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Items for inclusion in the May magazine to **Maureen Kenyon** at
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Our Rector writes:

What do we really understand by the word “worship”? We all seem to know what the word means but in fact, there are many ways of worshipping. When people are trained as ministers or leaders, part of their training is to design and lead services which are out of their comfort zone. They are led to consider ways of worship that they perhaps they weren't brought up with. There are styles within Anglicanism which range from very formal and with the use of incense, the processing of the Bible down the aisle for the gospel reading to, on the other hand, completely informal. Worship does not necessarily take place within a church building. However, churches have been designed and consecrated for that use and many believers see them as a liturgical spirituality of place and peace:

“The font stands here before our eyes telling us how God received us; the altar recalls Christ's sacrifice and what his table provides us....” (The Spirit of Worship - Susan J White. P.93)

So churches can provide a haven of quiet and safety or they may be busy and bustling places of activity with a wide range of ages. However, we don't worship only to please ourselves, even though our fellowship, singing and praying hopefully give us joy and a sense of well being. Primarily, we hope that we worship to bring glory to God. It is God who should be on centre stage and we should be in the wings. St Paul tells us: “So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)

And every activity can be transformed into an act of worship when we hope to please God. It's a question of attitude. Martin Luther said: “A dairymaid can milk cows to the glory of God.” (Purpose Driven Life p. 67) At the beginning of many services we are reminded that we have come together in the name of Christ, to pray for the needs of the world, to ask forgiveness for our sins. We thank God for his goodness, we praise him and we give glory to him.

What do the Easter events say to us? What can we learn from Jesus' example and his relationship with God? It's a time to recognise God's plan for us, our own brokenness and take it to God. In his “Confessions” St Augustine describes how after years of brokenness, God made him whole. He invited God to speak to him in the depths of his heart, leaving outside those who don't believe “letting them stir up the dust in their own eyes”. He asks God to rescue him from the world and to give him new strength.

Augustine realised that God had been healing him throughout his life, as he had vainly been looking for love in the wrong places. All the time he had been in God's hands. He goes on to say that too often we accept other people's opinion of who we are, lacking the inner confidence and the energy to become our true selves. So Augustine invites us to:

“Surrender to him now all your futile searching. What is withered in you will flower again. What is faded will be fresh again and what is warped made whole and strong and sound. And all that is weak in you will not drag you to the grave. But your wholeness will abide, will remain with you before God, who remains strong and abides forever.”
(Confessions 4:11)

Have a wonderful Easter celebration! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Jennifer

Please note our new service rota.

**There are at least two services every Sunday at a church near you,
and one or two Benefice services.
You are warmly welcome to join us.**

Thought for April

The light of God surrounds us; the love of God enfolds us; the power of God protects us; the presence of God watches over us; Wherever we are, God is.

James Dillet Freeman, 1912-2003

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 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.

**Easter Sunday Afternoon Tea at Briningham Village Hall
April 1st 2-4.30pm**

Why not come and enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with family and friends?
Any donations of raffle prizes, cakes or some time on the day would be gratefully
received. All funds raised will be in aid of the Briningham Defibrillator fund.

Please contact Martin Rendle-Hunt, 1 Church Lane, Briningham
01263 862902

Daffodil Sunday

This tradition dates back to Victorian times when, on the first Sunday in April,
families would pick daffodils from their gardens and take them into local
hospitals, to cheer up the patients.

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'**.

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



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Magazine adverts

Ann Leigh, who has been managing our magazine adverts for a number of years, is retiring as from May 1st 2018. We shall miss her greatly.

The advertisements in 'In Touch' are not only a very useful resource for us but also raise enough money to enable the magazine to be sent free to every house in the Benefice. After several years of recruiting and expanding the number of adverts Ann is stepping down in May and we are looking for someone to take over from her. The work involved takes between one and one and a half hours each month and Ann will give help and support to anyone who takes over from her. If you are interested please contact Ann at magads@brininghambenefice.org.uk or the editors at mag@brininghambenefice.org.uk

BRININGHAM VILLAGE HALL DRAW CLUB MARCH 2018

1st Prize	£15	Fred Gardner (13)
2nd Prize	£ 9	Chris Westlake (49)
3rd Prize	£ 5	Julie Flower (67)

Last of the 'Memories of Thornage'

