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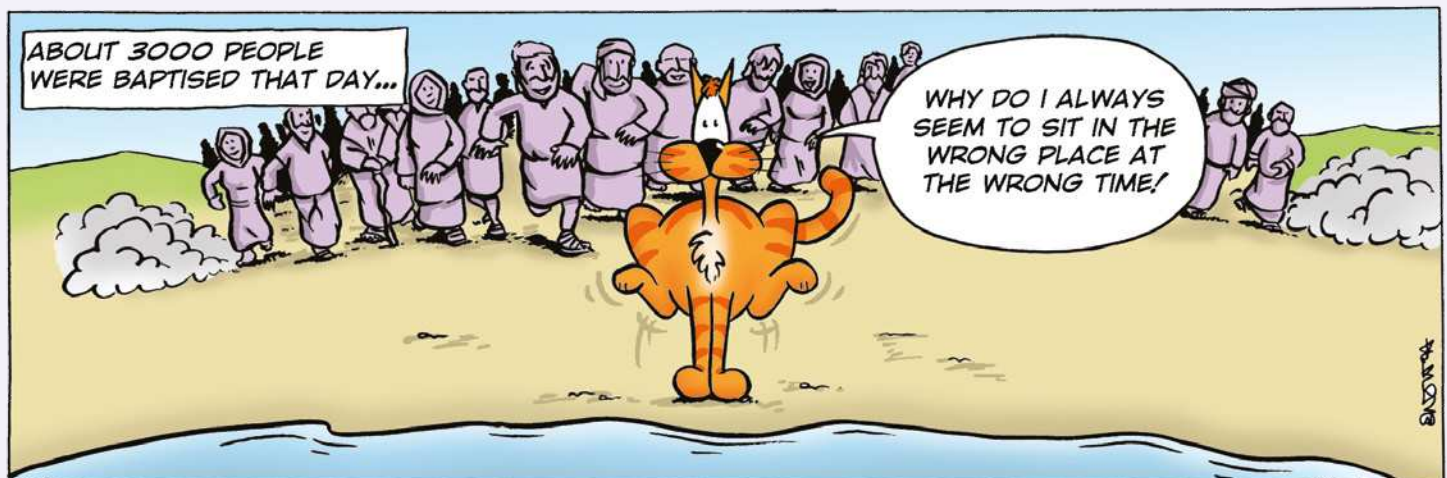
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From the Editor

World War One lasted a weary four years and re-wrote the map of Europe. Although it was not to be 'the war to end all wars' as history repeated itself just a few years later, the impact is still felt as we now stand at the centenary of its ending.

Today a cursory glance at our news screens or papers shows the despair and destruction still wrought around the world in conflicts that may seem far removed from us, especially if 'our' troops are not involved, but which impact our fellow humanity.

How can we, as Christians, respond? In our call to share the love of Jesus, how can we possibly have an impact in the face of such huge, often complicated issues? This issue is called "peace in our time" to encourage us to explore how we might ourselves be peace and bring peace.

In the Comment article (pg 4) Iain Turner muses that remembering the Armistice is an opportunity to consider being the change we wish to see in the world. Archdeacon Karen explores peace as a positive well-being state (pg 5) and Sami shares his personal view of a Christ-centered peacemaking approach in the main feature on page 6. The Archbishop of Canterbury has a passion for reconciliation and Susanna Gunner explains how this

will shape his visit to this Diocese in November (pg 10). Local parishes are playing their part in remembering those from their community who lost their lives in WW1 with examples from Felmingham (pg 15) and Overstrand (pg 23). The local community in Harleston sent their message of peace around the world and into space (pg 16).

All are examples of individuals and communities living out the love of God and establishing his kingdom values here. I'd like to leave you with a quote from Shane Claiborne that has stuck with me while producing this edition: *"Peacemaking doesn't mean passivity. It is the act of interrupting injustice without mirroring injustice, the act of disarming evil without destroying the evildoer, finding a third way that is neither fight nor flight, but the pursuit of reconciliation and justice."*

Blessings,



Barbara

Barbara Bryant
Editor

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Time for change

At 11 o'clock on 11 November many people will attend events to commemorate the signing of the Armistice a hundred years ago, when the guns fell silent and H.G.Well's "war to end all wars" finally drew to a close. In four years the world had seen the full horror of the industrialisation of death. The first day of the Battle of the Somme saw men fall like corn before the scythe as they advanced across open fields into the teeth of machine guns and mortars. 59,000 became casualties in a single day.

Many will read, or have read to them by a Girl Guide or local dignitary, the names on their war memorial. To most of us they are now sadly, just names. Those they loved and left behind are, for the most part, gone and their memory has faded. They are faceless, people with no stories and little meaning to us.

The Second World War produced even higher casualty numbers with 2,000 deaths for every 100,000 people in the general population. Today that figure stands at 1.5 per 100,000. That might tempt us to assume that we are finally bringing peace on earth and we are,

indeed, a far less violence-riven people than we were. In the 1950s there were six wars between sovereign nations and the figure now stands at less than one a year. Despite this, the 24-hour rolling news networks still manage to deliver footage of death and destruction on an hourly basis.

It seems our world is still at war, and it is. But things have changed. It is no longer strategically fought on battlefields by professionally trained, well equipped soldiers. It is now more likely to be an internal struggle, a vicious tribal or civil war. Where once the principal casualties were soldiers now they are civilians, especially women and children. The weapons of choice are not the huge cannons or machine guns of Passchendaele but rape, dismemberment, and ethnic cleansing.

The media often do not regard such events as worthy of reporting. The deaths of 40 people in Myanmar is not as likely to make the headlines as a team's loss in a World Cup semi-final. The systematic extermination of a town in Yemen will probably not attract the same weight as another minister resigning over Brexit. Why? The answer is that the victims,

like the names on our war memorials, are faceless. We do not know them and their remoteness from us strips away our compassion.

