the current Summer of Hope campaign from Mary Sumner House. Then there is the support of your Diocesan Team here in our Diocese, to help you engage in a number of outreach projects and programmes, keeping you up to date with news from round the diocese in this newsletter. Then there are our Diocesan services and council meetings where we pray together, meet together, enjoy fellowship together and support each other.

**Thank you, AFIA, for enabling us go on our school residential trip**

On Monday 3rd June pupils from Eyke Primary school went to Norfolk Lakes for a two-night residential trip. Four pupils were funded by our AFIA grants. The children did various activities including rock climbing, fire camping, stand up paddle board, rafting and canoeing. The head teacher wrote saying what a wonderful time the pupils had had. 'It was the best week of our lives'.

The cost-of-living crisis has meant that school trips are often too expensive for pupils to participate in. If you know of a family that are unable to fund the cost of a school trip, guide camp or similar. Then ask for an AFIA grant application form, email: afiamusuffolk@gmail.com

**Ipswich Area Coffee Morning** is booked for Saturday 16th November 2024 at St Michael's Church Martlesham 10am – 12noon. Save this date for this popular event.

### Communities of Interest (COI) explained

There used to be four main units Action and Outreach, Faith and Policy, Communication and Finance. One person on the trustee board took the lead role and co-ordinated the activities of each unit. This was supposed to cascade down to deaneries so that there would be a team of people for each unit.

But this has not been working for some time, in our diocese these unit leads have been vacant for some time. Mary Sumner House thought of a new approach and introduced Communities of Interest.

Communities of Interest (COIs), are national member forums, open to all MU members, that enable sharing and improve the impact of our work on Prisons, AFIA, and Domestic Abuse. Also, supportive COIs including Communications, Database, Membership, Finance and Governance where the latest information and guidance is made available to dioceses in key areas, to run local work and activities smoothly. One very popular COI is the RISE-UP COI with MU members meeting via zoom and sharing the work they are doing in their dioceses and branches. For more information contact communications@mothersunion.org

### Mothers' Union North Suffolk Area Afternoon 19.9.24

Members and friends from Branches and Groups in the North Suffolk Area are holding an afternoon, instead of a morning this year, at St Peter's, Westleton, 2pm til 4.30pm. The Revd Susan Taylor will tell us about her recent visit to Kagera Diocese, which is linked with St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocese. Our Diocese supports Kagera, especially with a Lent Appeal. The afternoon is open to anyone to attend, not just members.

There will be a cakes and produce stall, a raffle, and an MUE stall with cards, including Christmas cards, and gifts. Yoxmere members will provide refreshments. The church has a small kitchen area and also a toilet. The afternoon will conclude with a short act of worship. Parking will be in the local roads, though a couple of cars can park up the drive near the porch. Those with mobility problems can also be dropped by the church porch and the car return to the roads to park. Lifts will be available.

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## HALESWORTH BRANCH OF CANCER RESEARCH

Members of the committee and volunteers who manned the i-Chameleon shop for our week in July had a wonderful time. We hope all the people who dropped in managed to find a bargain or two and we were so pleased that Sophia, our area manager, came on Monday morning and that so many of you had a chat with her. Our extra stalls outside the shop were very successful and popular.

Special thanks to:- Jane Bastow for the wonderful display of plants on Friday, Jane sold out very quickly and had to restock her stall with more plants from her garden/greenhouses. Volunteers Jill and Paula for organising a truly magnificent cake stall on the Saturday. The cake stall made £380. We are truly grateful to everyone of you who baked for us, there are some very talented bakers out there and the display of cakes and savouries was amazing.

It is so generous of you all to keep donating every time we do a cake stall at our events, it is so kind of you all to support us in this way and we are so thankful.

The U3A ukulele band who entertained us on Tuesday morning with a variety of songs and with their colourful shirts, brought a bit of sunshine to the town on a cloudy day.

It was a bit hit and miss whether they would be able to perform for us as it was a wet start to the day, but luckily at about 11am it

cleared long enough for them to cheer us all up with a brilliant performance and raise £173.07 in the bucket collection. Thank you to all the members of the band (*pictured below*) who played for us, it is always one of the highlights of our week.

Thank you to everyone who visited the shop, donated items or contributed in any way.

Our special thanks to Maggie and Bob, we couldn't do the shop without you both. Our week raised an outstanding £2560.50.

Thank you all for supporting us at the Halesworth Branch of Cancer Research.  
**Dawn Davis (Chair) 01986 873640**



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**Honorary/Real living wage.**

**Based in Halesworth office,**

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Managing Safeguarding Dashboard and DBS applications.

Making collective purchases of church consumables.

Processing Faculty applications.

Maintaining the Blyth Valley Churches Directory.

The applicant must have good administrative experience and be organised, literate and numerate, with a knowledge of using word processors, spreadsheets and electronic communication etc.

