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November – a Time of Remembering

The other day I was driving somewhere when a programme came on the radio – it was Radio 4's 'Thinking Aloud'. On hearing it I was instantly taken back to the time when I had to drive up to Birmingham every Wednesday to study for my MA. 'Thinking Aloud' was the soundtrack to my journey, and on hearing it again the other day I remembered what a special time that journey was – time to think, to get my brain into gear for an evening of lectures and debate.

November is a time of remembering in the church year. The period from All Saints to Advent is a time when we are reminded of the fact that 'no Christian is solitary'. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are days when we reflect on this sense of belonging and remembering. On All Saints' we celebrate men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen God at work. God's work of grace can be seen in the ordinary and extraordinary, as any flick through a dictionary of saints will demonstrate.

The services where we commemorate the faithful departed are a more local and personal way of remembering those whom we have loved and are no longer with us. They allow us to remember those whom we have known more directly, those saints in our lives, who have nurtured us, who gave us life, and made us who we are. Then we move to Remembrance Sunday, where we explore further the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-giving, memory and forgetting.

So November – a time of remembering, of reflecting, of moving towards a renewed hope as we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's son. A birth not announced in best BBC English on Radio 4, but by angels, to an unmarried teenager and her carpenter boyfriend. An announcement made for each one of us, God so loved the world that he sent his only Son to save us. That's worth remembering.

Our Remembrance Day service this year will be at St Edmunds Swanton Novers Church and will begin at 10.45 am. It is a benediction service when we shall all meet together to honour those people from our villages who died in the two world wars and to remember those who are still engaged in warfare today.

Prayer for November

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort; deal graciously with those who mourn, that, casting all their care on you, they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Our New Rector

There will be a service of institution by the Rt Revd Graham James, Bishop of Norwich, and the Induction by the Venerable John Ashe, Archdeacon of Lynn of the Revd Jennifer Elliott de Riverol as Rector of the Briningham Benefice on Wednesday 29th November 2017 at 7.00 pm at St Andrew's Church Brinton.

We are delighted to welcome our new Rector who will be living at the Rectory in Swanton Novers.

SWANTON NOVERS

CAROL SERVICE
WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th

AT 4.00pm

Save the dates

Music at Swanton Novers Village Hall.

Phil Beer (of Show of Hands)
Wednesday 14th February 2018
(Valentines night, what a treat)

Megson

An amazing duo. Check them out on You Tube if you are not familiar with them. Another treat
Friday 9th March 2018

Miranda Sykes (Show of Hands)
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Tickets available from November onwards.

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Thornage

Public Meeting

All those interested in Thornage Common/Playing Field are invited to attend a site meeting on the Common at 10 o'clock on November 4. We will be able to meet representatives of the Fellbeck Trust to discuss the future management of the Common.

Thornage Bottle Bank

The bottle bank in Thornage provides very useful revenue for the Parish Council and helps to keep the precept as low as possible. Recently there has been a slowing down of bottle deposits. So this is an urgent plea: **Use it or Lose it!!**

Thank You to Hunworth and Stody Village Room Harvest Supper Group

Dear Foodbank Supporters, We were delighted to receive your contribution of 53.6 kg of food. This will go towards helping people in need overcome their crisis and begin to get their lives back on track. We are so grateful for your support.

During October we would be very pleased to receive any items, but particularly tinned meat, vegetarian options, instant snacks - just add hot water varieties, fish, tinned rice pudding, jam, sponge puddings, washing up liquid, toilet rolls, deodorant, shower gel and washing powder.

If you would like to make a financial donation it would be most welcome. You can donate using cash, cheques, bank transfer or standing order. Cash can be dropped off at any of our distribution centres. See our website for locations at <https://cromerdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/locations/>

Cheques are to be made payable to Cromer & District Foodbank and can also be dropped off or posted to us at - Cromer District Foodbank, Corner of West Street & Hall Road Cromer NR27 9DT If you are happy to attach your contact details to any donations we would like to get in contact and say thank you!

Thank you for your ongoing support and generosity without which the foodbank work would not be possible.

Kind regards, Tim and Miranda, Joint Project Managers

News from County Councillor, Dr Marie Strong, Wells Division

Dear Readers,

Reporting Highways Problems: Anyone can report Highways problems (and not just potholes) direct to Norfolk County Council Highways department. Go to <https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>. Report a problem regarding Highways, Public Rights of Way or Norfolk trails. If you use this route it means you do not have to wait a month or two to report to your parish council – and 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).

Foster Carers: There is a national shortage of foster carers and like other councils across the UK, Norfolk needs to recruit more people who can offer a loving and secure home to some of our most vulnerable children. The council is particularly keen to find carers for teenagers. There are just over a 1,000 looked after children in Norfolk with around a third aged between 13 and 16. A new video has been produced as part of the campaign showing how a foster carer changed one young person's life. Watch 'Change a life – foster in Norfolk' at goo.gl/j6n9ew

Fire Prevention in the Home and Work Place: We are all being reminded by Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) of the importance of ensuring fire doors are kept shut. We will not be surprised that fire doors have proved to reduce the risk of fires spreading and increase the chance of people evacuating a building quickly and safely - but they are no use if they are propped open. What is very useful, particularly for homes with less able residents, businesses and holiday lets, is the offer of free 'home' fire risk checks to residents and commercial buildings. For tips on reducing the fire risk in your home or arranging a safety check visit bit.ly/2xhN9RV.