In the holidays one of the aims for children was to earn pocket money. Jobs could be done for other people, also in the Summer there were fields of currants, beans and strawberries to be picked where you could earn a few bob for collecting baskets full. The local gamekeeper, a Mr Welton who lived near the garage towards the Hunworth turn-off, would pay good money on a Saturday, for beating out pheasants in the fields and woods for the line of guns to take pot shots at. Money aside, children were often seen in the harvest field watching their fathers cut the corn and bale the straw, or cycling around the country lanes when there were fewer, and slower cars around. With the railway nearby you could watch and listen to the steam trains puffing their way through Hunworth, Brinton and Briningham to Melton Constable. At the weekend there were often cricket matches played on the meadow with the stream running through – a challenge for the fielding side. Many excellent players made up the Thornage team and were highly rated amongst other teams in the area such as Gresham and Aldborough. The cricket field was later moved to the present playing field where part of the famous Go-Between film was made in the 70's involving many local people as 'extras'. If you were patient and keen on fishing you could pass many hours by taking your fishing gear and cycling down to the lovely lake at Letheringsett watching that bobbing float and hoping for a big catch before it was time to cycle home when the clock on the Hall chimed and told you it was 'going home' time.

The fact is that this small village holds many memories for past residents and visitors alike and hopefully will treasure its history and keep the village atmosphere alive.

Tony Graveling (past resident of Thornage)

STODY WITH HUNWORTH PARISH COUNCIL JOB VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

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For further information please contact:

Charlotte Crawley, (Chair): 01263 713306

Email : charlottecrawley255@icloud.com

Thornage Village Coffee Morning

The next Thornage Village coffee morning will be held on
Wednesday 18 April at 10.30 am
in All Saints' Church Thornage

Looking forward to seeing you then.

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 available.

Please reply to this advert by emailing me at the address below; thank you.

Chris Major

thornagespeedcontrol@gmail.com

Friends of Thornage Monthly Draw

February 2018

1st Prize	£20 Number 6	D&J Markham
2nd Prize	£10 Number 48	Kym Kendle-Weavers
3rd Prize	£ 5 Number 76	Jane Steward

Winston Churchill, as First Lord of the Admiralty, instigated the first move to mobilise the British Fleet onto a war footing from the Sea Marge Hotel in Overstrand in July 1914. His holiday home, Pear Tree Cottage, was a short distance away but was not equipped with a telephone.

6 April 1918 - Norwich Tank Week raised £1,057,382 for War Bonds.

13 April 1857 - A serious gas explosion took place at Gurney's Bank, Norwich, after a clerk named Utting, smelling the escape of gas, went to investigate with a lighted candle.

17 April 1914 - Britannia Pier, Great Yarmouth, was burned down in a fire started by militant suffragettes.

19 April 1917 - Heavy losses were suffered by the men of the 4th and 5th Battalions of the Norfolk Regiment at the Second Battle of Gaza.

Music at Swanton Novers Village Hall

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

All enquiries to
Chris Armstrong on christinearm@hotmail.com or 01263 860573

Mobile Library dates April 2018

Briningham	Thursday	12th April at 3.20 - 3.35 pm
Brinton	Thursday	12th April at 2.55 - 3.10 pm
Hunworth	Thursday	19th April at 2.35 - 2.45 pm
Swanton Novers	Wednesday	25th April at 2.00 - 2.20 pm
Thornage	Thursday	19th April at 2.55 - 3.10 pm



HELPERS, CAKES & SCONES WANTED PLEASE!
STODY LODGE OPEN GARDENS 2018
Tuesday 22nd May from 1 - 5pm

Stody & Hunworth Churches are running the Tea Stall on Tuesday 22 May, the day this year when Stody Lodge Gardens are open for the NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME (Yellow Book). The money from the entrance tickets goes to the NGS, but any money taken for teas and cakes will go to our two churches.

Please can you support us by giving up a couple of hours of your time on 22 May to help run the Tea Stall? There is usually a good turnout for the NGS opening so the more helpers, the better!
If you'd like to volunteer, then tell either Nicola or Charlotte.

Or, equally importantly, could you make a cake, some tray bakes or some scones for this stall? Or buy a cake and donate it to our Cake Stall? Cakes can be delivered either to Nicola at Stody Hall or Charlotte at Hunworth Hall by 11am on 22 May, or at any time the day before. Remember to label your cake so we know what it is! Also label any plates or plastic containers so they can be returned to you.
Thanks so much - we really appreciate your help.

Nicola Baker:
polsteadfarms@btinternet.com
01263 862247

Charlotte Crawley:
charlottecrawley255@icloud.com
01263 713306

St Edmund's, Swanton Novers
Sunday 15 April - 11am

Please join us on this happy occasion:

Tony Wood will be Recommissioned as an Authorised Worship Assistant during the Morning Prayer.
There will be refreshments afterwards.

April - Ernestine Northover

Honeysuckle cascading along the garden wall
Bees hum, and insects everywhere abound,
The cuckoo sends us all his two-note call,
So many voices in one glorious sound.

