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September 2019

THE BRININGHAM BENEFICE

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Our Rector writes:

You may be aware that over a period of about 12 years, an informal service has taken place once a month on a Sunday at Briningham Village Hall. It has been lay led by Chris Ley and Tony Woods, who are Authorised Lay Assistants, and it has offered an alternative kind of worship to what we have in our churches. It has been a valued ministry. Sadly, the last service took place last month. We pray for those who are moving on and that others will be inspired to develop other services and activities so that a wide spectrum of worship can be offered in our benefice; a family service, House Groups and Bible study groups may be considered. On September 7th I'll be attending a follow up day course on Leading Your Church Into Growth (LYCIG) which is being pioneered in our diocese, under the guidance of the Archbishop of Canterbury's "Mission Strategy". If we aren't leading our churches into growth, where are we leading them? I was the sole representative of our benefice when the initial training took place, so I urge you to consider accompanying me.

Some time ago I invited people from our six parishes to consider being Holy Communion assistants, which means that such people will administer the chalice at Holy Communion. Two people applied and have been accepted; Morag Lloyd and John Pugh-Smith, both worshipping in Stody but it is a benefice appointment. I encourage others to consider this ministry. Please let me know if you feel that God is calling you to serve him in this way.

I have been asked about when we sit or stand in church and other practises during worship. Constant standing and sitting can cause confusion and it sometimes depends which service is being used. There have been changes over the years and in fact there are no hard and fast rules but there are tendencies which we can follow. Those who find standing difficult may wish to remain sitting down throughout the service. Modern liturgy invites us to remain standing from the beginning of the service until the first reading and also for the Gospel, the Creed and from the end of the Eucharistic prayer to just before the invitation to Communion. The congregation may also stand for the final prayer until the end of the service. I would usually indicate when we sit or stand so that we are in harmony. Sitting is prescribed for the Readings (except the Gospel), the Sermon, the prayers and after the last person has communicated, during a period of silence.

When we use Order One in modern language for Holy Communion (benefice services and all Holy Communion at Stody) there is an opportunity to exchange the peace, which follows the prayers of intercession. There may be a light embrace or hand shake. The first Christians used it (1 Peter 5:14) as a sign of the joyful unity they had with one another.

"Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ."

I'm aware that some congregations are not in favour of this physical contact, in which case I merely exchange a verbal peace with the whole congregation. However, we must be aware that exchanging the peace is Christ-like and is done throughout the Church of England when Order One is used, because it is an authorised service.

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Christians have crossed themselves from about the second century. During our worship, it is usual to make the sign of the cross at the beginning of the service when the minister welcomes people in the name of Christ. This will have followed a period of silent reflection just before the service begins so that we are aware of God's presence and where we are. The sign of the cross may also be made when the Gospel is announced; to indicate a willingness to attend and respond to the Word of God, before receiving the sacraments and at the blessing.

I think that most importantly, when we come to church we are coming into God's presence by being in a correct frame of mind; to hear His Holy Word and to commune with our fellow beings. Essentially, it is about being "right" with God.

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 to the Rector 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

Funeral:

Mrs Olive Whithers, Thornage

Please contact Rev. Jennifer if you would like her to visit you
or bring Communion to you at home.

Her telephone number is 01263 502068 and her Email is:
rev.riverol@brininghambenefice.org.uk

Editor's note:

I welcome my friend Chris Armstrong who has volunteered to co-edit this magazine with me. We will work together closely and her contact details are on page 2.

Please do send us details of your news and events within the benefice, and other contributions are always very welcome too. The deadline is always the 10th of the month for the following month's magazine.

Swanton Novers Village Hall

Concerts

Tannahill Weavers - Sunday 24th November 2019

Megson - Sunday 26th January 2020

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SWANTON NOVERS COFFEE MORNING

In the Village Hall - everyone welcome

Every other Wednesday 10.30am - 11.30am

Wednesday September 11th and 25th

Wednesday October 9th and 23rd

Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride Saturday, 14th September

Many people help to make the ride a success; not only the people who take part in the event whether by bike, foot, horse or car but those who sit in the churches, make refreshments, prepare for the day, chivvy folk to get involved and, of course, those who sponsor.

Last year Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride raised a massive £91,496 and the event was supported by 541 participants who made 2,808 visits to the county's churches and chapels. This was an increase in the number of the previous year's participants and the number of churches visited!

This year Norfolk Churches Trust wants to draw your attention to a fantastic new competition. They are offering a prize of £1,000 to the church which raises the most amount of money compared to the amount it raised last year. They hope that this will encourage churches that haven't been able to take part to find people to get involved and for those that do take part to get more people involved. If you can, please take part either by visiting churches, by sponsorship or by spending a hour or so welcoming visitors to your church.

