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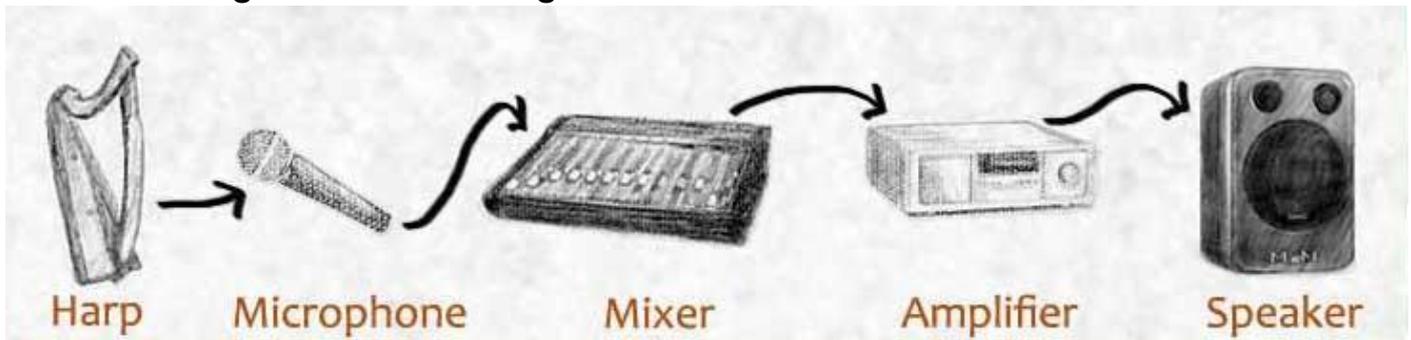
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Editors Bit

Well, the weather has certainly changed for the better and I have had to get out my sun hat and sun cream. We need to remember to protect our skin when out in the sun and not get carried away as we have not seen the sun for a long time now. We unfortunately did not get the news we wanted in June to ease all the restrictions however the number for guests at a wedding service and mourners at funerals have been eased. There is now no upper limit provided all present can socially distance within the size of the building. So, at St Nicholas' it is approx. 110, Worstead are working on 60 at present.

Requests are now coming in for baptisms and people are rebooking their weddings so the Church will soon be filled with the sounds of cheerful celebrations. On that note if you have had a celebration in the Church or are thinking of having one, we have a problem with our sound system. It is not very good and needs updating.

This is where we need the help of you, the townsfolk who read this magazine and love our Church as the centre of the town and our community. You may have been watching our live streaming services and have noticed how hit and miss the



sound is. If you could all manage to give just a little to support the cost of a new system, we can soon get an all dancing and singing system in place. The cost will be in the region of £ 7,000 so as you see we need to get raising funds. We are holding organ recitals during July with all donations towards this fund so come and join us, the details are further on in the magazine, and bring some pennies or hopefully pounds with you. We will accept cheques made payable to North Walsham Parochial Church Council, cash or you can pay direct to the bank account. Please see the leaflet in the Church.

I was privileged this Sunday, to attend the Cathedral service for the Ordination of Deacons to support Jo on her important day. See in this edition Jo's final piece for us as we continue to support her through her journey in ministry.

Please note the date for items to go in the August edition of NEWS need to be at the Parish office by July 20th latest

Thank you, Ed.,

All Saints' Church, Edingthorpe.

SERVICES

11th July. Morning Prayer 9.30 am
25th July. Holy Communion 9.30 am

It was lovely to have a chat with Jo outside the church at our last service. She will be leaving after her ordination at Norwich Cathedral on 27th June. She will then serve her curacy in the Trunch Group. Hopefully we will see her around and wish her all the best for the future.



We hope we will soon be able to arrange some events when we can all meet together again. We are always open to suggestions from anybody whether you attend the Church or not, as to what social functions would be enjoyed by all.

