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Our Rector writes:

Since I last wrote, my worldly goods have arrived from La Palma, most of the boxes have been unpacked and I have experienced Christmas in the Bringham benefice for the first time, surrounded by some family members and many new friends. If you spotted the “reindeer” in the front pew, he was my grandson, Santiago! What a wonderful variety of worship and praise! We continue travelling through the church calendar and February sees us at the beginning of Lent; a time for spiritual spring cleaning and coming afresh to share with Jesus in his time of temptation. We may decide to give something up or to take on something extra, to help us to tune in to Jesus and the fight against evil.

We recently celebrated the baptism of Christ and our Biblical readings have invited us to reflect on Jesus’ identity as the Son of God and his approval in God’s own words:

“You are my Son, the Beloved. With you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11)

In the Baptism service we say that we “believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God”. The Holy Spirit helps us to grow as Christians and it is the Holy Spirit that accompanies us on our continuing journey and gives us strength in times of adversity. As children of God, we are invited to take up our cross and face challenges; sickness, bereavement, toxic relationships. When visiting the sick and the terminally ill, one gets a huge sense of God’s presence and prevailing peace and hope. Hospices, for example are not places where you go to die but rather where you go to live your life to the full, in whatever time God allows you. That means quality time.

Paul tells us to “stand firm” (Ephesians 6:13) and to put on the armour of light. In other words, we are to be prepared and fully equipped to do God’s work. Nowadays it isn’t unusual to come across athletes who are military amputees. They have learned to overcome their disabilities and re-train their bodies and minds to respond in a different way, often with specially made metal limbs or blades.

We encourage one another to take heart and to make a difference in a world that is sometimes hostile and hateful. We pray that love and light will overcome evil and darkness:

“I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” (John 8:12)

Jennifer

Prayer for February

Found on the wall of Teresa of Calcutta's room

People are unreasonable, illogical and self centred;
 forgive them anyway;
If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfishness, of ulterior motives;
 be kind anyway;
If you are successful, you will win some false friends; and some true enemies;
 be successful anyway;
What you spend years building, someone will destroy overnight;
 build anyway;
If you find serenity and happiness, others may be jealous;
 be happy anyway;
The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;
 do good anyway;
Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;
 give the world your best anyway;
In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
 It was never between you and them anyway.

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.

(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

Funerals

Thursday January 11th	David Attwood	Thornage
Thursday January 18th	Frances England	Cromer Crematorium

Archdeacon John Ashe

Archdeacon John Ashe, who has guided us through two interregnums and is well known for his 'Archdeacon's Charge,' (one of which took place on the Stody Estate three years ago) is retiring. There will be a service to mark his retirement in the Cathedral on March 11th at 3.30 pm. We hope that as many people as possible will be able to attend the service. Further details will be found in the March 'In Touch'.

Lent Course 2018

Come and explore your own spirituality. Make friends, discover or renew your faith. And find out more about the presence of God.



Swanton Novers Village Hall

12 noon—13.00

Tuesdays February 20th, 27th and March 13th

Rev'd. Jennifer Elliott de Riverol
Rector of Briningham Benefice

Information: 01263 502068

The Briningham Benefice.

A Contemporary Worship Service
is held on the second Sunday each month in the informal setting of Briningham Village Hall.

Refreshments 9.30am - Service 10am

The theme for 2018 is '**God's Rescue Plan.**'

Feb 11th **Rescued for a Reason:** God's special plan for Moses and *He has a plan for each of our lives. (Exodus 2 v 1-10)*

Mar 11th **Red Sea Rescue:** God protects his people.
A miracle when all seems lost. (Exodus 14 v 5-31)

Apr 8th Rescued from Doubt: Like the disciple Thomas, Jesus helps us when we find it hard to believe. (John 20 v19-31)

All welcome - do come and join us!

Dear Readers

Being a county councillor is mostly rewarding and when less than enjoyable events crop up I remind myself that I live in and represent a most beautiful part of Norfolk. (I believe it would be difficult to argue it is not the *most* beautiful division). Which leads me to tell you somewhat belatedly that I have been elected as Vice-Chair of the Norfolk Coast Partnership which encompasses Norfolk's Area of Outstanding Beauty, much of which is in the division of Wells.

Induction of Revd Jennifer Elliott de Riverol: Without doubt this counted as a rewarding and enjoyable event. Beautiful church, lovely service and privileged to be asked to participate in my role of county councillor.