St Edmund, Swanton Novers:

Your contact with sponsorship forms and a list of churches that will be open is:

David Brittain on 01263 861620

or via email david.r.brittain@btinternet.com

All Saints, Thornage:

Volunteers are needed to man the Church between the hours of 9am and 5pm. We would be grateful for any help between these times and for anyone who would be prepared to ride.

Please contact Charles Bingham-Newland on 01268 710085; thank you.

St Maurice, Briningham:

Some sponsorship forms have been left on the table in St Maurice's Church. It's just a matter of writing down your name and address and pledging an amount. It doesn't have to be much as it all adds up, and St Maurice's Church will receive half of the money raised. Alternatively, to sponsor, contact Malcolm Bray on 01263 862754 or malcolm.bray535@btinternet.com; thank you.

At this location there is a Commonwealth War Grave

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission has fixed its official sign on the gate at St Edmund, Swanton Novers, to recognise the war grave of Chief Stoker William Bennett who died in February 1919 while still on active service in the Navy.

We are excited to announce that the **North Norfolk Filling Station** is marking its seventh birthday with a venue move to larger facilities. From Monday, 23 September it will hold its monthly meetings at the Holt Community Centre, Kerridge Way, NR25 6DN.

Using weekday evening ‘celebrations’ offering high quality speakers, contemporary sung worship and accessible prayer ministry, the North Norfolk Filling Station seeks to offer a further informal way of expressing the Christian faith. It is part of a growing non-denominational network which now has over 100 meetings within the UK attended by 5,000 people.

For further details please see: www.thefillingstation.org.uk

SHARRINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING GROUP

Friday 6 September:

Alan Gray of East Ruston Old Vicarage Gardens will give an illustrated talk on ‘Pushing the Boundaries’. **NB: this talk will be held in Binham Village Memorial Hall.**

Saturday 5 October:

Pop Up Gardening Fair and Bulb sale

Wednesday 13 November:

Andrew Babicz, Seasonal Container Gardening

Thursday 5 December:

Willow Weaving Workshop and Christmas Decorations with Karen Lawrence. **NB: there will be two sessions for this workshop.**

All meetings will be held in Sharrington Village Hall at 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm) unless otherwise stated.

For further information, please contact Robin on 01263 861939 or robin@daubeneyhallfarm.com

Thornage Village Coffee Morning Wednesday 18th September, 10.30am

The next Thornage village coffee morning will take place on Wednesday 18th September at 10.30 in All Saints Church, Thornage. As usual we will be offering good coffee and delicious cakes and, as ever, proceeds will be going to at least two charities at the end of the year.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

Thornage Monthly Draw - July 2019

1st Prize	£20	Number 30	Rob Paethorpe
2nd Prize	£10	Number 14	Trish Burnham
3rd Prize	£ 5	Number 4	Angela Watchorn

The card re-cycling club at Thornage Church will resume on Tuesday 10th September at 10.30 am

We re-cycle Christmas and greetings cards to raise funds
for All Saints Church, Thornage.

Please buy the finished cards!

Mobile Library dates September 2019

Briningham	Friday 27 September at 3.30 - 3.55pm
Swanton Novers	Friday 13 September at 11.55am - 12.10pm
Thornage	Friday 27 September at 12.00 - 12.15pm



For all enquiries about new days and times, phone 01362 693184.
As of April 2019, there is no service to Brinton and Hunworth
but the Library will stay longer at Briningham.

HUNWORTH AND STODY VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Our Coffee Mornings are going very well and we are now looking forward to the next one.

Anyone wishing to help or join the committee will be warmly welcomed:

Phone Di Rollason on 01263 862523

Coffee Mornings will take place over the Autumn on the first Saturday of each month.

THE NEXT COFFEE MORNING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HALL ON:

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER FROM 10.30 to 12.30

Come along - meet friends and neighbours
and help keep our lovely hall at the heart of our community.

HARVEST SUPPER - SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER

6pm onwards

Advance booking essential

Contact: charlottecrawley255@icloud.com or Di Rollason on 862523

£10 per adult, £5 per child

Bring your own drinks

Raffle prizes will be welcomed

All proceeds will go towards the upkeep and care of the Village Hall

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Watch this space for more information to follow

Look out for posters of forthcoming events

Prayer for the Church

Father of mercies,

We ask your blessing on the church in our benefice

And throughout the whole world;

By your grace may we find

Our truth, unity and stability in you.

Grant that generous love may flourish in us all,

And that your truth may triumph.

May your abundance supply what is lacking in our Church today,

And your merciful wisdom, transform all that is flawed.

Glory, praise, thanksgiving and blessing be given to you,

By the voices and concert of voices,

In heaven and on earth, forever and ever. Amen

Based on Lancelot Andrews (1555-1626) and submitted by the Rector.

The First Ever Brinton Beano - an Adventure into the Unknown!

