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The Bishop of Lynn's message to us...

Benefice service, Sunday 13 August 2017 - St Edmund's Church, Swanton Novers
Bishop Jonathan Meyrick, Suffragan Bishop of Lynn

There were twenty-seven worshippers in church this morning and we followed Order One. The organ had recently been serviced and we sang enthusiastically.

Hymn 122: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear

Bishop Jonathan's theme was based on the belief that God is ready for us when we are ready for Him. He told us about his father in law who tried for many years to find faith, not least when his daughter married a priest. He worked in the City and attended lunchtime services at the weekday churches there, looking for something to grab hold of. One day, pottering in the garden at home, he became conscious of the presence of God around him and his efforts fell into place. Not long after this, his own son became ill with an illness he died of two years later. Brian was able to support his family through this long period of sadness and decline, strengthened by his new found faith that God was there for him.

Bishop Jonathan told us he had recently returned from a retreat - bishops are encouraged to take a complete break from everyday life each year, and he splits his into three short breaks to fit in with the commitments of his spiritual director. This time, she had left a book for him to dip into: *Falling Upward - A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life* by Richard Rohr, whose premise is that we have to let go in order to find ourselves as God intends us to be; let go of our daily stresses and unimportant time-taking activities, and simply be. Rohr says that the challenge for all of us is to allow ourselves to find the divine DNA within us - it is there but we have to be ready to see it and accept it. He describes an interview with Archbishop Desmond Tutu who said that we are all lightbulbs and our job is to remain switched on; we are not the electricity or the light but the enablers. Tutu asked that God give us all the grace to make our own bulb visible and switched on to God's electricity.

Of all the disciples, Peter emerges as his own person - impulsive, upfront, always doing something and eager to please. He was the first disciple to put into words 'I think you are the Messiah', he was the first to jump into the lake, to run to the tomb and to be in the courtyard. 'You are the rock on which I will build my church' said Jesus. A key moment in Peter's growth is when he notices nothing but Jesus and trusts Him completely. It is like that for all of us: belief is primarily trust. If we trust, Jesus will lead us to God but we have our own part to play.

Reading: Romans Chapter 10 v 5-15

Hymn 179: God of mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of Thy face

Hymn 256: Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand

Reader Jennie was unwell and the prayers were led by Tony Wood, who remembered fishermen. About twenty people took Communion.

Hymn 205: Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices /over

We concluded an upbeat service with wine and nibbles.
Churchwardens: Viv Brittain and Roger Langston
Organist: Matthew Preston
Flowers: Sheila Bennett and Christine Armstrong

Prayer for September

My Father, may I consider the place in which I stand: and may I not be deceived in thinking I am near thee while I am living far away. Teach me the way to draw nearer to thee each day, until my spirit may continually dwell with thee.
Amen.

Prayer Requests for our parishes

Each of our Parish Churches has (at the back) a Prayer Request Book. Please do write down your requests (anonymously if you wish) and we will pray for the situation. Prayer requests can also be made either by telephone on 860279 or online to:

prayer@brininghambenefice.org.uk.

(again anonymously, if you wish). We will then be able to pray for the need at the next service, wherever it is, and pass on these requests to a few people who will undertake to pray.

From the Registers

Interment of Ashes

Sunday July 30th Mary Gledhill Thornage



There will be a Harvest Evensong at 6 pm at Brinton on Sunday September 24th. The service will be taken by Father Stephen from St Andrew's Holt. It will be a beautiful service for many reasons, a feast for the eye, wonderful music and a sense of peace and thankfulness that the harvest is safely gathered in. Please do come and join us.



Saturday 9th September 2017 9am to 5 pm Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike and Hike

Bike, walk, ride or drive around Norfolk Churches to raise money for the Church or Chapel of your choice and for the Norfolk Churches Trust.

Even if you are not a cyclist or a walker you can still take part by being sponsored to drive between churches.

There will be a photographic competition. The categories will be as follows:

- Best picture of an architectural feature or item found in or around a church.
- Best picture of people taking part on the day.
- Best picture of your favourite church.