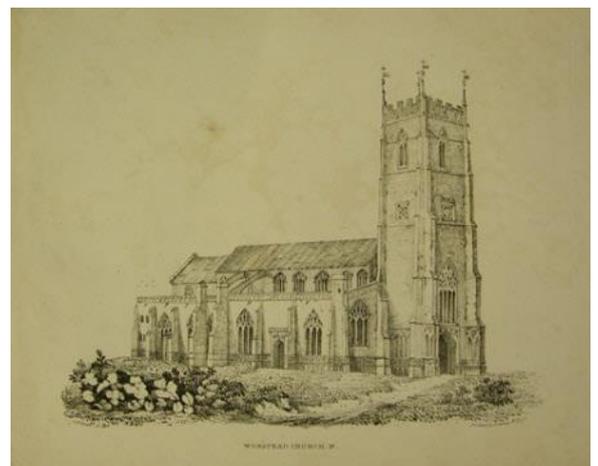
We are sorry to report that Val Collins has passed away. She has lived in Edingthorpe since the 1980's and our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.

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St Mary's Worstead

Services

4th July 9.15 am Morning Prayer
18th July 9.15 am Holy Communion



Not the Vicar's Page:

"A Perfection of Thought"

*Blue July, bright July,
Month of storms and gorgeous blue;
Violet lightnings o'er thy sky,
Heavy falls of drenching dew;
Summer crown! o'er glen and glade
Shrinking hyacinths in their shade;
I welcome thee with all thy pride,
I love thee like an Eastern bride.*

From *July* by George Meredith

Looking back over the past few months we have had Mad March, April with its showers or not, Stormy May and Soaking June. Now, at last we come to July; the month of prospect for farmers and growers. The cereals and flowers are at their most glorious, ready to be harvested or to brighten the vista of our gardens. They almost shout **"We have survived, now here we are; tall bright and beautiful, rich and vibrant."**

In our own human experiences, and in our church life, we have also faced our challenges over the past few months. We have struggled with the continuing restrictions imposed by Covid lockdown. Not singing in church for so many has been less like the glorious lily of the field and more like a sodden, rain glued rose bud that is unable to open! But, just as the seasons do come, so we can look forward to our summer. Freedom is delayed but it will happen.

Meredith reminds us that July can be stormy, so life will continue to throw its challenges at us but there is above all a brightness, a gorgeousness and a crowning that is ours to grasp and bask in.

Wallace Stevens, an American poet, says of this month, **"The summer night is like a perfection of thought"**. He was speaking about a calmness and stillness that can be found within a house during the short July night-time. And that is what God offers us when Christ said **"Peace be with you, my peace I give you"**. That peace within us can dispel trouble and conflict; it can overcome all things through our faith, hope and love. And as peace quietly permeates our existence, like a summer night, let us also move towards the perfection of our souls with all the joy of our summer life.

Nigel

Diary of Services

**Morning Prayer is held at 9am Daily Monday – Saturday at St Nicholas' in the Lady Chapel (this service is open to all and also live streamed)
Until further notice there will be no Evening services at 5pm**

Sunday 4th July – 5th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
9.15 am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
10.30 am	Holy Communion also live streamed	St Nicholas'

Sunday 11th July – 6th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
9.30 am	Morning Prayer	All Saints'
10.30 am	Holy Communion also live streamed	St Nicholas'

Sunday 18th July – 7th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
9.15 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's
10.30 am	Holy Communion also live streamed	St Nicholas'

Sunday 25th July – 8th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
9.30 am	Holy Communion	All Saints'
10.30 am	Holy Communion also live streamed	St Nicholas'

Sunday 1st August – 9th Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	St Nicholas'
9.15 am	Morning Prayer	St Mary's
10.30 am	Holy Communion also live streamed	St Nicholas'

It is our intention to continue live streaming services from St Nicholas'
Please note all services are subject to change dependent on instructions from the Government and the Church of England regarding worship in Churches.
Full information can be found on our website and Facebook page.

Goodbye from Jo

‘For I know the plans I have for you.... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’ *Jeremiah 29:11*

I started my June thought with this wonderful verse from the prophet Jeremiah, and it is very much in the forefront of my mind as I move to the Trunch Group to continue exploring the future that God is calling me into.

