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MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR



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Our new Rector writes:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I write this I have half-way moved into Rest Harrow, the rectory in Swanton Novers. I've managed to acquire some furniture and electrical appliances and new friends have lent me things, but most of my personal belongings are somewhere between La Palma and Norfolk. Rumour has it that the container reached Norfolk on November 1st, so there is hope!

When one is in a time of transition and bereft of personal comforts, it is the ideal time to check out how we are with God. This time last year, I had no idea that I would be uprooted from where I'd lived, worked and ministered for most of my adult life. God is truly one of surprises. As I continue to journey through this time of bereavement and change; losing my lifelong partner to lung cancer, going back to my Norfolk roots and taking on a different ministry, I can only thank our Lord for his gentle guidance and love. There have been times of great pain, fear and feeling quite lost and vulnerable. But it is at such times when we most feel the presence of our Lord, who upholds us and takes us up to mountaintops and is by our side in the darkest valleys.

When I officiated at my last service in La Palma recently, I shared with my parishioners a quotation from Saint Teresa of Calcutta, which is displayed on the wall in the Spanish hospital chapel where I have had the privilege to lead a service once a month:

*“Celebrate each mass as if it is your first,
as if it is your only mass,
as if it is your last mass.”*

In other words, every Eucharist, whatever the circumstances, is special and unique, so we must celebrate from the heart when we worship and meet Jesus at his table. I feel we should emphasise not so much endings and sadness, but beginnings and joy because God is always in the driver's seat.

I thank you all for your gracious welcome to me and I look forward to celebrating our first Eucharist together very soon.

Continued/...

*May you see God's light on the path ahead when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow, the gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard, may hardness never turn your heart to stone.
May you always remember when the shadows fall - you do not walk alone.*

Traditional Irish blessing

Redeemer God, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, speak through all that we share together now; the singing of hymns, the reading of scripture, the preaching of your word, the offering of prayers; these and so much more. Break through all that separates us from you and Him; over-familiarity, indifference, self-will, disobedience, narrowness of vision, weakness of resolve. Move among us through your Spirit - inspiring, instructing, revealing, renewing - so that we may be equipped now to worship, and always to serve.

Jennifer Elliott de Riverol

A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the songs of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children,
And Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
Forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus's sake.
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 01263 502068 or online to:

prayer@brininghambenefice.org.uk.



SWANTON NOVERS

THE CAROL SERVICE
WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ON

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th

AT 4.00pm

FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS CAKE AND MULLED WINE

ALL ARE VERY WELCOME

Save the dates

Music at Swanton Novers Village Hall

Phil Beer (of Show of Hands)
Wednesday 14th February 2018
(Valentine's 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 (of Show of Hands)
Saturday 21st April 2018

All enquiries to

Chris Armstrong on christinearm@hotmail.com 01263 860573

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!!**

Please remember it when clearing your Christmas bottles and jars.



Dear Foodbank Supporters,

All contributions of food and toiletries go towards helping people in need overcome their crises and begin to get their lives back on track. We are so grateful for your support.

Over Christmas-time 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

THORNAGE

THORNAGE COMMON

All who are interested in the future of the Common are invited to a public discussion before the Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6 December in the Parish Church at 7pm.

We will discuss the costs of maintaining the Common and possible alternative plans for maintaining it.

This is the time to make your views felt.

John Smart
Chair, Thornage Parish Council

ALERT

POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF PATHWAYS , STUDY PEN AND BUNKER'S HILL, EDGEFIELD

All those who use the permissive pathways or the two designated Pedestrian Walking Areas at Stody (The Pen) and at Edgefield (Bunker's Hill) should be aware that the Stody estate is proposing to close them. This is a matter of concern for all the many ramblers, cyclists and dog walkers from all over the county who use them. The parish councils which are directly affected have attended meetings with the estate but the results of those meetings have not been made public. Concern has been expressed to district and county councillors and to Norman Lamb.

The announced date of closure is 28 January so representations will have to be made swiftly.

A petition will be put up at The Pen and at Bunker's Hill for all those concerned to sign.

John Smart
Chair, Thornage Parish Council

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

Friends of Thornage - FROTH

The next Thornage coffee morning will take place at 10.30
on Wednesday 20th December at All Saints Church, Thornage
Do come and join our friendly events for good coffee and cake.