The post holder must be confident and mature and be able to work on their own initiative, managing workload and priorities.

An experience of working for a voluntary organisation would be desirable.

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### BLYTH VALLEY CHURCHES

#### COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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**Home working.**

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Developing and maintaining the Blyth Valley Churches website and other media platforms.

BVTimes monthly magazine: compiling, writing and collating contents, proof reading.

Marketing and managing advertising. Managing subscriptions and distributors.

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**FRIDAY 27 SEPT**

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### SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER, 9am-7.30pm

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**Don't miss:**

- Talks at the Museum;
- Thoroughfare History Hub;
- Old Halesworth Photographs at the Library;
- Halesworth Gallery in the Old almshouses;
- Talks at The Cut on its History;
- Bell-ringing, Hooker Display, Repair Café, Antique valuations, Photograph displays at St Mary's Church;
- Cemetery Open Day;
- Industrial archaeology and the Old Railway Walk on the Millennium Green;
- Halesworth-in-Bloom Hooker Trail Walk;
- Halesworth History Walk;
- Millennium Green Evening Stroll.

There will be something to excite curiosity, explore local history and for everyone to enjoy.

**And:** A simple Quiz about Halesworth History is included in the programme, with a prize for the first correct answer drawn. All answers can be found in one or more of the new wayfinding information boards now installed around town.

**Visit:** the i-Chameleon Heritage Hub in the Thoroughfare to pick up a programme on Thursday 5th – Saturday 7th September, 10am-3pm.



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## Friends of St Mary - Recital Review

On Wednesday 14th August, we welcomed international musician (local boy) Tom Horton to his debut recital in the FoSM series. Tom's musical skills cover the entire spectrum of organs, from classical to theatre pipe (Wurlitzer), from modern digital instruments to ancient pipe organs. Watching from the back, I noticed how entranced the audience were as Tom played through his programme. Despite the organ being poorly presently due to water damage (the bottom keyboard known as the 'Choir' wasn't usable) this didn't stop Tom from deploying the entire range of what we call 'stops' (the different sounds). From the gentle stops of the *lieblich gedackt* and *viol d' amour* in Bach's *Sheep may safely graze* to the trumpet and horn in an arrangement by Tom of Karl Jenkins *Palladio. The magic of the organ* – halfway through the recital, Tom gave us a tour of all the 'stops' from the merest whisper to the FULL organ, helping the audience understand how the "king of instruments" works.

An unexpected moment of fascinating pieces from television and radio brought the recital to a close, a joy to hear our organ being played in a very different way to normal! It surprisingly worked!

Like buses you wait for a while then we welcomed Tom, but hang on a minute, he returns to St Mary's on Friday 15th November for a concert first! We will be hosting a Silent Movie night. The film is the *Hunchback of Notre-Dame* with Tom playing the accompaniment on the ancient pipe organ of St Mary's. Put the date in your diary!

A HUGE thank you to Tom for joining us - a recital muchly enjoyed by all.

The PCC is also very grateful to Sarah, Carol, Jenny, Dee and ALL the FoSM team for organising the recitals, the catering, setting and clearing up. See you next month when we welcome back Tenor Evan Ruth on Wednesday 11th September for our next recital in the 10th Anniversary Season. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT, just over £400 was raised from Tom's recital for the regeneration pot.

Jason Busby



### Walking the Labyrinth – A Time for Reflection



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**Theme for reflective craft: Vessels**



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For more information contact Revd Alison Alder at:  
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## Chediston

**Correspondent**

**Sally Aldous 01986 873363**

As I write these notes, the weather at last looks settled, which is good for the school holidays and hopefully for the harvest after a difficult year. We can look forward to the Harvest Festival when with luck all will be safely gathered in. This will be on Sunday 13th October at 11am.

### Suffolk Historic Churches Trust – Ride & Stride

As mentioned last month, this will take part on Saturday 14th September. It would be nice to have as many sponsored cyclists as possible for this annual fund-raising event. Half the money raised comes back to St Mary's. I will have all the necessary information here plus sponsorship forms. Please sponsor a cyclist if you are able to. I shall also be leaving forms in the church nearer the time. As usual, I shall be

requiring people to sit in the church to sign forms and offer refreshments. Please telephone me if you can help – thank you.

**SA 01986 873363**

### Bell ringing

In August, Chediston welcomed visiting bell ringers on two occasions. On Saturday 10th August, the North East District of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers enjoyed a ring, walk and picnic starting at Wissett, walking to Chediston, ringing at Chediston and picnicking, followed by our summer quarterly meeting in the School Room. The weather was perfect for the event and our bells were enjoyed.

Ringers from further afield paid their respects to Harold Rogers, a former ringer of great renown and ability, well-known in London and Middlesex, who was born in Chediston at Mount Pleasant farm and whose grave is in the churchyard.

