



Wind, Fire and a Parrot

As this issue of Eleven Says comes out, we are in the season of Pentecost - the festival of the Holy Spirit. It was once one of the three great holiday periods of the Church's year, along with Christmas and Easter, but eventually all that was left of this celebration was Whit Monday, which became the Spring Bank Holiday in 1971. But to me this festival always brings to mind a French story by Gustav Flaubert, which I read as a teenager many years ago.



The story is called 'A Simple Heart', and tells of a country girl called Felicité. Felicité spent her unexciting life as a servant, giving her life and love unstintingly to those around her.

The family she served was given a parrot, green with blue wingtips and a bright scarlet breast, with which Felicité developed a strong bond.

Her religious faith was as simple as her life, and at Mass she would look at the stained-glass window in the church that depicted the Holy Spirit as a bird. She thought the bird looked very like her parrot, and in time the two became merged in her mind, so that she would say her daily prayers at home in front of the parrot. The climax of the story was Flaubert's description of her death. As a blue mist filled the room, Felicité began to smile, and at her last breath she believed she saw the heavens opening, and a gigantic parrot descending on her head.

Reading this, it was easy to feel superior: to be amused by her simple faith, or to condemn it as idolatry. But the story stayed with me, and I have increasingly realised that it was giving me a wonderful insight into God's generosity. God rewarded her faithfulness with the vision she most wanted to see - the Holy Spirit in the person of a parrot, welcoming her home.

And now, I think, why not? Why not a parrot? How can we describe the Holy Spirit - something we cannot see with our normal eyes? Recently it has struck me that the descriptions in the Bible are equally illustrative. The Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism like a dove; the sound of the Spirit's presence that the disciples heard in the enclosed, upstairs room on that first Pentecost (the fiftieth day after Easter) was like a strong wind and the room was filled with a light that looked like tongues of fire. Even Jesus himself, in describing to Nicodemus the new life in the Spirit, used the image of the wind that 'blows wherever it wishes; you hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going.' Rev. Nick Garrard, in his article earlier this year, drew attention to the Celts' representation of the Holy Spirit as wild goose, with its mysterious migration - a free spirit.

In imagining the scene where the Pharisee Nicodemus visited Jesus at night, in secret, the writer Leslie Weatherhead thought they would probably have met in a shuttered, upstairs room. He envisaged Jesus crossing the room and throwing open the shutters to let the night breeze in as he said, 'the wind blows wherever it wishes'. Just as Jesus might have thrown open the shutters, the previously nervous disciples threw open the doors and rushed out, so inspired by their encounter with the Spirit that they spread the Good News of Christ in a variety of languages; so ecstatic, in fact, that people thought they were drunk!

So here we are, celebrating the festival of the Spirit, and the birthday of the Church that spread across the world, because, just as the genie can't be put back in the bottle, so the Spirit can't be contained in a shuttered room. And I shall continue to enjoy Felicité's vision of the Holy Spirit as a parrot, vivid, exuberant, talkative - even, I might suggest, a good model for the Church today. After all, the liturgical colour used for the altar frontals and robes at Pentecost is red!

Happy Pentecost!

Mary Fewster

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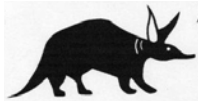
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Confirmations at Bergh Apton



On March 12th we were delighted to welcome Bishop Alan, the Bishop of Thetford, to Bergh Apton Church to confirm two candidates, Kerri Tuck and Gary Secker. Kerri was also baptised at the same service.

It was a wonderful day and such a delight to welcome Bishop Alan for his last visit to the benefice before his retirement at the beginning of April.

Both Kerri and Gary are regular members of our congregation, Kerri at Framingham Pigot and Gary at Bergh Apton. It was wonderful to see so many people turning out to support them on their big day. Special thanks go to our churchwardens Shirley and Lorie and to all the Bergh Apton Team for all their hard work in getting things ready for the service.

Revd Cate Turner

What would He say to you?

Suppose you were sitting in your local pub or cafe having a quiet drink or a meal and somebody asked if they could join you. Suppose that person was Jesus? What would he say to you?



I suspect he would make the running because we might not know what to say and any thoughts we had might suddenly disappear or seem unimportant. You might have a million and one questions. You might have a list of things in the world that you feel need sorting out. You might want to put your point of view across to someone who could do something about "it". However, Jesus may well have a different agenda.

Perhaps you are at the point where you need a comforting arm around you to help you keep going. Perhaps life has become quite comfortable and you need a bit of a shake to keep moving forward on your journey and to remember the things you could be doing for others. Perhaps you would value some words of encouragement that recognise what you are doing, but stressing the need to go further. Perhaps, you need to be reminded that being busy isn't always the best thing for you.