NCC Budget Consultation closed on 2 January '18: My thanks to everyone who completed the consultation or whichever parts focussed on your particular interest or concern. Hopefully your input will influence the budget which will be finalised in February. Along with everyone I am concerned about the cuts which will be made and how we can continue to protect the many services vital to a rural community - transport being but one of them. I am also concerned about Children's Services and Adults Social Services which provide for and protect the most vulnerable people in our county. Norfolk does not face this problem alone and I was comforted to read of Lord Porter, Chairman of the Local Government Association seeking further financial support from the Government for county councils. He wrote that councils are 'reaching the limit of what is possible in the face of diminishing resources, uncertain about future funding and rising demand for services for children and adults'. I do not have the power of Lord Porter but our Members of Parliament do – and at NCC's full council my request was accepted that Norfolk County Council should write to each of Norfolk's MPs asking them to take to the Government news of the impossible task facing the council. What a 2018 gift it will be if the Government responds with sufficiently increased financial support.

Accidents: The county and this division have recently been the scene of fatal accidents which will have devastated families and close friends. Whilst serious accidents are invariably made known to the police not all accidents are reported but it is important to do so for instance to establish whether safety measures need to be carried out. Whilst comments are often shared as to accidents there needs to be a formal record. The link below provides comprehensive guidance about who to call in the event of an accident. And whilst the website address refers to collisions the site also gives information as to a range of situations when the police should be contacted: <https://www.norfolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-road-traffic-collision>. In simple terms 999 for an emergency 101 for less urgent matters - but I am told by the police if in doubt ring 999 and you will be advised.

Digital, Innovation & Efficiency Committee: At the January meeting we anticipate having representatives of the major mobile phone companies join us and hope to hear of progress for mobile phone connectivity across our rural areas. Hopefully by then the survey previously reported will be underway. And I will be asking for more news regarding further Government support for broadband – for whilst many of our residents now have more effective provision I am very conscious of those still struggling to achieve a useful standard.

Recycling: For all those writing to me seeking more ways of preventing waste here are three items for you. You probably know that some of the larger recycling centres have 'Re-use Shops' where items taken in can be sold – good news it will soon be possible for electric goods to be sold once tested and given a PAT certificate. Second I am hoping that there will be further Re-use Shops – more specific news later. Thirdly - yes another link but whilst this link starts with composting it goes on to other methods of recycling: <https://www.recyclefornorfolk.com/reduce-my-rubbish/compost/#>



¿QUIERE BAILAR SEVILLANAS?

ACUDE CON ENERGÍA Y GANAS A SWANTON NOVERS VILLAGE HALL, EL MIÉRCOLES 21 DE FEBRERO A LAS 12 PARA UNA DEMOSTRACIÓN Y PARA PARTICIPAR. ¡ÁNIMO!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SPANISH SEVILLANA DANCING?

COME TO SWANTON NOVERS VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21 START 12 NOON FOR A DEMONSTRATION AND FIRST SESSION. ¡OLÉ!

CAROLS BY THE HUNWORTH BELL - 18 DECEMBER

This was the third year of holding Hunworth Carols by the Pub, rather than Carols on the Green, and the event attracted a large crowd of people.

Luckily it was a cold, dry evening as we gathered on the Pub terrace, around the blazing fire. Lay Reader Jennie Critchley, welcomed everyone and the Rev. Jennifer de Riverol Elliott said a short prayer before our excellent pianist, Jeremy Bagnall-Oakeley, struck up the first Carol...and we were off! After a dozen or so carols, everyone dived into the bar of the Hunworth Bell which was packed to capacity.

Huge thanks to our enthusiastic new licensees at the Pub, especially Rachel and Sam who couldn't have been more welcoming and supportive. They generously provided delicious mulled wine, mince pies and tiny scotch eggs, plus Rachel and her staff organised an impressive Raffle.

That together with the bucket collections on the night totalled an amazing **£805** which was split equally between Hunworth St. Lawrence's church and Thornage Hall.

A big thank you to everyone who came along and sang, made a donation, said prayers and played the keyboards, and supported the Pub. It was a great evening!

May we also take this opportunity to thank all our loyal customers of the **Hunworth Produce Stall in 2017**? There were times when we struggled to keep up with supplies of fruit, veg and the ever popular dahlias. But through your kindness and honesty, we raised nearly £400 towards church funds.