The second band of ringers came from Swaffham and Shipton, Norfolk, on August 13th, as part of their summer ringing outing to North East Suffolk. They really enjoyed our bells, appreciating how well they 'go' and how beautiful they sound, even though from the outside, the sound is reduced by the shutters over the window louvres which are lowered to reduce the sound of the bells.

The Swaffham and Shipton ringers were of all ages including several very keen teenagers. Again, ringers wanted to know where Harold was buried so that they could visit his grave.

It is a bonus that the active part of our churchyard is well-kept and easily accessible for visitors, while alongside we have the wild area for conservation.

Although the August practice did not take place on the first Thursday, we had a good turn-out from the Blyth Valley ringers for Sunday Service ringing on the second Sunday for Holy Communion, taken by the Revd Linda Berry.

Our next ringing practice will be on September 5th from 8pm – 9pm, after a quarter-peal attempt starting at 7pm.

**Veronica Downing**

### Joanna Wareham writes:

So much of the world seems in turmoil that the arcadian calm of the Blyth Valley feels like a rare treasure. So many people come to this part of Suffolk to find respite from fast living cities and the ultimate sanctuary is our medieval church.

As the local temperature goes over the 25 degree mark, the very special nature of sanctuary in our church and so many others like it, becomes not just an escape from noise and hustle, but from heat. The thickness of the walls and height of the roof give a very reasonable protection from extreme temperatures.

So to all the walkers on the route who go past St Mary's in Chediston, do come in and take a bottle of water to drink and rehydrate in our ancient place of shade and sanctuary. Everyone is welcome in all the churches of the Blyth Valley.

## Cookley

**Correspondent Jane Evers**

### St Michael & All Angels Church, Cookley

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## Halesworth

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Bryan Samain, a stalwart of the St Mary's congregation for decades took place on Monday 29th July at the Waveney Memorial Park Crematorium. The service was conducted by Bill Mahood. Hymns included *Dear Lord*

and Father of mankind, Amazing Grace and The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended. A poem entitled *Somme Day One* (July 1st 1916) written by Bryan was read and a photographic tribute was shown while listening to *Canon in D* by Pachelbel with the *Last Post* and *Reveille* played by a Royal Marine bugler concluding the service. A fitting send off. Bryan may you rest in peace and rise in glory, reunited with your beloved wife, Helen.

I have to confess to feeling somewhat deflated during the summer. The Busby's were able to jet off for a week's break abroad and had a fantastic time. Being able to switch-off from the world, spend some quality time together and forget about work and school. We were shocked when we returned to the shocking news that Bebe King, aged six, Elsie Dot Stancombe, aged seven, and nine-year-old Alice Dasilva Aguiar had died after a knife attack at a Taylor Swift-themed event in Merseyside and the following protests which ensued.

On Sunday 11th August, the Revd Alison Alder led our Family Service and focused on our faith and mission in this world. Alison asked the congregation: *What makes you really angry?*

*Can you think of anyone you hate? What does that hatred do to us?*

*What makes us tell a lie?*

*What have we seen in recent days?*

We have witnessed the courage of people speaking up for compassion and understanding. Offering welcome and safety. Many churches have taken the lead in this in their communities. I urge you to visit our YouTube channel and watch and listen to Alison's service and reflect on recent events.



The Revd Alison Alder led the Family Service at St Mary's Halesworth.

A reminder, we broadcast our services LIVE from St Mary's via [www.youtube.com/@halesworthparish](http://www.youtube.com/@halesworthparish) – do share this link with family and friends who can't make it to worship, simply search for Halesworth Parish on YouTube to view past services, recitals and much more.

If you wish to be on the weekly email list for service details, posters, events do get in touch by email at: [halesworthparish@gmail.com](mailto:halesworthparish@gmail.com) and we will add you to the distribution list.

I can't believe at the time of writing, the summer holidays are almost over, it is exams results day... we pray for all students receiving results...

*God, you have given me every good and perfect gift, and you are generous without finding fault. Help me to stay calm as I wait for news. Whatever happens, be with me, and help me to know the wisdom that comes from heaven, through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.*

September is set to be a busy month in St Mary's, so do keep an eye on the *What's On* page...

From the Heritage Open Day to the next recital by Even Ruth, the Community Lunch and concluding the month with HalesworthASH taking over St Mary's for three days.

Our usual pattern of worship continues, we give thanks for our Rector Dominic who has been with us for three years!

We thank Dominic and all our clergy for their ministry, time, encouragement and pray they had a chance for a break over the summer.

See you all next month.

## HALESWORTH WI

The Mary Rose was the title of the talk given by Dr Philip Roberts who works for the Mary Rose Trust, accompanied by slides he took us through the history of the wonderful ship from its beginning to its sad end when it sank while watched by King Henry VIII with the loss of many lives, possibly only 35 saved out of the 500 aboard.