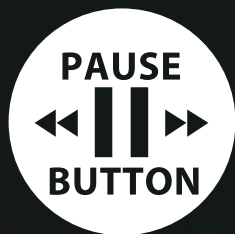
Ghandi suggested that we must be the change we wish to see in the world, and as Christians we must *be* the loving, forgiving, generous people that Christ asked us to be. We must stand up and make mature, informed political choices that are based not on self-interest, but on what is best for everyone in our whole world, not just our own corner of it. We must be the voice of the weak and the vulnerable.

Perhaps the Armistice is a time for change?



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Being at peace

Pease – a word we use a lot in church. “Peace be with you”, “Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth”, “The peace of God which passes all understanding...”

But how often do we stop to ask ourselves what we mean? What *is* it we are wishing each other when we say: “The peace of the Lord be with you”? It’s rooted in our biblical tradition – the opening greeting of the risen Christ, not to mention the countless opening greetings and parting blessings in Paul’s letters.

While the Greek word we translate from the New Testament as ‘peace’ would have been strongly associated with ‘absence of war’, the Hebrew understanding in the Old Testament was of a much wider concept. Here, peace, *shalom*, has a more positive connotation, embracing not just absence of war but a positive well-being; a state of wholeness and prosperity that is holistic – material, spiritual, and relational.

It is this wider sense of peace that was being proclaimed when Jesus was born and is the lasting gift of God with us.

Remembering this helps us to keep a balance between two false tendencies. One is to pursue ‘inner peace’, to concentrate only on our interior life for its own sake, forgetting the world outside. The other is to see peacemaking as being all about ‘them out there’ – the global conflicts, the public disputes. Such a peacemaker might avoid looking too closely at their own lack of peace within.

The beauty of the Christian gospel is that it holds both these together; indeed, one enables the other. As St Paul puts it in his letter to the Ephesians, talking about the long-standing and bitter divisions between Jews and Gentiles, “For he [Christ] is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us ... [that he] might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross.” (Eph 2:14,16)

In finding wholeness and forgiveness within the love of God, knowing ourselves to be loved, we are in a better position to be able to make peace with others. When Jesus says, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God”, I don’t think this is a

reward for being peacemakers. Rather, it is a recognition that it is their relationship with God that enables them to be peacemakers.

Peacemaking need not be about the public conflicts of the sort that feature in the news. Peacemaking might be a helpful listening ear to friend or family, an encouragement to get people talking to each other, an arranging of social opportunities. It might be going to talk to someone in church who is different from you, or who has different ideas, so that you can better understand them as a person and their perspective on church life.

And in times of trouble and turmoil, remember Jesus speaking into the storm on the Sea of Galilee, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was calm.



The Venerable Karen Hutchinson
Archdeacon of Norwich



A prophet for peace

Sami Awad is a Palestinian Christian and Director of The Holy Land Trust which is based in Bethlehem. Bishop Graham says: "I always get Sami to speak to our pilgrimage groups since he is engaged in peacemaking between Palestinians and Israeli Settlers. Scarcely anyone else is attempting such dialogue." Sami shares his personal view of a Christ-centered peacemaking approach.



The calling to be a peacemaker

Christianity's values include compassion, peace, and love. Christians seek to pray for and take care of the needy, the poor, and the sick as Jesus did. We acknowledge that Jesus taught us to love all people as our neighbours, even our enemies. This stems from His love for us. We believe that Christ came to us through God's love, and sacrificed His life on the cross out of his love for us (John 3:16).

If asked to recite a beatitude, Christians might well remember "Blessed are the peacemakers." This is at the heart of Christ's message. His birth was even announced to the world as the birth of the Prince of Peace. From the Magi who came to honour him after he was born to those who witnessed his ascension, many saw him as the one who came to bring freedom and eternal peace to his people and the world.

As a Palestinian Christian, I grew up with these teachings of the Christian faith, like many around the world. From my youngest years, I heard my grandmother and father talk about how our faith calls us to be peacemakers, how we are called to continuously forgive those who hurt and insult us, and how we are always to turn the other cheek when we are slapped.

I admire my grandmother 'Tata Huda' who lost her husband in the 1948 war, after he was shot by a sniper. She, with seven children, was evicted by the Israeli forces from her home. She became a refugee with no past to go back to and no future to move towards. With all that she suffered, she taught her children and grandchildren never to seek revenge and retaliation for evil and harmful actions – it goes against our faith.

The reality of 'occupation'

My admiration of Tata Huda was countered by a reality that I was born and raised in – an almost daily experience of the brutal Israeli military that controlled and suppressed every aspect of our life. It is hard to explain the deep fear and anger I grew up with, living under the Israeli military occupation.

As a child I saw armed soldiers walk the streets of Bethlehem abusing and hurting other Palestinians, some my age. I witnessed soldiers yelling at my



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father for no reason, and it hurt me. I stood with my parents outside Israeli military headquarters in the heat of the summer for many hours to get a piece of paper stamped, only to be told “come back tomorrow.” If you argued, you got in trouble. If you protested, you were arrested. If you resisted, you could be killed.

I grew up in a time where everything was denied for Palestinians. Even using the word 'Palestinian' was a violation of Israeli military orders. It was not just occupation, it was humiliation. I grew up full of resentment.

I got it, or so I thought.

At the age of 12, my life changed when I was introduced to nonviolent resistance by my uncle Mubarak Awad. He founded the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence. He began to teach nonviolence to the Palestinian community. He was arrested, abused, and insulted many times by Israelis for his work, even though he had many Israeli supporters. In 1988, he was deported from the land,

lost all rights to live in the land where his ancestors lived and where he was born. The Israeli authorities deported him because he resisted the Occupation through nonviolence.