I believe that Jesus would say the important things, and not necessarily what we want to hear, because he walks a different walk to us. I also believe that the person he is talking to would feel in a much better place after the conversation.

Did we not feel our hearts aglow whilst walking along the road to Emmaus, that well-known cafe near Bungay?

Why don't you sit in your chair and quietly think about what he might say to you, me, or us?

Chris Limbach

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Wednesday Fellowship

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June 14th - Update on the Vidiyal Trust by The Revd. Canon Pat Atkinson

July 12th - Picnic / Outing

August 5th - The Friends of St Mary's Coffee Morning at The Wheel of Fortune

For more information please contact Pat Barter 493570

Worship in Stillness

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Easter at St Andrew's Church, Framingham Pigot

Holy Week in the Thurton Benefice is celebrated with a Compline service in one of the churches on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

On Maundy Thursday it is traditional for St Andrew's to host the Holy Communion Service to commemorate the Last Supper. This includes the act of washing the feet of the congregation by the clergy, for those who are happy to take part, and is symbolic of Jesus washing the feet of the Apostles. Also as part of the service is the Stripping of the Altar to leave the Sanctuary bare and is symbolic of the humiliation of Jesus at the hands of the soldiers.

Another tradition is to have an Altar of Repose in the small side chapel in the church. This is a temporary altar which symbolises the tomb of Our Lord where the Communion hosts consecrated during the service are placed, or "reserved", for use on the following day, Good Friday. The chapel is decorated with arrangements and vases of white flowers and many candles.



At the end of the service the interior of the church is left in darkness, apart from the candles burning in the chapel, and some of the congregation quietly depart and others stay to pray silently during the period of The Watch, which recalls how Jesus invited his Apostles to stay with him while he prayed.

On Good Friday it was the turn of St Andrew's to be the starting point for the Pilgrimage to the other churches in the Benefice. A short service of Holy Communion was held in the church, using the 'reserved host' from the Maundy Thursday service.

A happy group of 'pilgrims' led by Cate, our Curate, then left the church and took it in turns to carry the large wooden cross along the footpaths to the next church, St Mary's in Yelverton, followed by St Peter & St Paul in Bergh Apton and St Ethelbert's in Thurton.



When the group arrived at St. Ethelbert's, Thurton there was a short service before they set off on the last leg of the journey to St. Mary's, Ashby.



Rockland St Mary Benefice Update

What's on in Rockland Benefice

After the success of last year's Summer Group service, we're returning to worship in **Hellington Church on July 30th at 11am**, followed by a picnic in the churchyard afterwards. Our thanks go to the Churches Conservation Trust for their kind permission.

We're looking forward to the **Summer BBQ at the Barn** early in July (date to be confirmed), beginning at 7pm. Relax and enjoy a summer evening with good food and company, supporting two good causes that will be announced soon. Look out for more details on posters about tickets etc.

News from the Barn - Warm Welcome Mondays

returned to the Barn in late April and will continue on the fourth Monday of every month until the end of October (please see panel for dates and times). May I thank our cheerful and hardworking team and equally cheerful guests who make the Warm Welcome such a pleasure.

Still at the Barn on Sunday afternoons provides a quiet, informal space for reflection, conversation and opportunities to respond to words, music and images on the day's theme. Each gathering begins at 4pm on June 11th, June 25th, July 9th, July 23rd.

Art Cafe in the Barn is happening on June 21st and July 19th, 10.30am - 12 Noon. Drop in for friendly company, fresh coffee and opportunities to share some art!

Art Cafe Online June 28th and July 26th. Please contact Nick for your Zoom invitation and details of our lively and varied programme.

A heartfelt Thank You.... To all who attended and helped at the Warm Welcome Mondays and Group Lent Course, which raised £326.39 for the Priscilla Bacon Hospice Appeal. They were happy events and we've been touched by the generosity of those who attended.

... To everyone who supported this year's **Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting**, chaired the PCC meetings, were elected, or just came to support. It was good to see you all!

....To the organizers, collectors and supporters of this year's **Christian Aid Week**. It's not too late to donate online at donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate/

This photo shows the group in St Mary's Church, Ashby St Mary, the last church on the pilgrim's walk. The cross will now stay there until the start of the Good Friday Pilgrimage in 2024.