Early on Sunday 4th August, dozens of tractors were to be seen travelling sedately towards Brinton Hall, the venue for their tractor run to Aldborough and back, followed by excellent refreshments and a well supported raffle.

At 2pm, eager dog owners arrived to take part in the fun dog show, the highlight being the 'Resist a Sausage' class. This was both won and lost in spectacular fashion by two Labradors.

The dictionary definition of a 'Beano' is a jollification and the event seemed to live up to its name, there being an estimated number of three hundred people who came on the day. On arrival there was something for everyone - a raffle, beautifully set out and priced plant and upcycling/vintage stalls, superb home produce, different quizzes, guess the weight of the cake and number of sweets in a jar and a novelty - the wage packet game. Thanks to Briningham and Thornage we had Thwack the Rat, bowling and bean bag games to complement the rather wild Welly Whanging in the meadow

We also had all the elements of a craft fair - Zelia Holmes (handmade jewellery), Chica North (fused glass), Indra Jones (Wild Designs), Kate Bagnall-Oakeley of 'Mock Orange' (home grown floral arrangements) and Henry Hepworth White (wood sculpting) adding charm, interest and the opportunity to buy from craftspeople based in Brinton, Hunworth and Swanton Novers.

Meanwhile, the teas began at 2pm with a roaring trade that never ceased until the very end of a brilliant, happy and successful day that brought together the skills and good will of the village. So many thanks go out to everyone who helped prepare, set up and man all of the above - and take it all down again! Most especially, thanks go to the advertisers, creators and placers of road signs, all those who encouraged others to come and finally to Gary and Michele Bishop for the great idea of the Pimm's tent!

We raised over £2,000 at the Beano, which is still going up; and £520 on the tractor run and raffle.

As hosts and organisers, Jeremy and Esme Bagnall-Oakeley would like to thank everyone for their help and support on what was at times quite a scary journey.

We hope to do it again - 2021?

A supposed Scottish proverb: Make Up

"A good face does'na need it and a bad face does'na deserve it."

Boris Johnson has been elected Prime Minister by Conservative MPs and party members. He once described Tony Blair as 'a mixture of Harry Houdini and a greased piglet'. How will Boris himself be remembered for his time in Number 10? Suggestions to:

mag@brininghambenefice.org.uk
or 01263 862020

Those which are printable will appear in the October magazine - thank you.

We said goodbye to Maureen from a packed church and village hall. It was a lovely tribute to a remarkable woman. She loved poetry, not least that of Irish poets, and Louis MacNeice was very high on our shared list of favourites. I've chosen this excerpt with love as my goodbye to her.

Autumn Journal: Part XXIV

Louis MacNeice, 1907-1963

Sleep, my body; sleep, my ghost,
Sleep, my parents and grand-parents,
And all those I have loved most;
One man's coffin is another's cradle.
Sleep, my past and all my sins,
In distant snow or dried roses
Under the moon for night's cocoon will open
When day begins.
Sleep, my fathers, in your graves
On upland bogland under heather;
What the wind scatters the wind saves,
A sapling springs in a new country.
Time is a country, the present moment
A spotlight roving round the scene;
We need not chase the spotlight,
The future is the bride of what has been.
Sleep, my fancies and my wishes,
Sleep a little and wake strong,
The same but different and take my blessing -
A cradle-song.



Garden Fete Sunday 1 September, 11.30- 4.00

Thornage Hall Independent Living will be open to the general public and will be an opportunity for those who live and work there to share their experiences of this unique community.

- * Cooking Demonstration by Ashley Williamson, Head Chef of Benedict's Restaurant in Norwich
- * Music and entertainment by the Midnight Specials and the Barbershop Quartet
- * Farm and garden walks
- * BBQ
- * Tea, cakes and breads
- * Bio-dynamic vegetable stall
- * Traditional handmade Arts & Crafts
- * Birds of prey, face painting, games for the children, lots of stalls and much more

Dogs welcome

Entrance is just £2.50 for adults and free for children under 16.
Looking forward to seeing you there.

Women become first to win village's 'Freedom of the Parish'

Two women have become the first ever recipients of 'Freedom of the Parish' awards for services to their village, Swanton Novers.

Val Hart and Rosemary Leeder were given the award after having both served as members of the Parish Council for more than 20 years.

Chris Armstrong, chairman of the Parish Council, said 'Val was the chair of the Parish Council for many years. Rosemary was a councillor and is still a mainstay of the Village Hall Committee. Both women are assertive, strong and respected members of the village. Although they knew that the reception was going to recognise their long service they did not know that they were going to receive the Freedom of the Parish. This honour had not been given to anyone in the village before so it was an exceptional event.'

Certificates presented to Val and Rosemary praised their 'unwaivering service'.