The Mary Rose was not new, having worked and served as a transport when it was rebuilt to become King Henry's flag ship and fitted with heavy cannons to become a fighting vessel to face the French. The Mary Rose set out from Portsmouth to face the French fleet laying off the Isle of Wight keeling over and sinking within sight of the shore and the King.

It was estimated that approximately sixty million viewers watched when she was raised in October 1982, so far 179 complete human skeletons and one dog have been brought up, plus more than fifteen hundred items. Many objects of every day life have been rescued, gaming dice, shoes, combs, musical instruments and gold coin etc.

The Mary Rose is now on display at Portsmouth and is well worth a visit. **BP**

## ST MARY'S 50/50 CLUB

The results of the 50/50 August draw is as follows: 1st prize: Y Eady, 2nd prize: V Spencer, 3rd prize: P Simmons.

### St Mary's Church, Halesworth

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

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## Heveningham

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Holding a Pet Service at our church has been something that has been considered for, probably, the past two



years. As a pet friendly church, we have always welcomed dogs to the services and it seemed an obvious idea to let them have their own celebration.

In August, we got our wish and held our first Pet Service.

Chairs and hay bales were set up under the trees in the Glebe and with offers of some more unusual animals to attend we eagerly awaited the arrival of the pets.

We were not disappointed and gladly welcomed Penelope and Sandy the pet goats and Tedi the (terror) tortoise. We also gave host to around 12 dogs and 22 people. The Revd Gini gave a lovely service that celebrated all animals and then blessed all the animals present. All the animals were all so well-behaved, well, apart from Tedi who turned out to be a bit of an escape artist and preferred to make his way into the goat pen. Penelope and Sandy were in full voice and joined in with a few refrains and amens!

*Some photos from the day are pictured below.*



It was a beautiful morning and being able to sit outside, under the trees, in a relaxed atmosphere made for a very pleasant and informal service. This is definitely something we will do again next year and I give a big thank you to everyone who helped make it a success and to all who attended.

### St Margaret's Church, Heveningham

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

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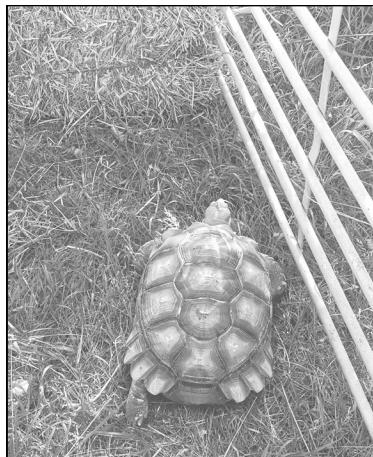


### Dates for your diary

September 14th - SHCT Ride and Stride. We are looking for volunteers to help man our church for this years ride and stride and if you would like to take part and cycle, walk, drive to different churches, please contact me. Sponsor forms are available in the church.

September 27th - Quiz Night at Laxfield Bowls Club. Get your teams together to join us for this year's Quiz night. This will be held at the bowls club again as we have the luxury of heating and the cheap bar. Teams of four people for £10 per table. Nibbles will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Please get in touch to book your team in.

Looking ahead to October and we hope to hold a produce market with our usual coffee morning. If you have any



preserves, vegetables or other items you would like to sell, please get in touch.

All proceeds of our events goes towards the upkeep of the church.

## Holton

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### St Peter's Church, Holton

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September, the beginning of Autumn, and as I write this on August 12th, some parts of the garden are already looking quite autumnal.

It is hot today, according to the weather forecast it may well be the hottest day of the year so far, up into the 30's, far too hot for me! What the rest of August will bring, who can tell?

The deadline date for last month's *BVTimes* was too early to report on the Flower Festival, please see John's report on the front page of this month's issue.

### Children's Society Box Opening and Coffee Morning

I am pleased to say that Janet has been able to collect all but one of the outstanding donations and has given me the totals so far. The boxes opened on July 13th contained £305.41, those opened since £160.04, the total for the Coffee Morning was £106.50 giving an overall figure of £571.95 in cash raised. There are also eight cheques made out to the Children's Society totalling £214, so in total £785.95 has been raised. I am not sure of the figures for previous years, but this seems a very good result to me.

Thanks must go to Janet for organising this fund-raising on behalf of the Children's Society, and to all who



helped on the 13th and to the box holders and other contributors to this very worthy charity.

### Dates for your Diary

Monday 2nd September: The Labyrinth Event from 2pm until 4pm in St Peter's and on the paddock.

Saturday 15th September: "Ride and Stride" in aid of Suffolk Historic Churches Trust.

Sunday 13th October: Harvest Festival.

## Huntingfield

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### St Mary's Church, Huntingfield

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## Linstead

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FIRSTLY, MAY I START BY APOLOGISING for not having taken Matins in August. It was pointed out to me in the middle of the village fête that I was down to take it, a fact that I completely overlooked. Mea Culpa; a senior moment.