Patricia Roberts



From the Registers

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12/03/23 Kerri TUCK Bergh Apton

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12/03/23 Kerri TUCK Bergh Apton
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MARRIAGES

FUNERALS, BURIALS, CREMATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

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30/03/23	Paul Wallace KING (84)	Framingham Pigot
07/04/23	Margaret Mary GANT (84)	
12/04/23	John Herbert MEADOWS	Bramerton
24/04/23	Doreen Elvin FULLER (Interment of ashes)	Rockland St Mary
02/05/23	Ann HARRIS (84)	Bergh Apton
03/05/23	Joan Lily GODDARD (94)	Rockland St Mary

TONY BROADBERRY - 1946 - 2023

Tony was a Norfolk boy born and bred. Born in Cromer and educated locally, he left school at the age of 16, going to work for Norwich Union (now Aviva) where he stayed all his working life. "Steady as you go" was his trademark phrase.

Tony had so many noteworthy qualities it is difficult to know where to begin. His generosity of spirit, innate humility and caring for others all shone out. He was a natural sportsman and pursued a wide range of sports throughout his life. He had a good eye for the ball and excelled in tennis, table tennis, squash and hockey to mention but a few of the games he played.

And there were other sports too: he was a keen cyclist, covering the length and breadth of the Norfolk countryside, and he loved kayaking and surfing the waves (usually in Cornwall). In all these things, and in other areas too, Tony loved to encourage others young and old, and had the great ability to make them feel good about their efforts, whatever their standard.

In his younger days Tony represented Norfolk Juniors at tennis and later had a year playing in the Norfolk County team and represented Norfolk at County week. He even met Angie playing tennis on number 2 court at Cromer, she remembers it well.

Angie and Tony married in 1970 and shared 52 years of life together, bringing up their two children, Paul and Claire. Their first years were spent in Norwich, but they then moved to Ashby St Mary and subsequently Thurton, spending a total of 41 years in the area. They were both well-known and much loved by the community in which they became involved in many different ways.

The big change came in 2015 when they made the decision to move to Exmouth, with Angie's mother, to be nearer to Paul and Claire who both lived in Exeter. In Exmouth Tony continued his various activities, including joining the Exmouth Lawn Tennis club, being delighted to be able to play on grass. He also helped to maintain the grounds and reportedly his use of the strimmer was almost as dynamic as his tennis and his formidable ground shots!

Tony was supportive of Angie in all she did whether that was growing vegetables in the allotment (in Exmouth) or her many and various roles in the church.

He was quietly present in many aspects of church life. He was a regular and key member of the annual Holiday Club (organized by Angie), and proudly kept his name badge in his desk - his Holiday Club name was "Gopher". And he rendered invaluable help in maintaining the churchyard using, amongst other things, that strimmer mentioned above.

Many people attended Tony's funeral from all walks of his life. Donations in his memory were given to Ride On, a charity which encourages cycling for all, and the charity also received Tony's trike, a cycle that he loved, and which only he seemed to be able to master.

Verses from Psalm 23 were used for the bible reading at the funeral, a psalm which reminds us that The Lord is our Shepherd. What more could one need. The Lord watches over our coming and our going throughout life from the time we enter this world to the time we leave it again. And even in that final journey we are not alone, for He is with us. Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who has gone before us dying, as we all must, but rising again on the third day (the Easter story). And in rising, He conquered death, so that we who follow may also share in the great Christian Hope of the Resurrection with sure confidence in Him who is the way to God the Father.

We remember Tony with great fondness and affection, thinking too of Angie and the family, and giving thanks for the life we have shared on this earth. Life goes on. "Steady as you go", Tony.

Revd. Peter Knight

This photo was taken at Fingle Bridge, Devon, on 2nd May 2022.



Chris, Ros and Hannah Limbach are pictured with Christine and Peter Knight (former Revd. of the Thurton

Benefice), and Angie and Tony Broadberry who lived in Thurton for many years and were regular and popular members of Thurton Church.

Chris Limbach



St Ethelbert's Church, Thurton

South Yare Wildlife Group

The news is often bleak when it comes to nature and the environment and it is hard to know how we can all personally make a difference. However, we do have positive power to make a change: we might not be able to set up a 500-acre nature reserve tomorrow, but we all have a choice as to how we use our garden spaces.

If you look at the statistics the total area of private gardens in the UK is estimated at 433,000 hectares or 4,330 square kilometres, more than a fifth the size of Wales. For England the area is more than four and a half times larger than that of our National Nature Reserves! This illustrates that we can actually make a real difference for nature - together we are strong.

Even by giving just a small area there are so many exciting projects that you can do to bring wildlife and biodiversity into our gardens.