As reported in the EDP, 26 July 2019

On Saturday 20 July 50 people gathered at Swanton Novers Village Hall at a reception to mark the occasion. It was a joyous event and one that will be remembered in the village for many years to come.

There was a young lady from Leicester
Who said that city Depreicester -
When taken to Norwich
And nurtured on Porwich
Her spirits soon Reposseicester!

There was a young girl from Cadiz
Whose character bubbled with fizz,
But her terrible grammar
Continued to damn'er,
As she couldn't be cured of 'You is'.

An issue of the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine has an article on 'A Wii problem' and quotes new medical words occasioned by Nintendo's Wii. Injuries from over-enthusiastic use of such devices have been called *Nintendonitis*, *Playstation 2 Thumb*, the *Wii knee* and *Wiiitis*, which takes on a rare triple 'i'.

The Queen's English and how to use it
Bernard C. Lamb, President of the Queen's English Society

Walking for the Glaven Centre

Saturday 21 September

The Glaven Centre invites you to enjoy a choice of fundraising walks through the beautiful Glaven Valley on Saturday 21 September.

Setting off from the Art Café at Glandford, there is a walk for everyone. All routes are dog friendly. A 10k walk follows historic footpaths and bridle paths through the Bayfield Estate, over the Wiveton Downs to the coastal path and back. A gentler but equally glorious 5k circular walk through the Bayfield Estate crosses open farmland, woodland and wetland. Landowner Robin Combe will be on hand to talk about the local bird, insect and plant life. Families with toddlers can enjoy a gentle stroll (1k) down to Glandford Ford, stop off at the Glandford Shell Museum and climb the hill up to Glandford Church for some child friendly, creative church brass rubbing.

The Glaven Centre in Blakeney provides a local luncheon club, care and companionship for the elderly, and will use the monies raised through the walks to maintain its premises. The Glaven Centre will be very grateful for your support. There will be ample car parking at the Art Café which has kindly offered its amenities to walkers.

How to take part:

You can raise sponsorship for your walk or commit to £10 per walker on the day, or £15 for a Family 1K walk - tickets can be booked through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walking-for-the-glaven-tickets-62532902595>

Please email glavenwalks@outlook.com with any queries.

Thursday 10th - Saturday 12th October

Fakenham Parish Church, Market Square, Fakenham NR21 9BX

10.00am until 4.00pm each day

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Further details: 01328 878443

Smell the Roses ...

Emma Blount has an MA in Art for the Community from Roehampton University and she won the Award for Excellence from the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass. Emma grew up in North Norfolk and has recently moved back to the area to work as a fine artist glass painter. For over twenty years she has designed stained glass windows and painted on glass in London. An empowerer and a joy-bringer who calls out the inner beauty of everyone and everything, Emma loves drawing people and the beautiful wildlife of Norfolk.

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www.holtcommunitycentre.org.uk

Swanton Novers Harvest Service - Sunday 15 September at 6pm

Followed by Harvest Supper in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

£8.50 per head including wine

Booking essential through Rosemary on 860756

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September 11th and 25th
October 9th and 23rd

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If you feel able to donate any of these items we would be very grateful. Items for the foodbank may be left in the boxes provided at the back of each of the six churches. Alternatively the collection point in Holt is at the Youth Centre in Old Station Way on Fridays between 1pm and 2pm.

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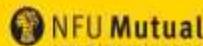
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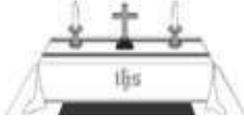
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September 2019

Sunday 25th August	11.00 am	Thornage	Benefice Service - Holy Communion
Sunday 1st September	09.30 am 11.00 am	Stody Thornage	Morning Prayer Holy Communion (BCP)
Wednesday 4th September	09.30 am 7.00 pm	St Maurice, Briningham Thornage Hall	Morning Prayer Informal Worship
Saturday 7th September	10.30 am - 3.00 pm	Belsey Bridge (formerly All Hallows)	Leading Your Church Into Growth
Sunday 8th September	09.30 am 11.00 am	BRISTON (not Brinton) Hunworth	Holy Communion Harvest Service
Wednesday 11th September	2.30 pm	Swanton Care Home	Informal Worship
<i>Saturday 14th September</i>	<i>6.00 pm onwards</i>	<i>Hunworth and Stody Village Hall</i>	<i>Harvest Supper - page 9</i>
Sunday 15th September	11.00 am 6.00 pm 7.30 pm	Briningham Swanton Novers Swanton Novers Village Hall	Morning Prayer Harvest Service Harvest Supper - page 15
Sunday 22nd September	11.00 am	Stody	Benefice Holy Communion
Sunday 29th September	11.00 am	Brinton	Benefice Service / Harvest Service
Monday 30th September	5.30 pm	Norwich Cathedral	Evensong - the Benefice of Briningham will be prayed for

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

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