THE GREAT SIEGE OF Linstead continues. And, although unlike Malta, we have been spared the bombardment of Turkish cannon, the sense of being beleaguered is real. Mercifully, for the fête we enjoyed almost unfettered access, by the Monday, the barriers were up and fresh holes were being dug. I just have this foreboding that, when they finally finish and the last neat little bit of patchwork has been completed, that rough old patch of road between us and the farm and garden will be left untouched!

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, THE heat-wave may be a memory, but we aim to give one last hurrah for summer.

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AS I AM WRITING, DURING THESE last few days and nights, the farmers have been working to bring in the crops and turn the fields around. This is a crucial time and it is right and proper that we should give thanks for their efforts and pray for their success.

## THE Linstead HARVEST FESTIVAL

Will be held on

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER

at 6.30pm.

We are again inviting gifts for the Foodbank

FROM A FINANCIAL POINT OF VIEW, ST Margaret's continues to survive by the skin of its teeth and needs all the help it can get if it is to remain open. If you want your church to survive, please do help us by donating. Gift Aid envelopes will be available, which, if appropriate, gives each donation an added 25%. So please support YOUR very own church.

## THE Linstead GIFT DAY

SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER  
from 10am to 3pm.

Light refreshments  
Chat  
and Donating!

THE VILLAGE FÊTE WAS ANOTHER huge success and raised over £1460 for village hall funds. We were blessed with perfect weather, dry and warm, but not the stultifying heat-wave that followed. We again concentrated the 'tent city' around the hall itself, which gave the event an intimate feel. As ever, the cake-stall was mouth-watering and the other stalls offered, quite literally, something for everyone! This year saw the revival of the tradition of 'Welly-Wanging', demonstrated in the picture by one of my grandsons. This, for obvious reasons, took place on the paddock. The winning wangle was a very impressive distance of just over 102 feet (we don't do metric in Linstead). Well done to Ben, our champion wangler. It should be stressed that no wellies were harmed during this competition.



THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT IT should be considered a sport for the next Olympics. On which topic, I think that the Paris Olympics went very well and, bearing in mind that it was an 'away' match, Team G.B. did us proud. I have to admit to finding the closing ceremony a little puzzling and I had to have its significance explained to me. Having got my mind round the gold lamé grasshopper and the silvery ghosts, I felt that it just needed a bit of

bronze to finish it off: How about Tom Cruise in a bronze flying suit, on a bronze-painted motorbike, or did I miss something?

NOW I DON'T WISH TO ALARM YOU but, Christmas is coming. If you didn't start your shopping at the Linstead Fête, then please don't miss out again.

## LINSTEAD COMES TO HALESWORTH

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CHEDISTON & LINSTEAD WI MET IN August for their annual garden meeting. This took place at Brook Farm, by courtesy of Anna Bramble. Mercifully, she has a very elegant barn attached to her house. This offered welcome respite from the heat and enabled members to take short forays into the garden.

They meet next at Linstead Village Hall on Tuesday 10th September at 2.30pm to hear Dr Philip Roberts tell them about one of our local heroes, Cardinal Wolsey. (Not Wolseley, that was the car).

WITH REGARD TO SERVICES IN September, please consult the main service rota on page 3 of this issue.

I am taking Matins on September 8th at 10am. Assuming, that is, that I don't have another senior moment.

## Spexhall

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### St Peter's Church, Spexhall

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

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### In loving memory of Beryl Stannard: wife, mother, grandmother and member of our congregation

It is often the quiet faithful members of church who are loved and missed the most by all who knew them. This was certainly true of Beryl Stannard, whose funeral was held on Wednesday 14th August, when the Suffolk skies were blue and St Peter's was filled with her children, grandchildren, relatives and friends to give thanks for a life so lovingly lived in all she did. We thank the Revd Jane Held for paying tribute to all that Beryl did in her life; reminding us of the quiet ways we can live in love and faith. Beryl's children filled the church with beautiful flowers,

and one grandson played the accordion as a loving tribute to his nanny. We are especially grateful to the family for donating the pedestal arrangements to our flower festival as a memorial to their mum. Generous contributions were made by the congregation to East Anglian Air Ambulance and to the church in her memory.

Now reunited with her husband Bob, may Beryl rest in peace, and rise in glory.



*One of the pedestal stands in loving memory of Beryl Stannard.*

### Lammas: The First Harvest

Woodpecker knew nothing of the 'quaint' folk tradition of Lammas until he flew over to make his home in the country. With a bit of research he was able to appreciate just how important this festival was in both church and community. The first wheat, made into a loaf, represents thanks for the harvest just starting, and it becomes the focus of our thoughts and prayers for a world in which sharing of resources is so vital for our peace and survival. We thank Janet for making our lovely plaited loaf to be blessed as a symbol of our thanks and hope. Long may the festival continue!