Through his work, I saw the possibility of achieving freedom and justice for Palestinians, as well as peace between Palestinians and Israelis. I also saw how the work of Christ, who fully committed himself to nonviolence, might teach me to be a peacemaker in my situation. I committed my life to this in order to end the Israeli military occupation of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem (the 1967 occupied territories) and to establish peace, based on the framework of the two-state solution, one called Palestine and one called Israel.

In my mind, I convinced myself that this is what Jesus would be doing if he was living in my situation or any situation of violence in the world; he would stand with the oppressed against the oppressor, with the poor against the rich, with the occupied against the occupier. He would



Sami in conversation

do this through nonviolence to reach a peace agreement. Through following what I *thought* were his teachings, I would live in freedom in a beautiful democratic state called Palestine, and Israelis would live next door in peace and security in their own state. All war would end.

However, I probably focused on the word 'against' too many times for Christ's liking.

We continue to give to Caesar, even 'Peace'

In 1999, the peace process, known as the Oslo Peace Process, which was meant to achieve a political peace agreement, collapsed. A time of incredible violence and pain followed as Palestinians clashed with the Israeli military and with settlers. The failure of the peace process was particularly painful. It took me on a deep quest to find out why we had failed to achieve peace. Why couldn't we reach the agreement that everyone agreed to reach? On a personal level, I began to wonder if I was truly doing what Christ called me to be, if I was truly being a peacemaker.

While on my quest, I realised that there is a distinction between peacemaking as simple humans and peacemaking as Christ exemplified. We often mix the two together; we give to Caesar and think we are giving to God. The scripture which revealed this to me was Matthew 5:44: "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." I never learned that when I did my Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution!

I realised we often look at peace in an earthly, political manner. This peace is not wrong, and Jesus did not deny Caesar

his space in the world. Yet, he called his followers to something different, something greater. The peace of Caesar is the one that aims at reaching political agreements between nations and states, in order to maintain some sense of national stability, development, and prosperity. During the reign of Caesar, many peoples, groups and nations had peace and prosperity. This kind of peace is the dominating peace today and many of us think it is the only kind of peace to reach. This is our inhabited paradigm.

The peacemaking that Jesus teaches

While it is not wrong to seek political peace, Jesus calls us to that which transcends political and legal agreements. He calls for a peace that is embedded in the unity of the human family, a peace which is manifested in the fullness of heaven, which encompasses our earthly lives today.

He never presented a political manifesto. He never offered a political solution to the Roman-Jewish conflict in Palestine. He never engaged in shuttle diplomacy between Rome and Jerusalem, to bring conflicting views closer together. He never even held workshops of dialogue circles for people from 'both sides' to come and share their points of view and find common ground.

His actions on earth, nonviolent at their core, were to empower and heal the weak and to challenge and liberate the strong from their attachment to power. Now, his peace process is the journey of liberating us from the constraints that do not allow us to live our lives the way God intends.

Jesus heals in order to free us from trauma and fear. He shows us how to be motivated by love in all that we do – love is not only a means, but an end. He opens our eyes to see a vision of peace that is heavenly and beyond imagination, yet which can also be possible here on earth.

To be a peacemaker, as Christ calls us, means to sacrifice ourselves to be ready to face persecution, because it leads to peace greater than one Caesar can ever imagine. Jesus did not necessarily oppose the law but knew that we can do even greater things than the law offers.

In the context of the Holy Land, and in war situations around the world, this is the kind of peacemaker we need: peacemakers who are healed from fear and are fully motivated by love, who see everyone as created in the image of God, who are not only motivated by reaching a stable agreement, but also building the kingdom foundation that will sustain an agreement. This is love, justice, mercy, and equality for all.



Find out more about The Holy Land Trust here: holylandtrust.org
Read more of Sami's writing at his blog site: samiawad.wordpress.com

Further ideas...

on peace and WW1 commemorations

Church of England worship and prayer materials put together by members of the Liturgical Commission, are available at www.churchofengland.org/first-world-war-centenary



100 Days of Peace + Hope

A set of resources and activities that can be used with youth groups or churches to help focus on our calling as Christians to be peacemakers and to bring hope through the good news of Jesus. www.remembrance100.co.uk



Week of prayer for world peace

Initially a Christian initiative, this week soon became an interfaith activity. The guiding principle of the week: 'The peace of the world must be prayed for by the faiths of the world'. In 2018 this will be Sunday, 14 to 21 October. www.weekofprayerforworldpeace.com

The Network of Christian Peace Organisations (NCPO) is a UK-based ecumenical network committed to furthering peace and encouraging our churches to support the peace movement. As a network

and as individual organisations, they produce a variety of resources. ncpo.org.uk



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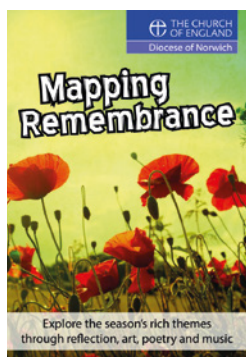
Shane Claiborne and Ben Cohen (of Ben & Jerry's ice cream) co-authored this guide of stories of reconciliation and grace, quotes, reflections, and questions for groups and individuals to discuss and discern how they can help make a more peaceful world a reality. The DVD contains over two hours of testimonials, together with visual art and music, to provoke participants to imagine humanity with fewer bombs and more ice cream. Guide £38.50; DVD £19.50 available from Eden Books at goo.gl/j8Ef2X



Mapping Remembrance

A series of six 'maps' focusing on All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday. Drawing on the arts and topical issues to enrich textual study and theological reflection.