If you are interested to find out more, the South Yare Wildlife Group are running 'Wild Patch' Open Gardens for the second year. Nine local inspiring wildlife gardens will be open to the public on June 11th 2023 from 10.30 to 4pm, entry is free (see online map for details). This is a great opportunity to see the varied ways other gardeners have opened their garden spaces to help wildlife flourish. You also get to meet the gardeners and share your ideas and experiences.

Wild Patch Gardens are just one of the campaigns that SYWG are promoting. We are also trying to encourage **Community Climate Action** and our next meeting will be at the Margaret Mack Rooms, Rockland St. Mary, with Professor Rupert Read, on Monday June 12th at 7.00 p.m.

A direct Community Climate Action initiative is **The 5 Mile Network**, which encourages local people to share resources and skills within a five mile radius, thus strengthening community links and reducing transport costs. The 5 Mile Network meets on the first Monday of the month at Bramerton Village Hall; i.e. June 5th, July 3rd.

A future date for the diary is the **Loddon Wildlife Activity Afternoon** on Sunday 15th July at the Jubilee Hall, Loddon.

For more information see:

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Loddon Flower Club

Tuesday 6th June - Pat Barton flower arranging demonstration entitled 'Where in the World'.



Tuesday 4th July - Terri Potter flower arranging demonstration entitled '65 Floral Years'. This will be our 65th anniversary celebration evening.

Both these meetings are held in St John's Church, George Lane, Loddon, NR14 6NB, 6-30pm for 7pm, visitors £7-50.

Wednesday 26th July we will be having a coach trip to Sandringham Flower Show. If you would like to join us please get in touch with our Chairman.

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Climate Action in Rockland St. Mary with Hellington

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In Rockland St Mary local residents, land workers, nature lovers came together to discuss plans to cope with extremes of weather and rethink different ways of growing crops locally.

Early in the year The South Yare Wildlife Group held a meeting with residents and introduced a leading environmentalist, Professor Rupert Read, who underlined the threat that man made climate change poses and discussed the possible responses to it.

In March local residents came together to brainstorm ways of change and what they would like to see happen in the community.

In April The South Yare Wildlife Group and the Alderfen Marshes team held a seed swap event at Bramerton Village Hall which produced an excellent response towards growing and nature. e.g. no mow May (supported by SNDC). Dr Ian Bedford, an entomologist, gave a talk at the Rockland St Mary Gardening Club on how insects need all year round habitat - not just May.

A local resident, retired reed cutter, Walley Mason, gave a talk at Easton College on traditional methods used for reed cutting, which left a better habitat for wildlife and the environment as opposed to today's methods. Traditional scything is used at the community nature reserve in Hellington with Rockland.



The next public meeting for the South Yare Wildlife Group is on 12th June at the Margaret Mack Hall at 7 pm. Come along and discover more on community action for climate. Also a seed/plant swap and meeting will be held at the Bramerton Village Hall at 7 pm on the first Monday of every month. Contact: stephen@go-moco.co.uk

Juliette Harkin

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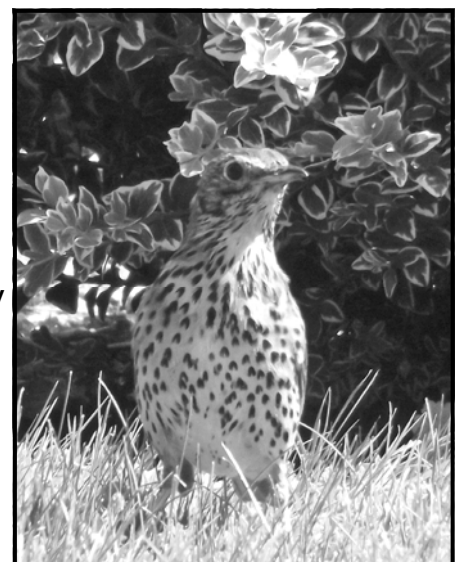
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Alpington & Yelverton

Alpington & Yelverton Village Hall celebrates its Centenary.

Built in 1923 with funds raised by the Women's Institute the hall has been extended and modernised over the 100 years to enable it to thrive and now be used by diverse groups covering all ages and activities within in the community.

To commemorate the centenary an afternoon tea party was organised for past and present committee members to celebrate and thank them for all their help and support.

The photo shows the cake being cut by Pat Barter, who's served on the Committee since 1968, and Jenny Purple, who was born in the village and is in her nineties. Her contact with the Hall goes back to the 1940's when she started running whist drives.