### The Flower and Art Festival: Summertime in Suffolk

Your pecking correspondent had to deliver his copy before the Festival, so eager readers will have to wait until the October edition before the review and pictures.

Just to say that there has been a flurry



of activity by Patricia and her team in preparing the church for the festival, and combining it with an art exhibition in the village hall will be a delight to all the senses, including the taste of tea and cakes! At the time of writing the weather looks set fair, so a wonderful weekend is in store.

We even have a baptism to look forward to during the festival!

### Volare, let's fly way up to the sky

Well, Woodpecker had a bit of trouble getting airborne on his wings after such a fantastic village Italian lunch prepared by Cleone and Simon. Wonderful food, great wine and lovely company. *(Photo below).*

Belissima. Grazie a tutti! (Sorry, night classes in Italian were a long time ago!).

### Raise the song of harvest home

One Good thing about having wings is that Woodpecker doesn't get stuck behind the tractors carrying home the straw bales in the lanes. Not that anyone is whinging(!), as it can only mean one thing: the harvest is being gathered in. This time we give thanks for the whole harvest of the sea and the land that we enjoy. The harvest festival is a time also to reflect on how lucky we are if we live with plenty, remembering those in our society and world who struggle to put food on the table because of cost, failed harvests, war and disease. We will have our **Harvest Festival on September 15th at 10am**, with refreshments served afterwards. New friends and old are all warmly welcome!



*Spexhall villagers Enjoying la dolce vita!*

## Thorington

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### St Peter's Church, Thorington

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We are looking forward to Saturday 7th September for our Thorington Harmony Day, please see the advertisement on page 27 of this issue.

All are welcome to join us from 12pm - 4pm. There will be a talk about the Thorington Scroll 1836 by Mike Gower at 12.30pm, and from 2pm acapella songs with Voices Two - Helen and Jennie, followed by Kimberley Moore singer and songwriter from Norwich, we are very grateful to them.

There will be local crafts and art stall including Lin Carter (Suffolk Threads) Winterbourne Workshop wood turning, Wil Harvey's art and more. There will be art work on display and for sale by Alfie Carpenter.

A guided walk to Suffolk wildlife Trust's Church Farm will start at 3.15pm.

Homemade refreshments will be on sale all day. There is plenty of parking, so please come along and enjoy! Telephone Trish for further details and if you would like to help, or have a craft stall!

Our PCC meeting business in July was, as usual, straightforward, but I would just to thank Dominic for his time and work across the Blyth Valley churches. Thanks also to Geraldine for church cleaning and all the others who help look after this beautiful listed church.

We are thinking of Rosemary Betts (née Onyett) who passed away in July after a long illness and is now reunited with Philip, her husband, at the churchyard.

She was my aunt, and loved this place so much, and on her visits to Wenhamston always made a dash to her parents' graves and prayed at the church. She supported the church here and in Derbyshire where she spent her married life, later coming to Norfolk, but visiting here regularly. Our thoughts are with Jo and Pip and the extended family.

## Walpole

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### St Mary's Church, Walpole

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## Wenhamston

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Our 'Sing out Yoxford' concert was a great success. The very next day, we served refreshments at the Village Show, and very busy we were too! We raised a goodly sum for church funds and many



thanks to the helpers on the day and all the generous folk who donated cakes. It was a happy occasion.

Last month I stated that the Two Churches Quiz (Wenhaston and Thorington) would take place on October 18th, but I have since found out that the Village Hall had been double booked, so we will now run the quiz on **Friday 25th October**. Please put this date in your diaries.

It will soon be time for Harvest Festival and I will say more on this in the September *BVTimes*. I hope you have all had a good summer.

### September Services

- 1st Team Service, St Mary's Halesworth, 10am.
- 8th Eccumenical Service, 10am, St Peter's, with Methodist Church members.
- 15th Holy Communion, 10am.
- 22nd Pause for Thought, 10am.
- 29th Climate Collective, St Mary's Halesworth, 11am

### SHCT Ride and Stride

Both Wenhaston St Peter's and the Methodist Church will take part in the above. If anyone would like to cycle or walk to be sponsored for either church, the forms will be in St Peter's for collection. **MB**

### Wenhaston Walkers

The first walk in September will leave Wenhaston Village Hall at 10am on Tuesday 3rd.

The second walk on Tuesday 17th will leave the White Horse, Badingham IP13 8JR at 10am, led by Lesley and Alastair. Details of lunch will follow. If you wish to add your name to the circulation list, please email:

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### St Peter's Church, Wenhaston

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## Wissett

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*Glory be to God for dappled things.*

Like many in Wissett I gave thanks and gloried in the beautiful dappled shade of Grays Lane on my walk this hot morning. Good weather for harvesting.