The 'maps' in this series offer ideas, information and an introduction to a whole range of resources and may be particularly useful to those who lead worship, lay or ordained. A free resource to local parishes 01603 880853 shop.dioceseofnorwich.org



Remembrance resources for children and youth work

For young people it can be hard to engage in something that happened so long ago, so the focus often needs to be on the future – and it is here that churches can bring Jesus' message of hope, reconciliation, compassion and grace to bear. **Jonathan Richardson** offers some resources you might draw on in your church or schools work.

Barnabas in Schools work in primary schools throughout England and Wales. They have created a range of remembrance resources from reflective stories and lesson plans to craft activities. www.barnabasinschools.org.uk/find/all/ideas/1/remembrance+day

Messy Remembrance is a resource developed in 2014 but is equally valid this year. This resource is set out as a typical Messy Church menu of ideas for crafts and activities and an outline for the celebration. www.messychurch.org.uk/resource/messy-remembrance

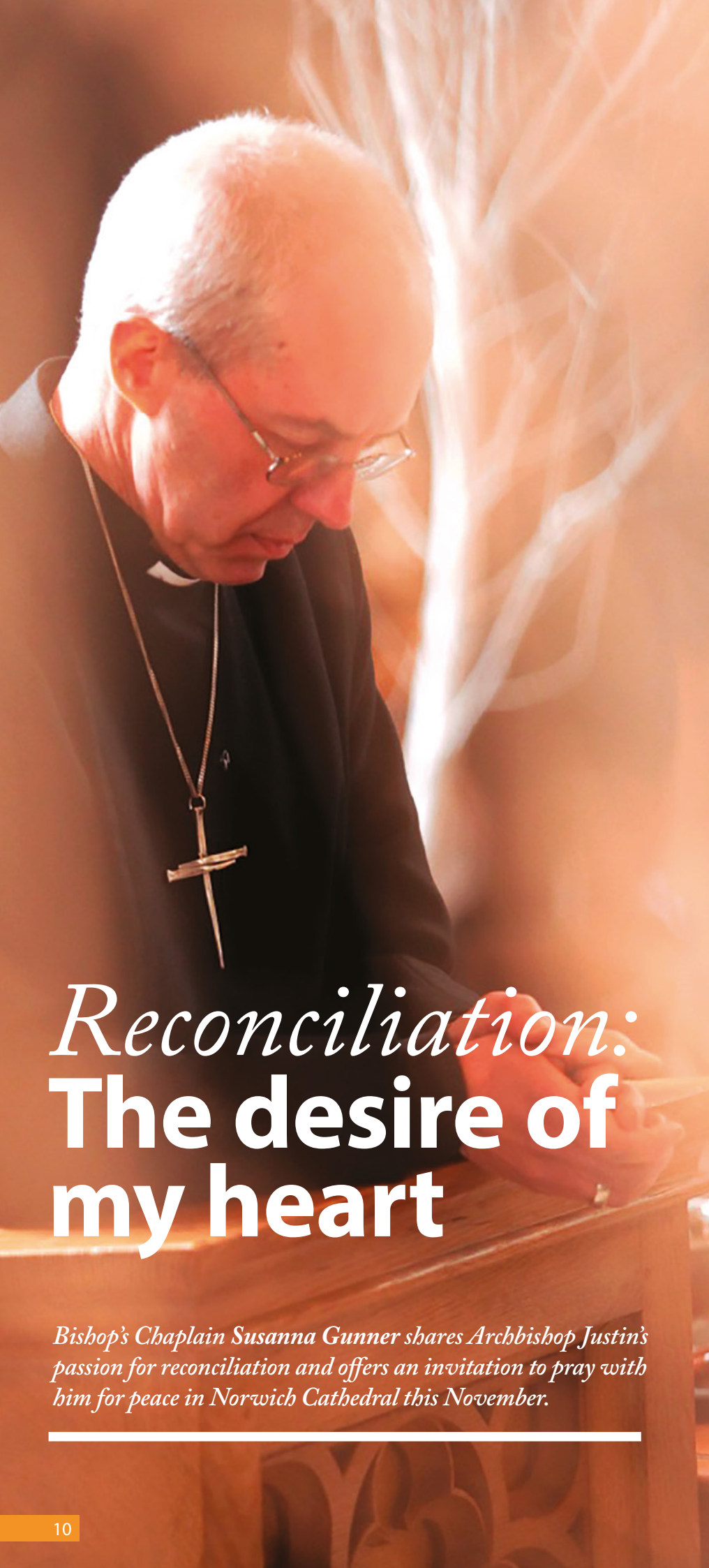
BBC World War One Assembly Pack

– another resource developed in 2014 but with some really useful video and audio clips that can be used in other settings – such as youth groups or all age worship. goo.gl/AY7EZN



Edit Cavell – Faith Before the Firing Squad – a book and set of PowerPoint slides that can be used with a youth group to explore living out your faith during conflict. www.hopetogether.org.uk/groups/265838/edit_cavell.aspx

For more ideas and resources, see the Diocese of Norwich website: www.dofn.org/remembrance



Reconciliation: **The desire of my heart**

Bishop's Chaplain Susanna Gunner shares Archbishop Justin's passion for reconciliation and offers an invitation to pray with him for peace in Norwich Cathedral this November.

The pectoral cross which Archbishop Justin wears every day speaks volumes about him. It is, as you will see in the photo to the left, fashioned from three nails, and an extraordinary story lies behind it.

On the night of 14 November 1940, German bombs fell on Coventry. Much of the city was destroyed and the medieval cathedral was left in ruins. In the days that followed the Cathedral Provost, Dick Howard made a commitment not to seek revenge, but to strive for forgiveness and reconciliation with those responsible.