Shirley Rimmer

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Fourth Tuesday of alternative months starting at 7.30pm.

On Wednesday 26 July 2023 - Guided tour of the Great Hospital, Bishopgate, Norwich NR1 4EL

This establishment is a medieval hospital which has been serving the people of Norwich, Norfolk, since the 13th century. It is situated on a 7-acre site in a bend of the River Wensum to the north-east of Norwich Cathedral. Tour tickets are usually priced at £15, but we are able to offer a limited number at £10 each.

Please contact J Hall, Treasurer via email: xxfap57@qfqq.plus.com to secure a place by 1st July 2023.



Bergh Apton

Advance notice of a Fundraising Concert

Bergh Apton Church, Saturday 12th August at 7 pm

Norwich Harmony - Ladies a cappella chorus

Tickets £10 via

<https://berghapton.org.uk/bergh-apton-festival-2023/>

or telephone 01508 558440

The Bergh Apton and District Society Events

Saturday 8th July - The Cromer End of the Pier Summer Show. Coach departs from Bergh Apton village hall at 5 pm. Cost is £37.50 for coach and show. For more details about supper and to book your seat please contact Lynton Johnson on 01508 480629.

Friday 14th July - Evening guided tour of St Ethelbert's Church, Thurton. Come and view wall paintings, stained glass, some of which come from Rouen Cathedral, as we explore the Grade 1 listed building. You can also try your hand at bellringing. The tour lasts for one hour and is followed by strawberries and fizz. Tour starts at 7 pm. Cost is £10.

Wednesday 23rd August - Guided Tour and Talk of Wymondham. We get to see some of the historic buildings of this delightful market town. The walk starts at 10 am followed by lunch at the White Hart at 1 pm. Our tour guide is Georgette Vale. Car parking is available at the Central Hall. Cost is £5 per head.

Wednesday 30th August - Chet Valley Vineyard Tour and Talk by Jake Hemmant. The tour, with wine tasting, starts at 7 pm.

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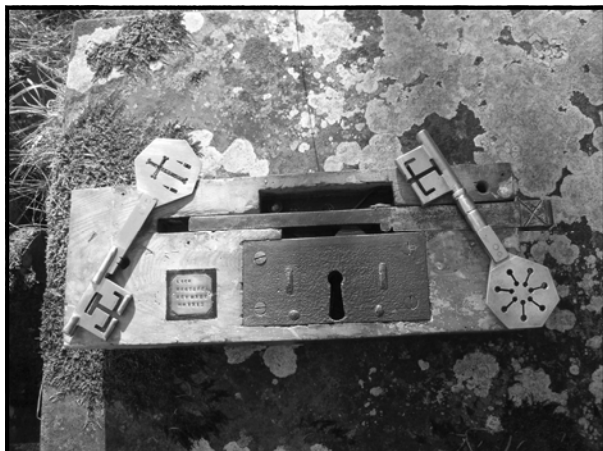
Village News

Bramerton

The 'Key' to St. Peter's Church, Bramerton .

Nobody could remember when the main door was last locked nor indeed when there had last been a key! A locksmith was asked about having a new key made and a figure of £800 was quoted, so that idea was shelved on cost grounds. However, thinking it cannot be that hard to make a key, an offer was made to examine the lock and make a new key by Peter Smith who had previously made a key for the Rose Chest.

Having carefully removed the outer wood casing and metal lock, and taken it apart, although rusty it was found to be intact and of fairly rustic components which just required cleaning and lubricating.



The type of mechanism and spring indicated that it would have been made by a blacksmith possibly before 1730 as that was when springs changed to a 'wishbone' profile. It is not the original lock as there is a second keyhole in the door slightly to one side. A similar lock on Holy Trinity Loddon has the date 1710 on it, so maybe the locks were made by the same person, and it would be interesting to compare the keys.

Two keys were made, with the second being a simpler 'skeleton' key as a backup. A small lead plaque was attached to the inside of the wood casing recording when it was restored for when it is perhaps removed in another 300 years' time. So once again, Bramerton Church can be locked.

Tony Evans.

Carleton St Peter

The spring fundraiser was a great success despite the weather. Just as we set up the rain came!! Luckily it did not deter people and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Well done to Harry who organised the event and single handedly did the raffle and games. It is a lot of responsibility for an 18 year old to want to do this and his goal is to make sure our churches remain a place of worship. Thanks also to Carol, Stacey and Jane who allowed Harry to direct them and also in return gave him guidance, and of course thank you Nick for believing in him. If you attended and are reading this article thank you for your support.