Friends of Thornage Monthly Draw

October

1st Prize	£20	No 56	Dany Pearce
2nd Prize	£10	No 30	Ron Palethorpe
3rd Prize	£5	No 34	Eileen Randall

POETRY CORNER

To Eilish of the Fair Hair

Written in barracks and published posthumously in 'Songs of Peace'

I'd make my heart a harp to play for you
Love songs within the evening dim of day,
Were it not dumb with ache and with mildew
Of sorrow withered like a flower away,
It hears so many calls from homeland places,
So many sighs from all it will remember,
From the pale roads and woodlands where your face is
Like laughing sunlight running thro' December.

But this it singeth loud above its pain,
To bring the greater ache; whate'er befall
The love that oft-times woke the sweeter strain
Shall turn to you always. And should you call
To pity it some day in those old places
Angels will covet the loud joy that fills it.
But thinking of the by-ways where your face is
Sunlight on other hearts - Ah! How it kills it.

Francis Ledwidge, 1887 - 1917

Ledwidge was an unusual war poet - an Irish nationalist and a British soldier. His patron was an Anglo-Irish lord who had forsaken Catholicism, he was friendly with one of the leaders of the 1916 Easter Rising (the Irish rebellion against British rule) and died fighting for Britain at Passchendaele. He said 'I joined the British army because she stood between Ireland and an enemy common to our civilisation, and I could not have her say that she defended us while we did nothing at home but pass resolutions.' He had also been thwarted in love.

He enlisted in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, the most Irish regiment in the British army, and served first at Gallipoli and then in the Balkans from where he was invalided out in 1915, his back so crippled with rheumatic arthritis that he could no longer stand up. While recovering - ironically in the same hospital in Manchester where Eilish had already died - the Easter Rising took place in Dublin. On returning via Dublin to re-join his regiment, he was sent to France, and in due course Belgium, but had to re-earn his Lance Corporal stripes because he had overstayed his medical leave of absence. He was court-martialled for that and a difference of opinion with his superior officer over the Easter Rising. He regained his stripes in January 1917.

He was killed by a stray bullet during a lull in the fighting on the first day of the Third Battles of Ypres (also known as Passchendaele) on 31 July 1917 and his remains were buried in 1919 in grave 5, Row B of the Second plot, Artillery Wood Cemetery.

He was one of 200,000 Irish men who enlisted in the British Army in WW1.

Eilish was Ellie Vaughney who married Ledwidge's rival in love, John O'Neill. After their marriage they moved to Manchester where she died in childbirth.

Sheringham Lace Makers

You are invited to join us

*We are a self help group meeting on Monday afternoons
in term time, 1 - 4pm*

*Beginner or expert, all are welcome at
St Andrew's Methodist Church Rooms, Sheringham*

Further details from Gill on 01263 861101

To **Learn and Inwardly Digest** is a phrase we use to suggest contemplation of a subject in order to learn from it. The source of this expression is found in the prayer for the second Sunday of Advent, in The Book of Common Prayer: 'Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.'

Bread is the Staff of Life is a 17th century proverb illustrating the importance of bread as a staple of our daily diet. The phrase became popular after the publication in 1704 of Jonathan Swift's novel *Tale in a Tub* in which one character states: 'Bread ... dear brothers, is the staff of life.' This is how the expression passed into common usage but bread has featured symbolically in all religions and is frequently mentioned in the Bible, such as John 6:35: 'And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger.'

Swanton History Group

Meetings in Swanton Novers Village Hall, NR24 2RB

Dates for your diary

7.30 pm

Monday 11th December:

Andrew Tatham - A Group Photograph, as heard on the Jeremy Vine Show

Andrew's 21 year project went from a single WW1 group photograph to a major exhibition at the Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres and an accompanying book. He will tell stories of the detective work to find the families of all 46 men in the photograph, and the history he uncovered.

Monday 8th January:

Sue Parry - The Red Barn Murder

Monday 12th February:

Keith Williams - The Salvation Army

Monday 12th March:

Kate Barnes - The Blickling Belles

£4.50 per session with refreshments

Mobile Library dates

December and January

Briningham	Thursday	21st December at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	21st December at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	28th December at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	6th December at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	28th December at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Briningham	Thursday	18th January at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	18th January at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	25th January at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	3rd January at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	25th January at 2.55 - 3.10 pm



News from County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Wells Division (Glaven, Priory and Walsingham Wards)

marie.strong@norfolk.gov.uk or 07920 286 597

Norfolk's Budget Consultation: You will probably have heard about the vast amount of money the county council is aiming to save and now we all have an opportunity to have our say. Google Norfolk County Council and the Budget Consultation is on the first page. (If you are without a computer local library staff will assist.) Please respond because it does make a difference.