Two burnt roof beams – which had fallen in the rubble in the shape of a cross – were bound together and placed where the altar had been. Behind them were written the words, 'Father Forgive'. Provost Howard also picked up three medieval roof nails and formed them into Coventry's first Cross of Nails. It quickly became a symbol of his commitment to work with those who had been enemies "to build a kinder, more Christ-like world", a potent sign of friendship and hope in the post-war years, small but powerfully prophetic.

Ever since then, Coventry's new cathedral, rebuilt next to the ruins, has become a centre for peacemaking around the world. And between 2002 and 2006, the man who is now our Archbishop served as its Canon for Reconciliation.

In that role he travelled to some of the most badly war-torn areas of the world – Rwanda, South Sudan, Congo, the Middle East – and always he took crosses of nails with him to give to the Christian communities he was visiting.

"To this day," he reflects, "the cross I presented in Bujumbura (Burundi) remains within the sound of gunfire. This symbol is not one of ivory tower isolation: it speaks into the very heart of the wars, torture and terror that so fill our world."

When he arrived at Lambeth, Archbishop Justin revealed his top three priorities and there, along with prayer and evangelism sits reconciliation. The Christ "who reconciles us to God through his death on the cross" informs the Archbishop's own longing for reconciliation, which, he says, "shapes almost everything I think of. It's the desire of my heart to find ways we can

transform destructive, violent conflict into non-violent disagreement and the embrace of diversity.”

When Archbishop Justin comes to this Diocese in November, we will be just a few days away from the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1 and this, combined with his passion for reconciliation, has contributed strongly to the shaping of his programme. The theme of reconciliation, in fact, tops and tails his visit here.

Elsewhere in this magazine, you can read about *The Big Sing for Peace* with school-children from King's Lynn which we hope will bring the Archbishop's three days in our Diocese to a rousing and moving conclusion, but I would like to tell you now about the event which will act as a launchpad for his journey around our Diocese. More than that, I would like to invite you to be part of it!

Though he will be in the east and the west of the Diocese on the days that follow, the Archbishop will come to Norwich on Wednesday 7 November for an evening at the Cathedral given over entirely to an exploration of reconciliation.

In the context of the WW1 anniversary, the evening will highlight not only our world's desperate need for peace today but also the fact that every single one of us is called to be a peacemaker. 'Blessed are the peacemakers', Jesus tells us. 'Love your enemies'. But what might this actually look like in your life and mine? We hope this event will offer lots of ideas.

Everyone is warmly invited to the evening – to all of it or as much as you can manage. It will begin at 5.30pm with Choral Evensong and end at 9.15pm after Compline by Candlelight. At 6.30pm, you will be able to spend time moving around some specially devised Stations of Reconciliation.

Norfolk's own WW1 heroine Edith Cavell will be the inspiring focus at one of them, as will the memorials to the fallen in St Saviour's Chapel. There will be a Field of Remembrance, a Labyrinth of Light and many other imaginative springboards to praying for the peace of the nations.

At the font, we will be able to remember our calling as baptised children of God to work with him for reconciliation as well as the times we fail in this. We will stand before a Cross of Nails six feet high

constructed from many hundreds of small crosses of nails, remembering Coventry, remembering Provost Howard's first such cross fashioned from scorched and twisted nails, remembering the way in which God 'makes all things new'.

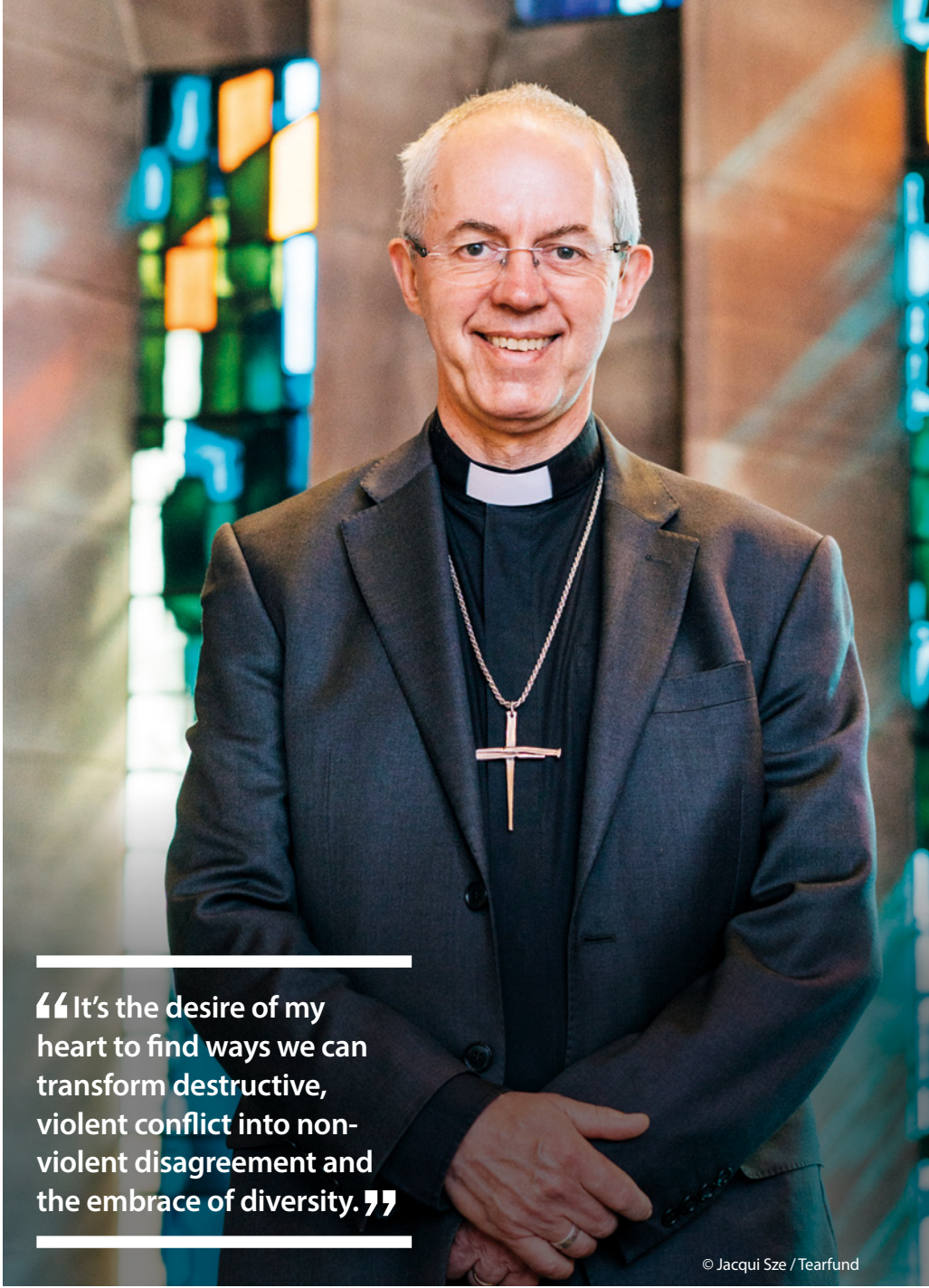
At 7.15pm, Bishop Graham will chair 'Reflections on Reconciliation' and we will listen to opening contributions from a richly diverse panel including Pastor Rolf Stahl from Koblenz, Norwich's German twin-town; Dr Marian Prinsley, President of the Norwich Hebrew Congregation; those who will speak about the need for reconciliation in a world peopled by homeless refugees and also in a divided Church.