We are hoping for better weather for the **flower festival** which takes place on **August 5th and 6th**. Doors open from 11 am Saturday and 10.30 am Sunday and close at 4.30 pm both days. Please put the date in your diary, the theme this year is Rock and Pop. Please also spread the word to members of your families or friends who might not receive this magazine and might not know the event is taking place. Thank you for your continued support. **Annie Meo**

Claxton

Claxton Community Café

In March we again moved our **Community Café** to a slightly later time and served a lunch of home-made soup alongside our usual offering of bacon baps and baked goods. This wasn't quite so well attended as January's Café but still proved popular.

We are delighted to have a wide range of ages attending the café with many young families enjoying the craft activities whilst everyone likes to catch up over a cup of tea or coffee.

For **June (Wednesday 7th)** and **July (Wednesday 5th)** the café will return to its usual time of 10am - 12noon. We will be serving our usual bacon baps and home baked goods alongside freshly brewed tea and coffee.

St Andrew's Church news

As I write this the church is filled with flowers and a treasure trail of royal jewels. Volunteers are busy baking for the Coronation Afternoon Tea which we expect to be well attended.

Sadly we have experienced some anti-social behaviour at St Andrew's Church caused by lads from a neighbouring village. It has been disappointing to find the inside of the church disrupted, racist graffiti in the Visitors' Book and hymn books not only destroyed, but strewn across nearby fields. It would be good to meet with the perpetrators in a bid to find out what we can do to help them and to explain to them that God's house is for everyone to enjoy.

Claxton Social Club

Open every Friday from 8 pm.

Look out for our food van nights - food is usually available from 5:30 pm. September 8th, Peaky Pizzas

Coronation Tea Party

The Claxton Community Cafe team would like to say a big 'Thank You' to everyone who helped make the Coronation Tea Party such a success, and also to those who came along to give their support .



Huge thanks go to the sandwich makers, the bakers, the washer-uppers, the children's craft helpers, the hall decorators, the furniture movers and the organisations that helped sponsor us. The event was enjoyed by all, from 1 year olds to 89!

A toast was raised to the new King and donations of over £170 were made towards the Prince's Trust.

Village News

Rockland St Mary

Rockland St Mary & District W.I.

The photo below shows 2 of our members with Julie displaying hats made (would you believe) from old umbrellas! That evening in March we enjoyed a great talk by Julie Porter, as she showed examples of her ideas for recycling old clothes, to make new garments, such as using old ties to make skirts and sundresses!

Jean Whitlam (a local lady) gave us a fun talk in April, as she told of her early days nursing and later being matron at the Doughty Hospital in Norwich, the highlight being a visit from the Queen. She had lots of memorabilia and photos to make it a fun and interesting evening.



We look forward to our next meeting on **Tuesday June 13th** when Susan Dawson gives a talk headed "From Bed & Breakfast to Bed & Bondage" Sounds intriguing!

In between meetings we arrange walks and outings, Scrabble mornings and Craft Days, all mostly local, but lifts to venues can always be arranged.

If you would like to come along, we meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Margaret Mack Room, look out for posters publicising our next meeting, or if you want to know more, contact Sandra on 538100 or Ruth 538231.

Rockland St Mary & District Gardening Club Grand Summer Show for 2023

The schedule for this ever popular Summer Show will be available very soon so keep an eye out for this in your local area, or contact Ruth Everett on 01508 538231 for further details.

In the meantime please note this date in your diaries: **Saturday July 15th!!**

There will be certificates and rosettes awarded to all winners of each class - even for children - be it flowers; herbs; succulents and cacti; fruit and vegetables; or maybe bread, cakes, scones or cookies, etc. Even your wildlife photos could win you a prize!

Refreshments will be available and raffle prizes to be won! We look forward to seeing you all at this fun, summer event!



Surlingham

Phyl Gladwell

Recently Phyl Gladwell died.

Phyl was a worker from childhood when her parents died. She remembered the bombing in Norwich and friends dying in neighbouring streets.



She had worked in Jarrolds for many years, was married to Bill and enjoyed fishing trips with him at Morston and cooking the catch. In 1965 they moved to Surlingham. Sadly, Bill died in 1979.

Phyl was a long time member of the WI, which had a strong membership in the village. She was also a member of the PCC, being Churchwarden for a number of years. She worked hard at the village fetes, I can remember, as a 'newbe' here, she would be helping with ice cream selling and manning the games in gardens down the Green.

She was a great supporter of the Brownie and Guide units while they existed in the village, helping with badge testing and many events. She was a lover of birds and animals, homeless cats were known to move in.