Sponsorship forms will be available from:

Stody Mrs J Pointen 860338

Or download your own at:

<http://norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride/taking-part/>

If you can give an hour of your time, to sign the sponsorship forms for cyclists, at any of the churches in the benefice, please contact the relevant churchwardens (see p.2) If you live in Stody please contact Mrs Pointen.

The Bike Ride has raised around £2,800,000 over the past 32 years. The money has been divided between the church of the participant's choice and the Norfolk Churches Trust, which gives grants to hundreds of churches for repairs, renovation and the conservation of their buildings. More than 600 churches will be open throughout the day for everyone to explore. Some interesting facts from the 2016 Bike Ride are:

- The most churches visited by a participant is 64 by bike and 35 on foot.
- Over 150 new participants have been recorded as taking part for the first time.
- St Andrew's church in Norwich saw the highest number of visitors—75 in total
- 312 churches and chapels have been nominated to receive a share of the sponsorship money.

Nautical Sayings

Britain's maritime heritage has brought ashore many expressions which once had specific meanings aboard ship, but have now cast adrift their nautical roots to enjoy far wider general use. The hulls of ships may no longer be made of wooden planks, but we still use expressions such as , 'between the devil and the deep blue sea' and 'copper bottomed', that recall the vulnerability of timber-hulled vessels. At times we feel, 'fagged out', and are 'tempted to cut and run', when we , 'fall foul', of a situation that could land us on our, 'beam ends', if we fail to 'pour oil on trouble waters'. By contrast we can, 'weather the storm', 'turn the corner', 'make and mend', leave everything, 'spick and span' and get 'clewed up' (I always thought that was 'clued up' but apparently not, a 'clew' was the corner of a sail to which ropes were attached. When a sail was 'clewed up' the corner was hauled up to the yard from which it was suspended, so that the sail could be furled. So 'clew up' means to finish something completely and be fully prepared to do the next task). We almost certainly do all of these without giving a thought to their nautical origins.

Apparently in 1845 the captain of HMS Blazer decided to dress his boat's crew in blue and white striped jerseys nicknamed 'blazers'. Rowing crews adopted the fashion, sporting their own colours and gradually the blazer, as we know it today, was born.

One wouldn't think of, 'footloose and fancy free', as a nautical phrase but it draws its analogy from the type of sail that is similarly unattached, where the foot of the sail is not lashed to a boom like the others, the foot hangs loose and has freedom to move with the wind as it chooses!

Interestingly, 'getting hitched', with its roots in tying a knot, refers to several types of knot, or 'hitch', used to temporarily fasten one thing to another so perhaps marriage, in a sailor's mind, has never been particularly permanent! Maybe a wife in every port?

Language is continually developing and is a fascinating subject, provoking much discussion, and sometimes outrage, but as our Navy diminishes, aspects of it are wonderfully enduring, embedded in many turns of phrase that are a part of our lives.

Floated by Pat, a fair weather sailor.

Why do so many non-sailors love the Shipping Forecast?

It reminds us that we're an island of people, surrounded by the sea, a force of nature that has both provided for us and protected us, and upon which we've built a great seafaring heritage: heroic rescues, tragic losses and epic battles at sea. Hearing the forecast is like a nightly census of the waters that surround us, and while we're told of biblical-sized waves smashing against Rockall, the listener, tucked up in bed at home, takes comfort that they are safe and warm, offering thoughts to those battered down, far out at sea.

SWANTON NOVERS

Harvest Festival on Sunday 8th October

The annual Harvest service will be held in church at 6pm followed by drinks.

The Harvest supper will take place in the village hall at 7.30pm. This will be a three course meal with wine/soft drinks and the cost is £8.50.

Please ring Rosemary on 860756 to reserve a place.

All are welcome at either or, hopefully, both!



Thornage Hall Annual Garden Fete

Sunday September 4th 2016
from 11.30 am to 4.00 pm

*There will be a cooking demonstration by
Richard Bainbridge of Benedict's Restaurant,
showcasing ingredients grown at
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Don't miss music from the Sam Smith Singers and the East Coast and Cromer Gospel Choir, a Bramble ramble creative trail, Fun Kids Activities, a Barbecue and tea and cakes.