It was a warm, sunny morning for our Pet Service back in July. A splendid horse and rider arrived first followed by a lovely assortment of dogs with their owners. All the animals seemed pleased to be blessed by Vic although the horse gave an expressive snort at the end. It was an enjoyable, sociable celebration giving thanks for our pets and all living creatures and remembering our duty and responsibilities to care for them all.

We will "raise the song of harvest-home" at our Harvest Festival on Friday 13th September at 7pm followed by the Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. It is £10 per person for the supper of delicious ham, salads, baked potatoes, a variety of puddings and a chance to win the raffle!

A busy weekend as the next day, Saturday 14th, is the Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day! Last year it was so very hot that there were not as many taking part as usual. We hope for more this year and I will be in the church where it is nice and cool to welcome everyone and give out drinks and biscuits, as I try to do crossword. Do contact me if you can help in any way.

On the Sunday 15th there is Holy Communion with a Baptism at 10am. September is a time of new beginnings for many going back to or starting school, back to work, and we think of them going forward.

On Friday 20th September in Wissett Village Hall, there will be a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Cakes, coffee, tea and a book and bric a brac, bits and bobs stall and a raffle!

In Wissett we will have given thanks for and celebrated the life of Valerie Eagle-Bott at her funeral on August 22nd where she will be buried in the churchyard.

Valerie contributed so much to the life of our community in so many ways. She was churchwarden for many

years, so generous in caring for the church, the restoration of the bells, and as an excellent hostess opening her home for coffee mornings, welcoming new people to the village, caring, thoughtful and so kind. She is greatly missed.

*Anne Andrews adds:*

### Valerie Eagle-Bott 1936 - 2024

Valerie was someone who enjoyed life, a truly joyous person. Her commitment to the village of Wissett was shown in her willingness to be involved in all village happenings.

Valerie was a great supporter of our church, often holding and also helping with all fundraising events. She paid for the repainting of the church interior and was also a Churchwarden. Valerie was a member of Spexhall and Wissett WI. She became President and during this time organised a memorable WI visit to the then Prince Charles's home, Highgrove when we all had to take our passports to be allowed in!

The things Valerie did in both Wissett and the team are many and show the joy she had in life for everything she did.

Valerie was loved by many friends and will be sadly missed.

### Church cleaning for September

- 1st Mary Pester and Camilla Prior
- 8th Charlotte Pringle and Jane Parry
- 15th Veronica Catchpole and Janice Bathgate
- 22nd Nick Evans
- 29th Gill Bailey and Linda Clarke

So on we bravely go into autumn where I hope there will be much for us to give thanks and to glory in.

### St Andrew's Church, Wissett

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

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## Churches Together in the Blyth Valley

**'To be or not to be?'**

**Important Meeting –**

**Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm**

For many years we have had an active Churches Together group in the town which has been responsible for organising a number of joint churches events including Easter witness, Advent teas, Pentecost services, etc as well as starting the Sign of the Fish bookshop, Christian Aid collections and other joint initiatives.

Of late, some of these events haven't happened and others have become independent of CTBV support. Attendance at CTBV organising meetings has dwindled to almost none, so what is the best way forward?

A meeting has therefore been arranged at the United Reformed Church, under the Chairmanship of the Revd Jon Sermon (The Revd Dominic Doble having stepped down as Chair of CTBV) on Wednesday 18th September at 6.30pm for anyone who has an interest in how/if we should continue. Should CTBV be disbanded, should it change its priorities/name and, if so, can more people be encouraged to join its programme committee?

If this is of interest to you, please come along to this meeting to help us move on.

Thank you.

**Doug Mizon**



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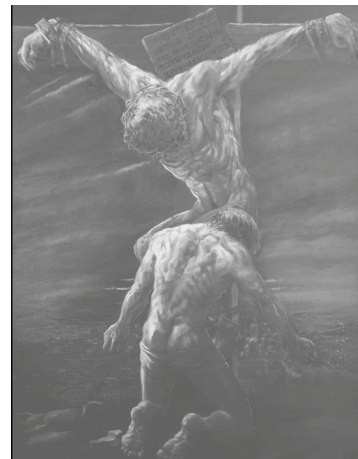
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**Stations by Iain McKillop**



**A note on the readings:** Generally, harmonising Gospel texts is not encouraged, since each writer had varied theological, spiritual and social reasons for what he included. However I have harmonised the Passion texts here, as some additional details enrich their meaning.

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### ADDITIONAL FOODBANK DONATION POINTS

Donations of food for the Foodbank can also be left at Woolnough's Funeral Services office at the entrance to Halesworth Cemetery on Holton Road and also at Rosedale Funeral Services in the Market Place, Halesworth.

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# Halesworth Scarecrow Festival 2024

## 19th October - 2nd November

Planning and preparation is well underway for this year's Halesworth Scarecrow Festival. We cannot believe it is nearly time again and cannot wait to see all the incredible scarecrows lining the Thoroughfare, Market Place, Miles Ward Court and St Mary's Church Halesworth.