As one of the 4 Musketeers, along with Jean Stiff, Connie Stannard and Ann Middleton, she was one of a troupe out for fun!

Phyl will be remembered for her kindness, always being interested and supportive, and independent to the end. Also a provider of the famous 'cheesy biscuits' and so much more, a Best Friend.

The Book and Craft Sale

The book and Craft sale on 22nd April raised over £400 for the Church Tower appeal. A big thank you to all who participated, especially cake makers, servers, tidy uppers and makers of butterflies, not to mention book providers and craft sellers!

Also in the Church was a beautiful Noah's Ark created by John Reeve. Thank you everyone

Now we've had the Coronation, celebrating the King and his interests, particularly the environment, butterflies have taken off in the Church and flower arrangements are also in place. Please pop in and take a look.

A future Art and Craft event, still in the planning stages, is to be based on inspiration from St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, their churchyards and immediate surroundings.

Look out for future talks and events to inspire all ages, all level of skills and forms of expression.

Pippa

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Look at the website alderfenmarshes.co.uk for more information or contact Stephen on 07788 154 755. Feel free to come along and see what it's all about.

'Exchangeables' to bring and offer include locally grown produce, plants / seedlings, seeds, time, space, skills, expertise ...

Next meeting Monday 5th of June 7.00pm at Bramerton Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. Ample parking.



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Thurton Church Flower Festival

The Friends of Thurton Church are holding a Flower Festival on Friday 15th September. The theme will be 'Flowers in Royal Splendour'.

Further details to follow in the next issue of Eleven Says.

Thurton

Thurton Family Service

We are hosting a Family Service in Thurton Church at 11 am on Sunday 18th June which will be suitable for all ages. Children are especially welcome. There will be craft activities and opportunities for people to join in.

It will be an informal occasion and we welcome anyone from across the Bramerton Group of Churches.

We shall be serving coffee and cake afterwards.



Chris and Rosalind Limbach

Thurton Afternoon Service

We are hosting another in our series of "Songs of Praise" services in Thurton Church at 4 pm on Sunday 16th July with plenty of hymns and some readings and poems. It will be an informal occasion and we welcome anyone from across the Bramerton Group of Churches.

As usual we shall be using the Bluetooth speakers to give us some nice music and vocal leadership. If you have a favourite hymn please let Revd Cate know.

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**The Bishop of Norwich, Graham Usher encourages
 parishes to take part in Churches Count on Nature**

Parishes across England and Wales can now register to participate in Churches Count on Nature, an annual scheme where people visit churchyards and record the plant and animal species they encounter.

The biodiversity survey, supported by environmental charities A Rocha UK and Caring for God's Acre, as well as the Church of England and the Church in Wales, will take place from June 3rd to 11th, 2023.

In the last two years, 900 counting events took place across churches in England and Wales, and over 27,000 wildlife records were submitted to Caring for God's Acre. Churches across all denominations take part in the count each year.

Bishop Graham is the Church of England's Lead Bishop for Environmental Affairs. Bishop Graham says;

We are very excited about large numbers of churches across the country signing up to take part in Churches Count on Nature again this year. Hundreds of thousands of people will be watching Sir David Attenborough's new documentary on wildlife in the British Isles.

Registering for this initiative is a brilliant way for churches to encourage a local response and help to restore the natural habitats on our doorstep. The event will help us determine the level of biodiversity in our churchyards and will be a great opportunity to bring people of all ages together to appreciate the natural world.

As I read the Gospels, I'm struck by just how much nature is noticed by Jesus. We can join with him in seeing our lilies of the field, the thistles in crops, and the birds of the air.

As Christians, we have a responsibility to care for God's creation, and participating in Churches Count on Nature is just one way in which we can demonstrate that care.

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To enjoy our day with our two children was a special occasion to cherish and it was all organised by Kristian as a surprise!

The Old Apple Tree

In my garden I sit and stare,
 If weeds are there, do I care?
 I am lost in a reverie,
 Focused on my apple tree.

The tree proudly waves
 blooming boughs,
 High to caress passing clouds.
 Her fruit with their rosy faces,
 Will go to other places.

She will lose her leaves in
 winter,
 Her bark may begin to splinter,
 But her summer will come again,
 And deep-rooted she will remain.

And me? I hope most sincerely,
 That like the old apple tree,
 I will stand firm, and tall and strong,
 Regardless of what comes along.