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QUIZ NIGHT - A FUN EVENING

Friday 1st December 2017

Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets £5.00. Come along and join a team.

RAFFLE - prizes would be very welcome.

Please bring your own food and drinks.

All proceeds to the Village Hall

Thornage Village Coffee Morning

Come and join us for coffee and delicious home-made cakes at our coffee morning on
Wednesday 20th September
We shall be meeting at 10.30 am in All Saint's Church in Thornage.

Up and coming Friends of Thornage events for your diaries

Friends of Thornage will be hosting
A Village Supper

on Friday 22nd September at All Saints Church, Thornage.

Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm and tickets will be £8 for a two-course meal plus
bar and entertainment from the Sam Smith Singers and others.

Tickets can be obtained from Chris Major on 01263 860188
but we shall also be going round the village selling them as well.

Do come along for a good time!

Friends of Thornage Monthly Draw

July winners

1st Prize;	£20	Number 16	Charlotte Martin
2nd Prize;	£10	Number 29	Graham Warrell
3rd Prize;	£ 5	Number 13	Paul Burnham

Mobile Library dates September 2017

Briningham	Thursday	28th September at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	28th September at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	7th September at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	13th September at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	7th September at 2.55 - 3.10 pm



Bat Walk at Swanton Novers National Nature Reserve

Saturday 9th of September 2017, 7.00pm



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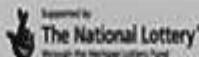


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- Children should always be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Bring a torch



ENGLAND

Poetry Corner

“September has come, it is hers
Whose vitality leaps in the autumn,
Whose nature prefers
Trees without leaves and a fire in the fireplace.
So I give her this month and the next
Though the whole of my year should be hers who has rendered already
So many of its days intolerable or perplexed
But so many more so happy.
Who has left a scent on my life, and left my walls
Dancing over and over with her shadow
Whose hair is twined in all my waterfalls
And all of London littered with remembered kisses.”

Louis MacNeice, Autumn Journal

Lark Rise to Candleford

On the last morning of her postwoman’s round, when she came to the path between trees where she had seen the birds’ footprints on the snow, she turned and looked back upon the familiar landmarks. It was a morning of ground mist, yellow sunshine and high rifts of blue, white-cloud-dappled sky. The leaves were still thick on the trees but dew-spangled gossamer threads hung on the bushes and the shrill little cries of unrest of the swallows skimming the green open spaces of the park told of autumn and change.

Nearer at hand were the trees and bushes and wild-flower patches beside the path she had trodden daily. The pond where the yellow brandyball water lilies grew, the little birch thicket where the long-tailed tits had congregated, the boathouse where she had sheltered from the thunderstorm and seen the rain splash like leaden bullets into the leaden water and the hillock beyond from which she had seen the perfect rainbow. She was never to see any of these again but she was to carry a mental picture of them to be recalled at will, through the changing scenes of a lifetime.

As she went on her way, gossamer threads, spun from bush to bush, barricaded her pathway and as she broke through one after another of these fairy barricades she thought, ‘They are trying to bind and keep me’. But the threads which were to bind her to her native county were more enduring than gossamer. They were spun of love and kinship and cherished memories.

Flora Thompson 1887-1947

Dear Reader

I will start with some good news for Little Thornage.

Better Broadband for Little Thornage: Parts of Little Thornage will have had access to fibre broadband for some time and I am delighted to say that more addresses in the area are planned to have fibre by the end of this year. (Subject to all usual caveats you will have read of in the past—such as blockages in the essential ducting). It has not been an easy task but provided all goes well fibre will be accessible for properties with postcodes: NR25 7JD, NR25 7JF, NR25 7JG. Nos 1&2 Common Cottages should be able to receive 15-20 Mbps and the remainder should be able to access Superfast i.e. 24 Mbps+. As time passes residents of these postcodes can start checking on the usual website.