April showers glinting on soft newborn shoots,
Daffodils of yellow shine, so ultra bright,
Down river, paddling, come the aquatic coots,
Plumage black, bills of white and a fork tailed kite

Swoops down, and with his long wings soars again,
And with no backward glance, gives his farewell.
Listen to April, hear now how it sings,
A wondrous month, wherein the heart can dwell.

A GRAVE COUGH

An old woman with a rasping cough was walking through the village churchyard.

“Oh dear, yer’ll hatter git rid o’ that rotten corf” said a passer-by.

“Dunt wan’ ter git rid onnit.”

“Dunt yer?”

“No - there’s pletty a’ laying ‘bowt ‘ere what’d be wholly glad onnit!”

‘Larn Yarself Norfolk’, Keith Skipper

This year marks the centenary of the Suffragette movement and the EDP enlisted Waterstones to select some of the finest books by female authors. Here are the recommendations:

Dear Life - Alice Munro

The Mysterious Affair at Styles - Agatha Christie

Across the Nightingale Floor - Leanne Hearn

Persuasion - Jane Austen

Harmless Like You - Rowan Hisayo Buchanan

Dear Ijeawele - Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

The Miniaturist - Jessie Burton

We Have Always Lived in the Castle - Shirley Jackson

Practical Magic - Alice Hoffman

The Left Hand of Darkness - Ursula le Guin

Blazing a trail for women at the helm of a Fine City

The Lady Lord Mayors of Norwich, 1925-2017, by Phyllida Scrivens

Published by Pen & Sword

Ethel Mary Colman (1923-24), the first woman Lord Mayor in the country

Mabel Maria Clarkson (1930-31)

Ruth Elsie Hardy (1950-51)

Jessie Ruby Griffiths (1969-70)

Joyce Lilian Morgan (1975-76)

Valerie Guttsman (1979-80)

Barbara Ellen Edith Stevenson (1985-86)

Jill Betty Miller (1986-87)

Brenda Ferris-Rampley (1994-95)

Lila Divi Cooper (1995-96)

Joyce Anthea Climie Divers (2004-05)

Felicity Hartley (2006-07)

Evelyn Jean Collishaw (2009-10)

Jennifer Susan Lay (2011-12)

Judith Elizabeth Lubbock (2014-15)

Brenda Arthur (2015-16)

Marion Frances Maxell (2016-17)

**It was International Women's Day on March 8th
and the EDP considered some of history's most impressive females:**

Marie Curie - winner of Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903, and the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911. (Polish, naturalised French)

Viscountess Nancy Astor - the first woman to sit in the British Parliament in 1919. The first woman to be elected was Countess Constance Markievicz who refused to take her seat in protest at the British government's dealings in Ireland. (American)

Gertrude Ederle - the first woman to swim the English Channel on her second attempt in 1926. (German)

Amelia Earhart - the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic in 1928. (American)

Valentina Tereshkova - the first woman in space in 1963, aged 26. (Russian)

Aretha Franklin - the first woman to be inducted to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, in 1987. (American)

Kathryn Bigelow - the only female winner of the Best Director Oscar, awarded in 2010. (American)

Christine Lagarde - the first woman head of the International Monetary Fund, a position she has held since 2011. (French)

Libby Lane - became the first female consecrated bishop of the Church of England in 2015. She was installed at Chester Cathedral and is the eighth Bishop of Stockport. Just the previous year the Synod had voted in favour of allowing women to become bishops. (British)

The Filling Station, Monday 23 April, 7 for 7.30pm

Swanton Novers Village Hall

The speaker will be Stephen Pitkethly,
Norfolk Broads and former NNFS Worship Leader.

www.thefillingstation.org.uk

Swanton Novers National Nature Reserve

Highlights from the reserve

*Saturday 7th April 2018
At Swanton Novers Village Hall
9.30 am - 4.30 pm*

Free

Places are limited, booking essential

We have been running a Heritage Lottery Funded bat monitoring project at Swanton Novers National Nature Reserve as a collaboration between the Bat Conservation Trust and Natural England. With help from a group of volunteers, the project has been busy over the last 2 years gathering bat data from the reserve to help us gain an insight into how bats are affected by woodland management practices and how they use the woods, in particular the interior.

More information about the project can be found on the Bat Conservation Trust website at http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/swanton_novers_woodland_bat_project.html

Bat Conservation Trust and Natural England will be running an event on Saturday 7th April 2018 at Swanton Novers Village Hall to share our findings from the bat monitoring project and talk about other conservation work Natural England has carried out on the reserve. There will be bats to look at, followed by lunch and a woodland walk in the afternoon. Please wear suitable clothing and wellies - the walk may be on uneven and wet terrain.