In response to these initial reflections, the Archbishop will make his own presentation before leading us into a time of gathered silence and prayer.

There will then be more time for people to make their pilgrimage around the Stations of Reconciliation before Compline brings the evening to a close.

Archbishop Justin holds a unique position in which to bring people together in conversation, to encourage those at odds to listen better to each other, to grow in understanding for the other's position, to learn to live creatively with difference. But, without exception, each of us is called by God to share in his holy work of reconciliation.

The Archbishop hopes you and many hundreds of others will join him on Wednesday 7 November. If you cannot be with us, please pray with us, pray for peace in our time and pray for a sharpened sense of call among all Christians to be ambassadors of peace.



“It's the desire of my heart to find ways we can transform destructive, violent conflict into non-violent disagreement and the embrace of diversity.”

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The Big Sing for Peace with Archbishop Justin

It was St Augustine who is reputed to have said “Those who sing pray twice”. We saw plenty of people singing their prayers during the Football World Cup! Corporate singing has the ability to bond people across all sorts of boundaries and goes deeper than just the physical experience – singing together is an activity which connects our heart, soul and mind.

Ephesians 5:19 says: “Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” and we see the same thing in Colossians 3:13–16: the encouragement to sing comes on the heels of bearing with one another, forgiving one another, putting on love, being at peace as one united body of Christ, and teaching God’s Word to one another.

On Friday 9 November the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will visit King’s Lynn. An important component of his time in the town will be a large-scale event in King’s Lynn Minster involving local children in a memorable and meaningful musical event – ‘The Big Sing for Peace’.

When Archbishop Justin is in King’s Lynn, we will be just two days away from the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War, and this, combined with his passion for and expertise in reconciliation, lie behind the shaping of this event. Longing for peace and striving for it is something all human beings can share whatever their background: it will be very special to celebrate the town’s rich diversity by gathering together children and adults of all faiths and none, and representing many different cultures.

Emma Scarisbrick, Headteacher at St Michael’s C of E Academy, says: “The Big Sing for Peace is an opportunity for children in King’s Lynn to come together to understand a common aim for peace and what it means to us; from our past

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These photos were taken of children from Diocese of Norfolk schools singing at the Norfolk Show

history and for our futures. Singing together is a positive and empowering act which provides us all with messages of hope and unity.”

The Minster will be filled with Year 6 pupils from the six nearby schools and academies who will come together to raise the roof in song. The Archbishop will respond in words, sharing inspiring stories of some peacemakers he has met in his travels across the globe and talking with the children briefly about reconciliation in its many forms. The event will end with a dramatic symbol of peace which we hope those present will remember for ever!

“King’s Lynn includes a strong migrant community, so we trust that God understands our prayers during the event which will be written in languages totally unknown to me!” comments The Revd Canon Christopher Ivory from King’s Lynn Minster. “For over a third of members of our schools and academies, English is not their first language, but in the schools and especially in the Minster, there are no divisions, we are at one, united in a common purpose with a common mind. That’s how it should be everywhere. Whatever the divisions of the past, the future is in singing together.”



Meeting Edith –

peace and turmoil combine in Norwich Cathedral

As many will know, WW1 national heroine Matron Edith Cavell is buried in the grounds of Norwich Cathedral, a place she loved, having grown up in the village of Swardston. Edith was born in the vicarage there in 1865. Janet Marshall, Head of Schools & Family Learning at the Cathedral, takes up the tale.

In 2014 Edith went on the KS1 History curriculum nationally. As I researched, I became inspired by the powerful poignancy of Edith's strong faith. I knew that in our tranquil, sacred space, we had to find a way of bringing this and her heroic actions alive for children. When it emerged, the tragic end to her story, recalling how she was shot dead by a German firing squad in 1915, was a tough call for children aged six and seven!

I then discovered the bond Edith had with her dog Jack. He was with her each time she led soldiers to safety in Brussels, she wrote about him in letters from prison. Jack was her friend and solace amidst the challenges of nursing and war. I realised that he was my connecting thread. Edith's costumed character and a dog puppet were born! 'Meet Matron Edith Cavell' has now become one of our most popular programmes both in the cathedral and out in schools.