Lorraine Smith



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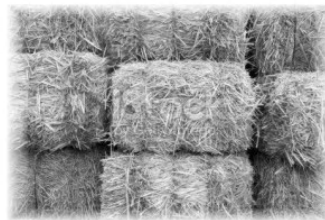
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Upon a craggy windswept hill,
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Hang-gliders leaping off the edge,
With carefree certainty.
They seemed as though they never would,
From spiral plummet lift,
'Til thermals caught gay canopies,
And dangling they would drift.
The courage that it took to leap,
Had nothing to compare,
To the quiet peace of nature,
And their freedom in the air.

That scene reminds me that our Faith
Requires us to leap,
In confident assurance
That God will save and keep.
Our act of Faith He will reward
By raising us above
The sorrows of this earthly life,
In the thermals of his love.
The courage that it takes to leap,
Has nothing to compare,
To the peace and glorious freedom
Of living in his care.

Anne Monument

	4th June Trinity Sunday White/Gold	11th June Trinity 1 Green	18th June Trinity 2 Green	25th June Trinity 3 Green	2nd July Trinity 4 Green	9th July Trinity 5 Green	16th July Trinity 6 Green	23rd July Trinity 7 Green	30th July Trinity 8 Green	6th August Transfiguration White
Ashby St Mary	11.00 MP PT		11.00 Mass with Incense		11.00 MP PT	10.00 Benefice Service			11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	11.00 MP PT
Bergh Apton	09.30 HC		09.30 PT	09.30 HC BCP	09.30 HC		09.30 PT	09.30 HC BCP	11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	
Bramerton				11.00 HC	16.00 OPEN AIR SERVICE				11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	16.00 Evensong
Carleton St Peter	11.00 HC				11.00 MP				11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	
Claxton	09.30 HC		09.30 MW		09.30 HC		09.30 MW 14.00 FS + BAPT		11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	09.30 HC
Framingham Pigot	11.00 HC			11.00 HC			11.00 HC	11.00 HC	11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	09.30 HC
Kirby Bedon			11.00 HC				11.00 HC		11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	
Rockland St Mary		10.00 Benefice HC + Archdeacon's Visitation		10.30 - 12 Café Church in Parish Room		11.00 HC		11.00 MP	11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	11.00 HC
Surlingham				09.30 HC		09.30 MW		09.30 HC	11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	
Thurton		10.00 Benefice Service	11.00 FS		11.00 HC		16.00 Songs of Praise		11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	11.00 HC
Yelverton	09.30 PT		09.30 HC	16.00 ALL 4	09.30 PT		09.30 HC	16.00 ALL 4	11.00 GROUP SERVICE HELLINGTON	09.30 PT

CODE: HC = Holy Communion; E. Praise = Evening Praise; FC = Family Communion; FW = Family Worship; MP = Morning Prayer; EP = Evening Prayer; .PT = Parish Team; VM = Vestry Meeting.

Services of Holy Communion: St Mary's Church, Yelverton at 10.30 am on Thursday 1st June and Thursday 6th July

Bible Readings Sunday by Sunday: June and July 2023

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel	
04/06/23	Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31	2 Corinthians 13.11-13	Matthew 28.16-20	Trinity Sunday
11/06/23	Hosea 5.15 - 6.6	Romans 4.13-25	Matthew 9.9-13,18-26	1 st Sunday after Trinity
18/06/23	Exodus 19.2-8a	Romans 5.1-8	Matthew 9.35-10.8 [9-23]	2 nd Sunday after Trinity
25/06/23	Jeremiah 20.7-13	Romans 6.1b-11	Matthew 10.24-39	3 rd Sunday after Trinity
02/07/23	Jeremiah 28.5-9	Romans 6.12-23	Matthew 10.40-42	4 th Sunday after Trinity
09/07/23	Zechariah 9.9-12	Romans 7.15-25a	Matthew 11.16-19,25-30	5 th Sunday after Trinity
16/07/23	Isaiah 55.10-13	Romans 8.1-11	Matthew 13.1-9,18-23	6 th Sunday after Trinity
23/07/23	Isaiah 44.6-8	Romans 8.12-25	Matthew 13.24-30,36-43	7 th Sunday after Trinity
30/07/23	1 Kings 3.5-12	Romans 8.26-39	Matthew 13.31-33,44-52	8 th Sunday after Trinity
06/08/23	Daniel 7.9,10,13,14	2 Peter 1.16-19	Luke 9.28-36	The Transfiguration

Please note: At Holy Communion, where only two readings are used, the first reading will usually be the Epistle, and the second will always be the Gospel reading. At other services where two readings are used, the first will usually be the Old Testament reading, and the second can be either the Epistle or the Gospel readings.



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