Mobile Phone Connectivity: The Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee has agreed to commission a survey of mobile phone and data coverage across the county. I was concerned that the main focus was on Norwich, Kings Lynn and Yarmouth together with A and B roads. Since our division's largest town is Wells and most of our divisional roads are U (unclassified) this did not meet with my approval. However, it has been agreed councillors can make recommendations - which as you can imagine I have done! I must wax a little cautious because whilst it is hoped the survey will encourage the mobile phone operators to make greater provision across Norfolk we do not have the same financial control as we have had with Better Broadband for Norfolk.

Stay Well this Winter: We have many vulnerable community groups and you are invited to apply for funding to help vulnerable people in the winter via Norfolk Community Foundation website www.norfolkfoundation.com. More information on Norfolk County Council's Stay Well this Winter campaign can be found online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/staywellthiswinter

Hate Incident Reporting: Over recent months Norfolk County Council has been working with Norfolk Constabulary to refresh Norfolk's Multi-Agency Protocol on Hate Incident reporting. The revised Protocol clarifies how public, private and voluntary agencies can work together to report and tackle hate incidents and protect people in Norfolk. It aims to set a consistent standard for hate incident reporting in Norfolk. Find out more by visiting www.norfolk.police.uk/stop-hate

Norfolk Constabulary 2020 Police Structure Reviews: Many will have heard of the review but to read it in full google 'Norfolk Chief Constable New Vision for Future Policing'.

New Police Inspector: In seeking to relate the review to the Wells Division of rural parishes I met with Inspector Ed Brown, who has been appointed with responsibility for Holt, Fakenham and Wells stations. Inspector Brown took time to discuss how the new plan will unfold and I believe he will listen to residents' concerns and views as the plan begins to take effect. Change is always difficult and I hope our police officers will be confident of our support and that the future will give them the best of opportunities to support us. (Without diminishing the importance of the Review I took the opportunity, as I have previously promised, to appraise the new inspector as to police responsibility for obstruction on pavements.)

Very best wishes for a lovely and peaceful Christmas,

Marie Strong

Christmas and New Year celebrations around the world: a few memories

For us in the UK, the Christmas celebration is the main celebration of the year. In other places I've lived, Christmas has been celebrated, but alongside other festivals.

In nearby Netherlands, the visit to different parts of the country by 'Sint' - or Sinterklaas or Sint-Nikolaas - is the big event. He comes from his home in Spain, and brings sweets and other presents for children. There is a big parade featuring Sint in Amsterdam on the day after his arrival in the country (which is always covered by the news media). This year he arrived on 19 November, and the celebrations are really big in the Netherlands (Holland is only two of the provinces of the Netherlands, but even the Dutch often refer to their country - in English - as Holland). The highlight of the festival is around December 5-6 on the eve and day of St. Nikolaas. Children have small presents each day for two weeks, so you might think everyone is partied-out by Christmas. However, Christmas is celebrated, and it is a holiday, but things carry on - I've travelled by tram in Amsterdam and attended concerts on Christmas Day itself. The Messiah as well as Bach's Christmas Oratorio are very popular and performed several times each December.

Halfway around the world, in Thailand, Christmas is celebrated, but it is really for the tourists, as Christmas is high season for foreign visitors. However, there is a Christian community and I remember attending Christmas Eve mass in Christ Church, the Anglican church in Bangkok. It is always well attended, and traditional, just as in the UK, except that electric fans whirl to keep the temperature down, and there are screens on the windows to deter mosquitos. Large images of Santa Claus and his reindeer decorate the outside of the shopping malls, and by the New Year, Santa's beard gets distinctly grey from the smog of the huge city.

There is a saying in Japan that people are born Shinto, marry in a Christian ceremony and die as Buddhists. The foreign community is very small in Japan, but Christmas is celebrated commercially in the shops. The big ceremony is around New Year. I used to live in Kamakura, a lovely small town by the sea, full of wonderful Buddhist temples, usually made of wood and most didn't contain a single nail. The town is dominated by the huge Hachiman-gu shrine. On New Year's Day, around a quarter of a million people would converge on the town by train, to visit one of the temples, to be blessed for the coming year, some people even washing money and hanging up notes to dry at one shrine. I remember that there were so many people that the police installed a one-way system on the main street to enable people to get around to the different temples. On one New Year's Eve, I went to a midnight ceremony at my local temple by the beach, and took my turn in ringing the bell to ensure good luck for the coming year.

