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The Newsletter

AI - or Super Intelligence as Donald Trump says we should call it. It's getting everywhere - we'll have to get used to it.

AI is mesmerising - it is for some. It promises solutions to all sorts of problems - and so irresistibly alluring. It promises extraordinary wealth - and with great wealth comes great power. Trump says 'Whoever wins AI wins' - a international game in which there's a duty to succeed.

Except it's not a game. The cost is huge - not just money, but to the environment, and to individuals, their freedoms and their jobs. The risks are massive - what has the greatest capacity for good has also the greatest capacity for evil. We have been warned - it's all over the news. One company in a preposterous \$2 trillion flotation 'warns of existential risks to humanity'. Who'd invest in such audacious folly?

What's the point of problem-solving if the cost threatens to diminish, impoverish, or destroy you? It's like something from a Greek myth - or the human condition as told in the bible. Not every problem has to be solved - and human beings don't have to transcend themselves. And AI is irreversible. Where's the wisdom in it?

Where is the Life we have lost in living?

Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?

Where is the knowledge we have lost in information? - *T S Eliot*

They say humanity has never known a super-intelligence. Really? What about God? Can we afford to forget *him*? The bible begins with the story of humanity over-reaching itself, wanting to be like God, thinking we knew better than God: and we lost the paradise we've hankered after ever since. Will we ever learn?

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Proposed Data Centre at Keswick

Norwich Apex Ltd has submitted plans to South Norfolk Council for a 150-megawatt data centre on a 32-acre site off Ipswich Road (opposite Harford Bridge Tesco) in Keswick. You may have received a letter from the MP for South Norfolk saying he opposes the proposed development. He says the Council say they refuse to provide individual responses to the concerns he raises. So what can you do about it?

- There's a petition on line - <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-south-norwich-data-centre-construction>
- you can register you comments on the planning website: go to <https://info.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk/online-applications/> and search 'Keswick'
- More information at <https://yarevalleysociety.org.uk/about/planning/>

Book swap coffee mornings

Book swap coffee mornings in the Cavell Room at Swardeston Church on Tuesdays 3rd and 17th November 10.30am - 12 noon. All welcome.

The kingdom of heaven

*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field,
which a man found and covered up;
then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant
in search of fine pearls, who,
on finding one pearl of great value,
went and sold all that he had and bought it.*

Matthew 13.44-46

Swardeston Day Centre

October has been a busy month at the day centre. The members have enjoyed a Harvest Service, Autumn crafts, Quizzes and Bingo, cooking and lots of live music and singing!

Volunteers and particularly drivers (a mileage allowance is given) are always needed - If you can help in any way please telephone 01508 578826 on Mondays and Wednesdays between 10am and 3 pm.

Ketteringham & East Carleton History Group

The next meeting of the Ketteringham & East Carleton History Group will be held at 10.30am on Saturday 14th November in Ketteringham Village Hall. All welcome.

Donations to Norwich Food Bank

Norwich Food Bank exists to help local people in crisis. For details see <https://norwich.foodbank.org.uk/> If you wish to make donations of packaged food or groceries you may leave them in the box for donations in the porch of Intwood Church. All donations appreciated.

From the Church Registers

Funerals:

The funeral of Christine Ann Brown, 72, is fixed for Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm in Swardeston Church.

The funeral of Christopher Heinz Ungermann, 70, is fixed for Wednesday 11th November at 2pm in East Carleton Church.

Daily Prayer App

Have you tried the daily prayer app? Go to <https://lectio365.com/> for morning, midday & night reflections. Listen, reflect and pray.

Christmas Market

Find unique gifts, handmade crafts, and festive treats at Mulbarton Christmas Market on 6th December, 10am-4pm Mulbarton Village Hall, NR14 8AE. Free entry: bring your friends and family.

Church Services: November 2026

Sunday 1st Nov.	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Swardeston Church
<i>All Saints Day</i>	11am	Holy Communion	Intwood Church
4th Before Advent	3.30pm	Evening Prayer	East Carleton Church
Sunday 8th Nov.	9am	Holy Communion	Keswick Church
<i>Remembrance Sun.</i>	10.55am	Remembrance Service	
3rd Before Advent			Swardeston Church
	10.55am	Remembrance Service	Ketteringham Church
Sunday 15th Nov.	9.30am	Holy Communion	Swardeston Church
2nd Before Advent	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Keswick Church
	11am	Holy Communion	East Carleton Church
Sunday 22nd Nov.	8am	Holy Communion	Keswick Church
<i>Christ the King</i>	9.30am	Holy Communion	Swardeston Church
Next Before Advent	11.15am	Morning Prayer	Ketteringham Church
Sunday 29th Nov.	10.30am	Holy Communion	Swardeston Church
Advent 1		<i>Group Service</i>	

Services of Remembrance

Do join us at one of our Services of Remembrance on Sunday 8th November — see above.

And on Wednesday 11th November we meet at East Carleton War Memorial for a short Act of Remembrance at 10.55am. Do join us.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths*

Proverbs 3:5-6

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