So, as a significant part of my recent journey I want to thank you all, you lovely people of the North Walsham benefice.

Thank you for your support, for your encouragement and for generally being so lovely.



And thank you too for the beautiful gift of the green ‘ordinary time’ stole. It is truly lovely and glorifies our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I shall wear it at my first service this Sunday in the Trunch Group, at All Saints’ Mundesley and know that you are still with me in even though I’m in a different place.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at my Ordination last Sunday. When I turned to face the congregation and, recognising probably half the people there, was an amazing affirmation of my calling and of your support. It meant so much. So, thank you for being there!

I will miss you, but know that you will keep me in your prayers as I continue the great adventure God is leading me on; a great adventure which we can all take part in. Keep supporting, comforting and encouraging one another and generally being the lovely people, you are. Keep supporting and loving those who lead you, who serve

you and who walk alongside you. And as we all look to a future where God's plans are to prosper and give us hope, I pray that those plans for this place will be realised as you keep your eyes on Jesus, following the adventure he has for each one of us.

With love in Christ
the 'newly minted'
Reverend Joanna
Haywood



Here's a question for you. Do you find yourself with a couple  of hours in the morning where you think?

Shall I sit and have a coffee or shall I sit in the Church and give a welcome to those coming in for private prayer and to the many visitors we get to see our lovely Church.

Come and steward for us.

The times are 9.30am- 12.30pm Monday to Friday. You can steward as often as you like. Once a week or month any time would be appreciated.

Please contact Elizabeth Hargest 01692 405650 or the Churchwardens whose contact Nos can be found on the second page of this magazine if you are interested.

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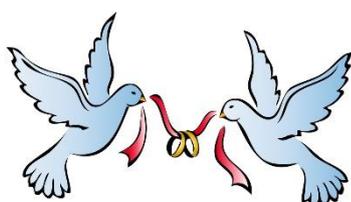
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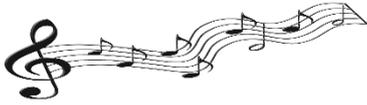
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Grass/ Hedge cutting,
Turf or seeding,
Weeding & spraying
Fencing
Patios & Paths
Shed-building
Tree-felling & pruning

***** **Notices** *****



Bob and Margaret Bane are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Mark to Julianna in Houston Texas U.S.A. We hold them both in our prayers as they start their new life together.



ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, NORTH WALSHAM

Presents

July Lunchtime Organ Recitals

Thursday 1st July – Richard Bower (Dereham)

Thursday 8th July – Elinor Hanton (Mancroft)

Thursday 15th July – Jo Richards (North Walsham)

Thursday 22nd July – Harry Macey (Aylsham)

Thursday 29th July – Tim Patient (Norwich)

Every Thursday in July at 12.30pm
Bring your own lunch if you wish!

Admission Free

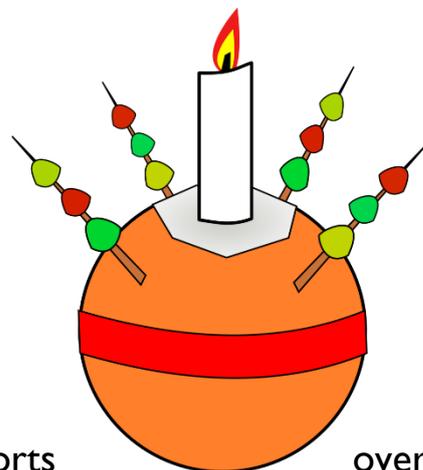
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Christingle 2021

Looking ahead into the somewhat unknown – we are planning to have a Christingle again this year.

Our thanks go to Wendy G and her team for all their efforts over the past years, especially under the difficult conditions last year.



However, Wendy now feels that the time has come for another pair of hands to take over the reins. She is happy to work alongside whoever feels they can take on this important role, so this year it would be a 'training session' in preparation for Wendy to stand down.

If you feel that you could help or take on the Christingle organising role, please speak to either Wendy or Valerie.



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