Anthony Tilke

A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens - a synopsis

A mean-spirited, miserly old man named Ebenezer Scrooge sits in his counting house on a cold Christmas Eve. His clerk, Bob Cratchit, shivers because Scrooge refuses to spend money on coal for the fire. Scrooge's nephew, Fred, pays his uncle a visit and invites him to his Christmas Day party. Two portly men call in and ask Scrooge for a contribution to their charity. Scrooge reacts to all his visitors with bitterness and venom, spitting out an angry "Bah! Humbug!" in response to his nephew's "Merry Christmas!"

Later that evening, after returning to his dark, cold house, Scrooge receives a chilling visit from the ghost of his dead partner, Jacob Marley. Looking pale and haggard, the ghost relates his unfortunate story. As punishment for his greedy and self-serving life, Marley's spirit was condemned to wander the earth weighed down with heavy chains. Marley hopes to save Scrooge from the same fate. Marley informs Scrooge that three spirits will visit him. After the ghost of Marley disappears, Scrooge collapses into a dreamless sleep.

He awakes moments before the arrival of the Ghost of Christmas Past, a strange childlike phantom with a brightly glowing head. The spirit takes Scrooge on a journey into past Christmases from the miser's earlier years. Invisible to those he watches, Scrooge revisits his childhood, his apprenticeship to a jolly merchant named Fezziwig and his engagement to Belle, a woman who leaves Scrooge because his lust for money eclipses his ability to love anyone. Scrooge, deeply moved, sheds tears of regret before the phantom returns him to his bed.

The Ghost of Christmas Present, a majestic giant dressed in a green fur robe, takes Scrooge through London to unveil Christmas as it will happen that year. Scrooge watches the large, bustling Cratchit family prepare a miniature feast in their meagre home. He sees Bob Cratchit's crippled son, Tiny Tim, a courageous boy whose kindness and humility warms Scrooge's heart. The ghost then takes Scrooge to his nephew's house to witness the Christmas party. Scrooge finds the jovial gathering delightful and pleads with the spirit to let him stay until the end of the festivities. As the day passes, the spirit ages, becoming noticeably older. Towards the end of the day, he shows Scrooge two starved children, Ignorance and Want, living under his coat. He vanishes instantly as Scrooge notices a dark, hooded figure coming towards him.

The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come leads Scrooge through a sequence of mysterious scenes relating to an unnamed man's recent death. Scrooge sees people discussing the dead man's riches, some miscreants trading his personal effects for cash and a poor couple expressing relief at the death of their unforgiving creditor. Scrooge, anxious to learn the lesson of his latest visitor, begs to know the name of the dead man. After pleading with the ghost, Scrooge looks at the headstone and is shocked to read his own name. He implores the spirit to alter his fate, promising to renounce his insensitive, avaricious ways and to honour Christmas with all his heart. Whoosh! He suddenly finds himself safely tucked up in his bed.

Overwhelmed by the chance to redeem himself and grateful that he has been returned to Christmas, Scrooge rushes out onto the street hoping to share his new-found Christmas spirit. He sends a large Christmas turkey to the Cratchit house and attends Fred's party, to the amazement of the other guests. As the years go by, he holds true to his promise and honours Christmas with all his heart: he treats Tiny Tim as if he were his own child, provides lavish gifts for the poor and treats his fellow human beings with kindness, generosity and warmth.

First published on 19 December 1843

New Year's Resolutions

Taken from early 20th Century New Year's Resolution postcards

Resolve to renew all your old resolves
And add a few that are new
Resolve to keep them as long as you can
What more can a poor man do?

A Resolve for every morning of the New Year (for the sturdy):

I will this day try to live a simple, sincere and serene life repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity and self-seeking; cultivating cheerfulness, magnanimity, charity and the exercise of holy silence; exercising economy in expenditure, carefulness in conversation, diligence in appointed service, fidelity to every trust and a child-like trust in God.



EVE OF ADVENT MARKET

Christ Church, Fulmodeston, NR21 0LZ

Saturday December 2nd from 10.30am until 1.00pm

Stalls, crafts, baked goods and music

Meet friends old and new



Welcome to One & All



**The Briningham
Village**

Christmas Party

Monday 11th December

6.30 - 8.30 pm in the village hall

**This is a great opportunity for all villagers,
both new and long standing, to get
together and enjoy good company**

**Please bring a plate of nibbles to share
Drinks at concessionary prices**

**VILLAGE DRAW PRIZES
AND A RAFFLE**

Briningham Village Hall

Results for monthly draws are:

October 2017

1st prize: £14 John Dowsing (52)
2nd prize: £ 8 Pat Whelan (44)
3rd prize: £ 5 Hugh Crossley (69)

November 2017

1st prize: £14 Simon Vaughan-Birch (50)
2nd prize: £ 8 Jon Knowles (27)
3rd prize: £ 5 Victor Cole (40)

BC - AD

This was the moment when Before
Turned into After, and the future's
Uninvented timekeepers presented arms.