Please contact Sonia Reveley at SReveley@bats.org.uk or ring her on 07788 226528 to book your place.



**News from County Councillor, Dr Marie Strong,
Wells Division (Glaven, Priory and Walsingham Wards)
marie.strong@norfolk.gov.uk or 07920 286 597**

Dear Readers

Mobile Library Service: (sometimes called Rural Library Service): The current budget for the county wide mobile library service is £457,430. It is proposed for next financial year to cut this budget by £200,000 - a cut to the service of 43.72%. I accept that a review of the service would be very useful and attended a county council workshop to discuss ideas. However, I believe the first step should be to consult with its users, local and mobile librarians, parish councils, community groups. But it is planned that county councillors will discuss the proposal to cut the budget at the June Communities Committee. If parish councils and other groups involved with mobile library users would like to write to me asking that before a decision is taken local opinion and ideas are sought, I will share this view with fellow councillors including members of the Communities Committee.

Coast Hopper: I know those who manage to access the Coast Hopper have been anxious as to its future as well as other routes which Stage Coach decided to give up. However, whilst county council has been working with operators long before the news became public it has been complicated, not least because it has involved several operators and complex links. Charles Sanders sums up the situation in his email to me: "Sorry it's taken a while to release this news, it is always best to know what you can do before you make any statements that might come back to haunt you!" As a result of the discussions the Coast Hopper route continues with Sanders and Lynx. Having been a defender of the Coast Hopper since it was under threat when it was the most heavily subsidised bus route in the county I am delighted it travels on - with Sanders from Wells to Mundesley it will be called the Coast Hopper. From Wells to Hunstanton (with links to Kings Lynn) with Lynx and it will be called the Coastliner (the name used for the route in 1995). For details of this route and all the other routes which Stagecoach have surrendered visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/stagecoach.

Concessionary Bus Passes: I am pleased to remove the impression that bus companies are not reimbursed for the use of bus passes and that this may be putting some routes in danger. Bus companies are paid fully for the use of concessionary bus passes. The government provides approximately £7.5m per year to NCC towards the £11.5m cost; NCC provides the difference of some £4m. Responding to other questions I add that the Government strictly forbids asking for or taking contributions. In any case I would be concerned as to the pressure this would put on many people. Perhaps I should approach the government again about the deficiency!

Little Thornage Broadband: Fibre broadband for residents in NR25 7JD, NR25 7JF and NR25 5JG. No. 1 & 2 Common Cottages will be able to access 15-20 Mbps, all others Super Fast. Check speeds at <https://www.btwholesale.com/includes/adsl/adsl.htm>. Search using the Address Checker option, enter the postcode, press submit and select the address from the list. Once a fibre solution is available an “VDSL” option will be shown. (You do not have to change if what you are receiving via copper broadband is adequate for your needs.)

All good wishes
Marie

LOCAL LOGIC

The farmer turned to the lad who was late for work again.

“Dew yew know what tyme yew start work?”

“Yis ... bowt five minnits arter I git ‘ere.”

“No, yew sorft young fewl ... why are yew learte?”

“Thass lyke this here, marster. When that wuz tyme ter cum ter wak, I wuz asleep. I knew that wunt no good a’cummin then ... so I wearted til I wook up!”

More from ‘Larn Yarself Norfolk’, Keith Skipper



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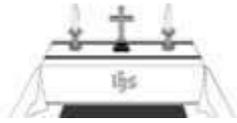
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WORSHIP & EVENTS

Easter & April 2018

March 29th Maundy Thursday	11.00 am 7.00 pm	Norwich Cathedral Swanton Novers	Renewal of ordination vows Evening Prayer
March 30th Good Friday	11.00 am	Briningham	Morning Prayer
Sunday April 1st Easter Day	9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am	Thornage Stody Briningham	Holy Communion (BCP) Holy Communion Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>2 - 4.30pm</i>	<i>Briningham Village Hall</i>	<i>Afternoon Tea</i> <i>See page 5</i>
Sunday April 8th	9.30 10.30 for 11.00	Brinton Briningham Village Hall	Holy Communion (BCP) Contemporary worship
Sunday April 15th	9.30am 11.00am	Swanton Novers Briningham	Morning Prayer and the Recommissioning of Tony Wood as an Authorised Worship Assistant Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday April 22nd	11.00am	Stody	Benefice Holy Communion
<i>Monday</i> <i>April 23rd</i>	<i>7 for 7.30pm</i>	<i>Swanton Novers Village</i> <i>Hall</i>	<i>The Filling Station</i> <i>See page 13</i>
Sunday April 29th	10.30am 11.00am	Burgh Parva Hunworth	Holy Communion (BCP) Benefice Morning Worship and Baptism

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