MANY THANKS

Lucy Woodall, Charlotte & Henry Crawley

Thornage Village Coffee Morning

Do come and join us for cake and coffee
on Wednesday 21st February
At 10.30 am in All Saints' Church in Thornage

Thornage Village Coffee Mornings

As you may know, the delicious cakes for our coffee mornings are all donated and the money received from your donations goes into the charities pot for disbursement at the end of the year. We are pleased to let you know that in 2017, with your help, we were able to send £127.50 to Macmillan, £100 to Crisis at Christmas and £100 to the Salvation Army. Thank you for your support over the year and we look forward to seeing you again!

Debbie, Gill, Teresa and Trish

Friends of Thornage Monthly Draw

Winners of November Draw were;

1st Prize Number 4 Jill Turner
2nd Prize Number 32 Teresa Anderson
3rd Prize Number 79 Richard Newton

Winners of December Draw were;

1st Prize Number 18 Jan Semple
2nd Prize Number 28 Joy Beckett
3rd Prize Number 73 Lillian Mollison

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!!**

SPEEDING THROUGH THORNAGE

I have been asked by the Parish Council to look into the demand for speed limits to be controlled more effectively, so I'm now asking for volunteers to come forward and help me organise a committee to look into all options to available.

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Thanks

Chris Major

thornagespeedcontrol@gmail.com

Poetry Corner

Spring Magic

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Amongst green fields
As spring appears

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Everywhere seen
New hope newly born
With Nature's Queen

Heavy hearts made lighter here
As through the fields they stroll
Hand in hand with hope
As spring new life unfolds.

Donald Wade (Hunworth)

BRININGHAM DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

I would like to thank everyone who have kindly made donations to our defibrillator fund. We have raised £195.00 so far. Many thanks to Ian for assisting with dropping off the leaflets. The project is moving forward and the Community Heart beat Trust are now approaching the different funding streams to ensure we get this vital resource for Briningham and the surrounding areas. It's not too late to donate. I will leave a number of envelopes inside the telephone box. For any other information, please ring me on 01263 862902 or pop in to see me at 1 Church Lane Briningham.

Martin Rendle-Hunt

If you would like to speak with someone from our Referrals Team about living in a CMG service then please contact Lee Champion on 07768 930 202 or lee.champion@cmg.co.uk



Briningham Village Hall

Results for monthly draws are:

BRININGHAM VILLAGE HALL DRAW CLUB DEC 2017

1st Prize £20 John Lucia (28)
2nd Prize £15 Martin Bates (9)
3rd Prize £9 Martin Rendle-Hunt (72)
4th Prize £5 Shaun Rendle-Hunt (73)

BRININGHAM VILLAGE HALL DRAW CLUB JAN 2018

1st Prize £15 John Dowsing (52)
2nd Prize £9 Ralph Wiggins (6)
3rd Prize £5 Fred Gardner (13)

Mobile Library dates February

Briningham	Thursday	15th February at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	15th February at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	22nd February at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	28th February at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	22nd February at 2.55 - 3.10 pm



**Swanton History Group
Meeting in Swanton Novers Village Hall, NR24 2RB**

Monday 12th February at 7.30 pm

Keith Williams - The Salvation Army

£4.50 per session with refreshments

Swanton Novers in 1918

I am collecting information about Swanton Novers as it was in 1918. Would everyone who owns a house they think is pre 1920 get in touch. I am interested in the dates of the houses and family names and deeds if possible. Anything relating to the war era.

Please contact **Gill Harman 01263 861101** by the end of March.

Save the dates

Music at Swanton Novers Village Hall

Phil Beer (of Show of Hands)
Wednesday 14th February 2018
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Friday 9th March 2018

Miranda Sykes (of Show of Hands)
Saturday 21st April 2018

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

A continuation of Tony Graveling's recollections of time past

Many of the houses in the village were given large gardens in which to grow their own vegetables or keep some chickens, but as time went on and people travelled further to work, there was less time to spend in the garden. This is where a local retired couple came to the fore. Mr and Mrs Fordham owned a substantial smallholding and grew vegetables to sell to passers-by. This was the next best thing for village people who wanted fresh local produce almost on their doorstep.