This was the moment when nothing
Happened. Only dull peace
Sprawled boringly over the earth.

This was the moment when even energetic Romans
Could find nothing better to do
Than counting heads in remote provinces.

And this was the moment
When a few farm workers and three
Members of an obscure Persian sect

Walked haphazard by starlight straight
Into the kingdom of heaven.

U.A. Fanthorpe (1929 - 2009)



WELCOME ONE AND ALL TO ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, BRINTON, CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday 13th December at 7pm with

**Double Octave
&
Christmas Poems and Readings**

Followed by
Mulled wine / apple juice and nibbles

Retiring collection for the Norfolk Buckingham Appeal

CAROLS BY THE PUB

Monday 18 December 6.30pm

**Come & join us for Carols
round the fire outside**

THE *Hunworth* BELL

Bucket collection to be split between Hunworth Church and Thornage Hall. Everyone welcome.

For more info contact:
Charlotte Crawley - 713306 or
Rachel at the Pub - 711151,
info@hunworthbell.co.uk



ST MARY'S STODY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December at 4pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Supporting 'Crisis at Christmas'

It really will be by candlelight, please bring a torch!



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FOR HIRE

All Saints' Church, Thornage

For any appropriate community activity such as committee meetings, coffee mornings, lectures, concerts, book clubs, sales and auctions.

Please contact: 01263 862298

Briningham Village Hall

Over 100 years old, Briningham Village Hall has masses of vintage character along with modern facilities, including parking.

Recently refurbished, it is an ideal venue for clubs, parties and small groups.

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Eleanor Senington: 01263 862920 or

Christopher Ley: 01263 860687

Hunworth & Stody Village Room

For hire from £7 per hour

To book, please ring Kitty Clark on 01263 860645

Furniture, crockery and cutlery

For hire from Sharrington Village Hall - 01263 860097

St Edmund's, Swanton Novers Flower Rota

December 10th: Joint effort to decorate the Church for the Christmas Carol concert. Please contact Viv Brittain.

December 24th: Viv Brittain

January 2018: To be announced



The Norfolk Scone Company's Christmas Scone Station at Swanton Novers Village Hall

Sunday 17 December, 11am - 3pm

With Christmas cakes and pastries,
Gifts and Christmas ideas.
Free entry and free parking.



The Norfolk
Scone Company

Swanton Novers Village Hall Events and Updates



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

PILATES every Tuesday
4.30pm - 6.30pm
with Tracey 07767 872745

YOGA every Thursday
With Elaine Smith 01263 862168
See the advert on page 23.

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the favoured one.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail! the heaven born Prince of peace!
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die:
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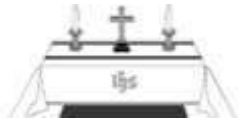
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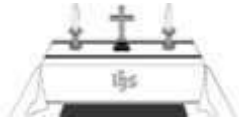
WORSHIP & CAROL SERVICES

December 2017

Sunday December 3rd	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship
Sunday December 10th:	9.30 am 4.00 pm	Brinton Swanton Novers	Holy Communion (BCP) Carol Service (<i>see page 5</i>)
Wednesday December 13th:	7.00 pm	Brinton	Carol Service with Double Octave Christmas Poems & Readings (<i>see page 17</i>)
Sunday December 17th:	9.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Stody Thornage Briningham	Holy Communion Morning Worship Carol Service
Monday December 18th:	6.30 pm	Hunworth	Carols on the Green (<i>see page 18</i>)
Sunday December 24th:	4.00 pm	Stody	Carols by Candlelight (<i>see page 18</i>)
Monday Christmas Day	9.30 am 10.30 am	Brinton Thornage	Holy Communion (BCP) Carol Service
Sunday December 31st:	11.00 am	Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP)

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WORSHIP & EVENTS

January 2018

Sunday January 7th	09.30 am 11.00 am 3.00 pm	Stody Briningham Thornage	Holy Communion Morning Worship Epiphany Carols
<i>Monday January 8th</i>	<i>7.30 pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i>	<i>Swanton Novers History Group (See page 11)</i>
Sunday January 14th	09.30 am 09.30 am 11.00 am	Briningham Brinton Swanton Novers	Informal Worship at the Village Hall Morning Worship Holy Communion
Sunday January 21st	09.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Stody Thornage Briningham	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday January 28th	09.30 am 11.00 am	Brinton Swanton Novers	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship

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