In Good Company: Local shops, pubs, parish councils and other community based organisations can apply for the new 'In Good Company Quality Mark' launched to recognise and reward the work done to combat loneliness in Norfolk. There is no doubt that reducing social isolation in Norfolk's communities is vital if more people are to retain their independence and reduce the need for health care intervention. Applications can be made at www.norfolk.gov.uk/ingoodcompany. There is no deadline for applications and awards will be made quarterly. Successful recipients of the award will be able to show how they engage with those who may be feeling



Hunworth and Stody Village Hall

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

Sharrington Village Hall

Sharrington Christmas Fayre

on Saturday November 25th from 10.30 to 2.00 pm.

Stalls include vintage bric a brac, plants from Edgefield, cakes and preserves, photography, gifts and heritage knitting.

Bacon butties and other refreshments available.

Free entry.

On Wednesday November 29th will be the last 'live music' night of the year. A variety of musical styles, something to suit everyone.

Licensed bar.

Start time 7.30.

Come along for some singalong and foot tapping.

Thornage Village Coffee Morning

The next Thornage Village coffee morning will be held on

Wednesday 15 November at 10.30 am

in All Saints Church Thornage

Come along for delicious cakes and our fun nature quiz—back by popular demand.

Friends of Thornage Monthly Draw

September

1st Prize £20 No 54 Adam Duncan

2nd Prize £10 No 42 M & J Lewis

3rd Prize £5 No 24 Andrew Arnold

Swanton History Group
Meeting in Swanton Novers Village Hall
NR24 2RB
Dates for your diary

Monday November 13th

Valerie Hart—An alternative look at Addiction
With some amusing anecdotes!

Stody Cycle Ride

I would like to say, a big thank you to Anna Dymond our cyclist (who raised £55 in sponsorship) and to all the people who helped man the church.

Jackie Pointen

Mobile Library dates
October 2017

Briningham	Thursday	26th October at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	26th October at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	15th October at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	11th October at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	15th October at 2.55 - 3.10 pm



Thornage – Memories of life in the 1950's to 70's

Tom Graveling, a former Thornage resident sent us these fascinating recollections of time past.

The basic structure of Thornage has changed little over the years, but back in the 1950's the village seemed almost self-sufficient in terms of services to those who lived there. The local shop, which in those days sold most things and had an adjoining bakery, was very much the focal point of the village with Ernie Eke, the shopkeeper listening to much of the village gossip. Queues would form on the shop steps early on a Good Friday for freshly baked hot cross buns. The Black Boys Public House was another rallying point for village folk wanting a chat and a pint or two. It had a well-kept bowling green in the grounds and was popular with many of the working class. At the bottom of the street the Post Office, kept by Lorna Bunn, was a village essential before the days of email and ipads. Thornage All Saints Church at the centre of the village was, and still is the spiritual home for many of the village.

The old rectory, was home for many years to Rev John and Laura Lord, who not only arranged church services for Thornage and Brinton but showed their many talents when arranging the village fête in the rectory grounds. The rectory room, attached to the rectory served as a useful village community room for meetings or youth clubs.

Almost opposite to the Church, stood the little Mission Hall, which was converted from a small cottage in the 1940's by a Mr Stanley Killick. Sunday services and a Sunday School were held weekly together with a ladies meeting on a Tuesday. A Sister Annie Heavens felt called to move from London to Thornage to lead the Mission Hall, later joined by a Miss Edna Cordukes. Annie, a single lady who lived in the cottage by the stream, had no transport and constantly walked many miles whilst house visiting in Thornage and nearby villages.

A little way along the street from the Mission Hall stood the butchers shop, run by a Mr Markey who would cut the meat to your liking and sell homemade sausages and pork dripping.

Thornage was not without nursing staff as the adjacent house to the butchers was home to the District Nurse, then a Miss Sainsbury. The local doctor, of course, was based at Holt but often those doctors (notably Dr Nixon) would have time to pop in to visit folk in the village he had not seen for a while.

It may have seemed that Thornage did not need a policeman, but a police house on the Letheringsett Road was home to Mr Margetson who I was told never arrested anyone but would give a good telling off to anyone caught scrumping apples or riding a bike at night without lights. Streets in Thornage were kept clean and hedges cut by a local roadman with his barrow and tools. A carpenters shop opposite the Letheringsett Road turn run by the Howlett family could make anything in wood including coffins.

Swanton Novers Village Hall Events and Updates

COFFEE MORNING - Everyone welcome
Every other Wednesday 10.30am - 12pm

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November 12th Hazel Massingham
November 26th Linda Tubby

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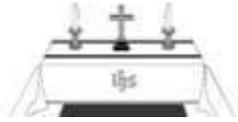
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Sunday October 29th	10.30 am	Hunworth	Benefice Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday November 5th	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship
Sunday November 12th	10.45 am	Swanton Novers	Remembrance Day Service
<i>Wednesday November 15th</i>	<i>10.30 am</i>	<i>Thornage Church</i>	<i>Friends of Thornage Coffee Morning</i>
Sunday November 19th	9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	Stody Thornage Briningham	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday November 26th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Brinton Swanton Novers	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship
<i>Monday November 27th</i>	<i>7 for 7.30 pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i>	<i>The Filling Station</i>
Wednesday November 29th	7.30 pm	Brinton	The Institution and Induction of the Revd Jennifer Elliott de Riverol
Sunday December 3rd	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship

BCP = 1662 Book of Common Prayer: other services are in modern language

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