From day one it was crucial to ensure that this was not a ' twee' entertaining puppet show. As the children gather in our peaceful cathedral or in their own classroom, Edith demonstrates her love for Jesus, her friend and saviour who underpins all that she does. Jack helps them to explore the qualities of loyalty, love, trust and service.

The biggest challenge of all is when Edith and Jack make the transition from peace to war-torn Brussels. It is then that Edith's faith and commitment to care for *all* people no matter what, as Jesus would have done, are put to the test.

Self-sacrifice, reliance on prayer and commitment become the key messages.

Together the children explore, very simply, the sadness and futility of war. At the end of her story Edith comes out of character and together we grapple with big questions. Jack gently guides this and somehow defuses the utter tragedy of what has taken place. Young children are able to embrace this and ask those bold questions. Often we acknowledge together that sometimes there are no answers.

Sometimes children wish to share times of turmoil, grief and worry in their own little lives and we recall those who live with war across our world. As we light a candle together at the end, we offer all this either as special thoughts or as prayers to God (often there are different world faiths or none in our classes). We spend time reflecting on the worth and purpose of their own lives as special people, and our world's need for commitment to peace.

You may think this is a tall order, but 'from the mouths of babes'... I continue to be inspired by our young pilgrims on life's journey.

To find out more or book a school visit, contact Janet on **01603 218320**, headofschools@cathedral.org.uk


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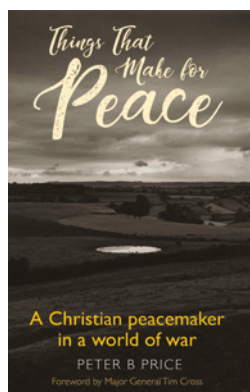
A selection of resources on the theme of peace, reviewed by Steve Foyster.

Things That Make for Peace

A Christian Peacemaker in a World of War

Peter B Price

Darton, Longman & Todd
(2018) £12.99
Revelation price £11.00



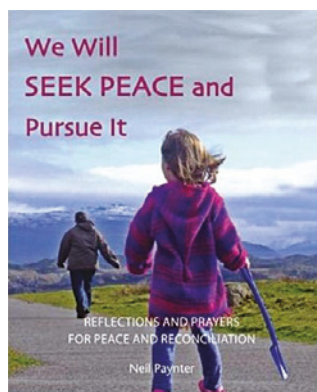
Peter Price draws on his experiences during forty years of working on the frontline of reconciliation and peace-building in Northern Ireland, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East. He explores what it really means to respond to the Biblical call to "turn from evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it" (Psalm 34:14). He questions what is required of Christians today in the light of the increasing number of wars, insurgencies and genocides. He explores whether a deeper understanding of what true peacemaking costs is an answer to the continuing question, "Does the Christian message sanction war?" From the very first page the author shows us that peacemaking is not a metaphor for soft and fluffy ideas, but the hard work of being honest in a broken world.

We Will Seek Peace and Pursue It

Reflections and Prayers for Peace and Reconciliation

Neil Paynter

Wild Goose Publications
(2015) £11.50
Revelation price £10.00



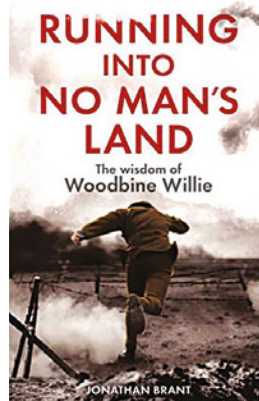
A book of readings, reflections and prayers that can be used for personal and group reflection or as a worship resource, the title deriving from one of the closing responses of the morning service at Iona Abbey. The contents embrace "the bombs, bullets and landmines we drop into the hearts of other people's lives and those who strive to work for peace and reconciliation throughout the world". Edited by renowned Wild Goose author Neil Paynter, with over 20 contributors, many of whom are friends or associates of the Iona Community, which from its inception has been engaged in working for reconciliation and peace.

Running into No Man's Land

The Wisdom of Woodbine Willie

Jonathan Brant

CWR (2014) £7.99
Revelation price £7.00



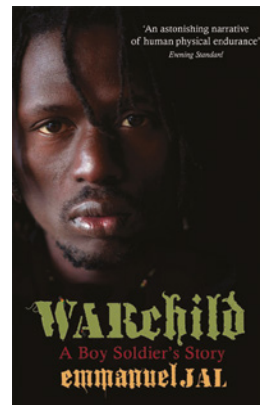
Using biography with reflections linked to biblical readings, Jonathan Brant delves deep into the life and wisdom of the remarkable priest and poet, Geoffrey Studdart Kennedy, better known as Woodbine Willie. Studdart Kennedy's reflections and poetry were inspired by the heat of battle, while running into no man's land, rescuing the wounded and encouraging frightened soldiers under bombardment in the trenches of the Western Front. In the face of terror he wrestled with God, trying to find fresh answers to life's toughest questions. His wisdom still retains its power to speak to a 21st-century audience that struggles with doubt, confusion, disillusionment and sometimes even despair.

War Child

A Boy Soldier's Story

Emmanuel Jal

Abacus Books (2010) £9.99
Revelation price £9.00



Emmanuel Jal was just seven years old when he became a soldier and went into battle with the rebel army in Sudan's bloody civil war. Believing he was being sent to school he trekked his way to a refugee camp in Ethiopia, where he became one of the 'Lost Boys of Sudan'. After nearly five years of fighting, Emmanuel was smuggled into Kenya by Emma McCune, a British aid worker. He finally began his childhood and an education. When Emma tragically died he struggled to find a purpose in his life, but eventually through the power of prayer and music as a rap star he succeeded. A story of one boy's incredible survival and triumph over immense adversity.