Better Broadband for Norfolk : www.betterbroadbandnorfolk.co.uk and enter your postcode. Alternatively—<https://wwwbtwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm>—Search by phone number if you are a BT internet Service Provider (ISP) customer. Customers of other ISP'S should use the Address Checker option. Once a fibre solution is available a 'VDSL' option will be shown.

County Council Committees: I regret not all parishes have received Little Thornage's good news and I want them to know, speaking as a member of the newly formed Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee, that we will continue 'Driving Norfolk's ambition to accelerate digital and mobile connectivity and lobby Government and commercial providers for 100% access to high speed broadband and 5G mobile phone coverage in Norfolk.'

Norfolk Coast Partnership: The partnership has responsibilities with regard to Norfolk's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, similar to organisations such as the National Parks. The AONB includes the majority of the Wells Division and I have been asked to continue as one of the two county councillors on the partnership's Core Management Group.

Sharrington Village Hall is used by parishioners of Brinton and Sharrington and I congratulate the committee and supporters who, with a little money and a lot of work, have improved the hall beyond recognition. I can vouch for the foot-tapping mix of folk and rock music performed by professionals and local talent which takes place the last Wednesday of every month—check www.sharrington.org.uk

Parking Infringements: I have spent time talking with the King's Lynn & West Norfolk Officer who is responsible for parking enforcement in North Norfolk. I have copied below information as to reporting parking infringements: Email parking complaints along with as much information as possible such as time/day of week/location etc. one or two photographs can be helpful – parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk.

Last piece of useful information for this month:

Reporting Highways Problems: Anyone can report Highways problems (not just potholes) direct to NCC. Go to <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>. Report a problem regarding Highways, Public Rights of Way or Norfolk trails. If you give your contact details you can keep updated on progress. (For anyone without a laptop or iPad, staff at our libraries will help you make your report on a library computer).

With all good wishes for an extended summer

Marie
County Councillor Dr Marie Strong (Wells Division)

St Edmund's, Swanton Novers September Flower Rota

September 10th
September 24th

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items we would be very grateful.

Items for the foodbank may be left in the
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Swanton Novers Village Hall Events and Updates

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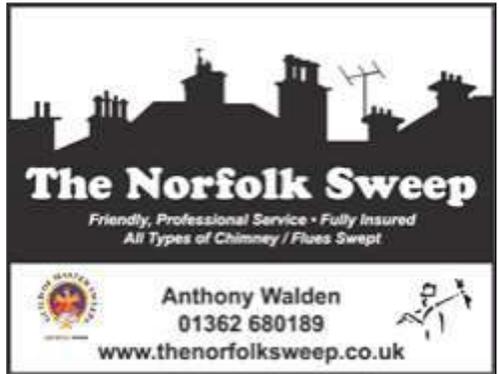
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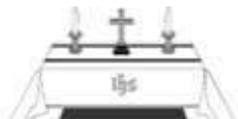
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WORSHIP & EVENTS

September 2017

Sunday August 27th	9.30 am 11.00 am 11.00 am	Brinton Swanton Novers Hunworth	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday September 3rd	9.30am 9.30am 11.00am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship
<i>Saturday</i> <i>September 9th</i>	<i>9.00 to 5.00 pm</i> <i>7 for 7.30 pm</i>	<i>Norfolk Churches</i> <i>Stody & Hunworth</i> <i>Village Hall</i>	<i>Norfolk Churches sponsored</i> <i>Bike and Hike p.5</i> <i>Harvest Hog Roast p.8</i>
Sunday September 10th	9.30 am 11.00am	Briningham Swanton Novers	Informal Worship in Village Hall Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday September 17th	9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Stody Thornage Briningham	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Wednesday</i> <i>September 20th</i>	<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Thornage Church</i>	<i>Thornage Village Coffee Morning</i> <i>P.9</i>
Sunday September 24th	11.00 am 11.00 am 6.00pm	Burgh Parva Swanton Novers Brinton	Holy Communion Morning Worship Harvest Evensong
<i>Monday</i> <i>September 25th</i>	<i>7 for 7.30 pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers</i> <i>Village Hall</i>	<i>The Filling Station</i> <i>Sandy Millar</i>
Sunday October 1st	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Harvest Festival Harvest Festival

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