Some products, however had to come from those bigger shops in Holt. Byfords was a treasure chest of hardware products and a large brown van from the store delivered weekly in Thornage. The cheery call 'Anything from Byfords' would ring out at the door and sell anything from paraffin to hand tools, and kindling to polish. The Rusts and Co-op grocery stores in Holt would also deliver to the door those essentials not to be found at the village shop. The friendly delivery ladies always had time for a chat and a cup of tea while taking their orders for the next week. Milk in those days was delivered to the door daily, and did not travel far, as Howard's Dairies was just a stone's throw up the Brinton Road, and where you could also have your Television (if you had one) or Radio repaired by John Howard.

In those days not too many of the population owned a car, but for those who did there was a garage run by Mr Littleboy at the Holt end of the village, who would service or repair your vehicle.

Village schools were common in those days. Unfortunately Thornage was not considered big enough for a Primary School but children were given a place at Brinton, over a mile away. With no transport to the school, pupils had to walk or cycle along the road or cross the meadows by footpath. This footpath took you through a very muddy farmyard, through a field with cattle (and cowpats), across a stream, and up a fenced pathway where there were many beehives. This was of course before the days of Risk Assessment!

Older children went to Melton Constable Secondary Modern School, or if they passed the eleven plus, to Fakenham Grammar School or Greshams in Holt. In Winter the narrow roads to these schools were often deep in snow and some days off school almost guaranteed.

From this you might think that there was little for children to do in the village, but far from it, there were many lovely walks out of the village, games would be played on the green or even in the road. There were clubs for children and outings to the beaches at Wells, Sheringham or Mundesley. At Christmas time many children would be involved in carol singing at every house, collecting money for charity and ending up at one of the big houses who would have hot mince pies and drinks at the ready.

Many apologies to you Tony for referring to you as 'Tom' in the last magazine. We look forward to more of your memories of Thornage next month. Ed.

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British composer Will Todd has, over the past few years, gained an international reputation and is much in demand all over the world to lead workshop and performances. Fakenham Choral Society is very pleased that he is able to come to lead this workshop in Fakenham.

This performance of Mass in Blue will be the culmination of a Come & Sing workshop day hosted by Fakenham Choral Society. Singers from all over Norfolk and many from much further afield are coming together to enjoy a day of singing. The choir will be accompanied by a trio of professional musicians and a soprano soloist and they would be delighted to have an audience for what promises to be the culmination of an exiting and memorable day.

Tickets £7 (under 18s free) are available from 01485 544335 or at the door.

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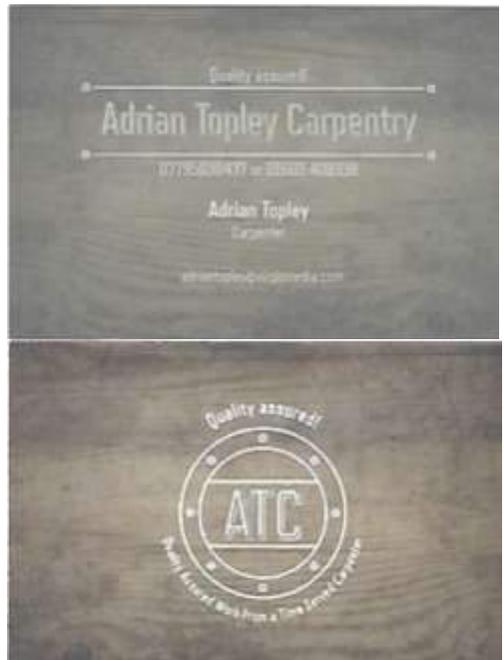
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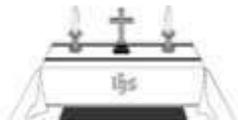
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February 2018

Sunday January 28th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Brinton Swanton Novers	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship
Sunday February 4th	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship
Sunday February 11th	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Brinton Briningham Swanton Novers	Morning Worship Contemporary Worship ,Village Hall Holy Communion (BCP)
Ash Wednesday February 14th	7.00 pm	Stody	Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
Sunday February 18th	9.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am	Stody Thornage Briningham	Holy Communion Morning Worship Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Tuesday February 20th</i>	<i>12 noon to 1.00 pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i>	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sunday February 25th	9.30 am 11.00 am	Brinton Swanton Novers	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship
<i>Monday February 26th</i>	<i>7.00 for 7.30 pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i>	<i>The Filling Station Speaker: Phil Whitehead from the Chiswick Christian Centre</i>
<i>Tuesday February 27th</i>	<i>12 noon to 1.00 pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers Village Hall</i>	<i>Lent Course</i>
Sunday March 4th	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Worship Morning Worship

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