With a theme this year of Disney or Pixar, it is sure to be loved by all the family. There are lots of different things in the planning, for example, the traditional pumpkin trail, bonus questions, children and youth activities, as well as new flags and bunting.

Are you a community group that are based in Halesworth but

do not have premises? This year for the first time, you are welcome to make a scarecrow and display it in St Mary's Church or a shop window. Just pop Pauline or Hetty an email to let us know that you are going to be taking part; and we will organise a place for your scarecrow.

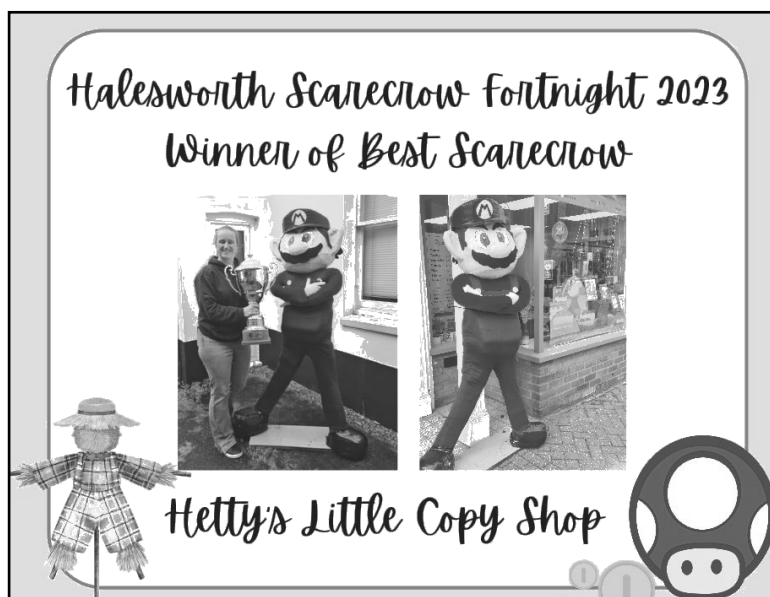
To keep up to date with the latest plans and news be sure to follow the Halesworth Scarecrow Festival Facebook Page.

Excited wishes.

Pauline and Hetty

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## Walpole Old Chapel



Sunday 1st September, 3pm  
Bloomsbury Baroque

Songs and dance tunes by the Georgian man of letters and former slave Ignatius Sancho with music by Handel and other celebrated musicians of the age.

To book tickets before the event, go to:  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

Put 'Walpole Old Chapel' in the search bar  
and you will be able to buy tickets at **£12** each.  
Or you can pay on the door for **£15** each.

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September  
Heritage Open Days, 10am - 4.30pm, both days.

Exhibition: 'Walpole Old Chapel & local connections'

The Chapel's Discovery Group's researchers have tracked many people in the registers and many came from several miles away. It was not surprising that there was a stable in the Chapel Yard and the footings of this are still visible. Our present visitors are also from far and wide. **Free event.**

Sunday 22nd September, 3pm

The Dollard Collectief - North After Summer

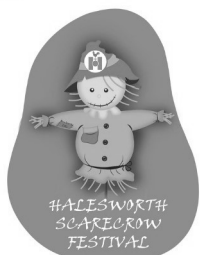
Poetry and music on the theme of change. Artistes from Brazil, Sweden, the Netherlands and the UK.

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For further information:

[www.walpoleoldchapel.org/programme](http://www.walpoleoldchapel.org/programme)

The Chapel is open to the public on Saturday and Bank Holiday afternoons, 2pm - 4.30pm. Until September 28th.

**Bigger and Better**

19th October till  
2nd November 2024

Follow Halesworth Scarecrow Fortnight on  
Facebook for more details.

# WHAT'S ON

## "Awake Arise"

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St Mary's Church Halesworth

6th December 6.30 for 7.30pm

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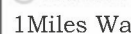
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ALL DAY

### HERITAGE OPEN DAY

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**Wednesday, 11 September**  
12noon for 12.30pm

### Evan Ruth - Tenor

A lunchtime recital organised by the Friends of St. Mary's  
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**Wednesday, 25 September**  
12.30pm

### Community lunch

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**27, 28, 29 September**

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**Wednesday, 9 October**  
12noon for 12.30pm

### Katalin Prentice - Soprano

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**Sunday, 10 November**  
2.30 for 3pm

### Town Remembrance Service

Gather at the library for 2.30pm, parade to the Church for a 3pm  
Act of Remembrance concluding in the Arboretum

**Wednesday, 13 November**  
12noon for 12.30pm

### St Mary's Handbell Ringers

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**Friday, 15 November**  
7pm

### Silent Film Night - Hunchback of Notre Dame

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**Saturday, 23 November**

### Halesworth Christmas Lights switch-on—SANTAS GROTTTO

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