We will remember them

To mark the centenary of World War One, Revd Keith Dally, Priest-in-Charge of the United Benefice of Kings Beck, set out in 2014 to research the names on the Rolls of Honour of the six Churches of the Benefice – Banningham, Colby, Felmingham, Skeyton, Suffield and Tuttington.

Altogether there were 46 names from the First World War and 15 from the Second. In fact, during the process two additional names that were not recorded were discovered. A booklet was eventually produced detailing the information on each person, such as age, regiment, date and place of death, and so on.

During the last four years, commemorations have been held at the relevant war memorials to mark the centenary of the fallen from the 1914-18 conflict. On several occasions, living relatives have attended these services and added some background to what had already been found.

One such case was that of Private Lacey Pike (pictured top left). Lacey, who is remembered on the Suffield memorial, was born in Colby in 1896 and died at Gallipoli on 12 August 1915. He was a member of the so-called 'vanished battalion' of the 1st/5th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment, who disappeared in battle. The Regiment had stormed high ground and charged into a wood, never to be seen again, although the remains of 122 men were found in an unmarked grave in 1919.

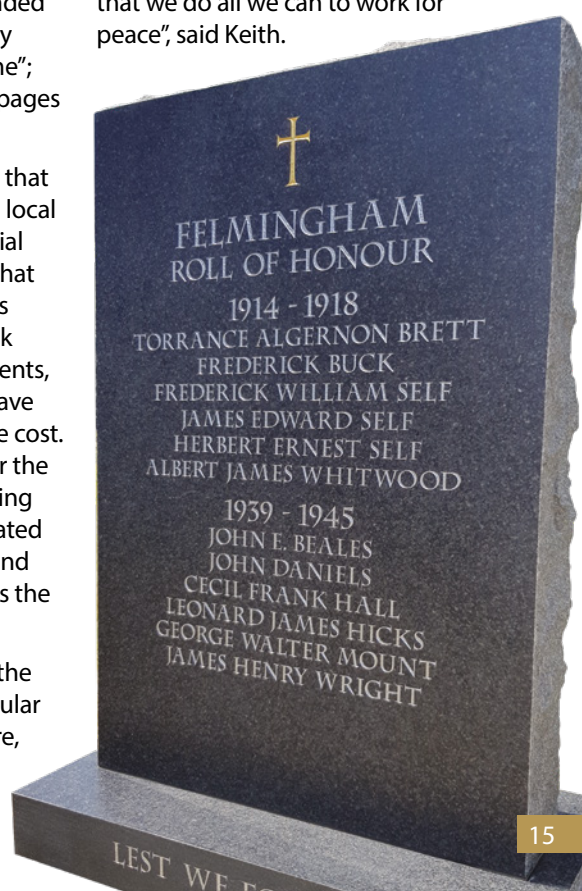
Keith recalls, "I was invited to meet some of his descendants and they shared the following poignant story. When Lacey

went off to join the Regiment, he asked his family to look after his special money box, which was in the shape of a cat. 'Look after it until I get back' he said as he left. During my meeting with the family they handed me that very money box. It was a very special and emotional moment for me"; said Keith, "it took the stories off the pages and made them very real."

During this period, it was recognised that Felmingham is the only village in the local area without an external war memorial and the church committee decided that this needed addressing. A design was drawn up by a local stonemason, Nick Hindle (pictured top right), and residents, local organisations and businesses have been asked to contribute towards the cost. The memorial was in place in time for the church's flower festival at the beginning of August and Bishop Graham dedicated it during a service on 5 August. The end of the 1914-18 conflict also figured as the central display of the festival.

"The whole process has highlighted the effect of the First World War, in particular on our small rural communities where, in some cases, three members of

the same family lost their lives. The lessons of these and subsequent conflicts must be learned to ensure that man's inhumanity to man is something to be deplored and that we do all we can to work for peace", said Keith.



Harleston champions of peace

Almost a year ago The Magazine let everyone know that St John's Harleston had been invaded by cranes. Thankfully, it was a peaceful invasion of 1,000 paper origami cranes, each a folded message of peace from local school children. Rector Nigel Tufnell tells us more.



I became involved when the organisers asked whether they could use our church to display the cranes to the town. As a minister of peace, how could I refuse?

One of the organisers ensured that each one of the 1,000+ messages penned by our school children, residents, parishioners, community volunteers and others who came to see the cranes flying in St John's was photographed – and this digital record of their thoughts and wishes about peace, together

with photographs of highlights of an astonishingly far-reaching project, will be a lasting archive for the town, St John's and everyone who contributed to it, or simply enjoyed it.

Another of the organisers was particularly moved by the messages written on the cranes by the children. She loved the directness from "We're all different – deal with it" to the poetic wistfulness of "To all people out there, our cranes do need care; and people need nurses, and some people need

purses; and stop people being dead so they can go to bed. Can you make leaders not make war, because it makes people poor? Peace."

Since then the cranes have flown and what an adventure they have had!

The cranes were given a grand send off in St John's before their wing-tips were taken in a clear sphere, representing the planet, to New York to coincide with the UN Peace Day in September last year. They landed briefly at the UN building



before going to Ground Zero to share their message of peace at the memorial.

Then in February our little Peace Cranes went on their greatest adventure: up 22 miles to the very edge of space. The wing-tips in their round plastic space suit hitched a ride on a research balloon fitted with a video camera to record the journey. Then they parachuted safely to the ground, but not before becoming the highest peace messages in the world, at least for a little while.

Our peace travellers returned home to Harleston before heading off once more; this time to the peace memorial in Hiroshima. There they joined their call for peace with those of thousands of other Peace Cranes from across Japan and around the world. Finally, the wing tips returned to Harleston, where the cranes from which they were cut were ignited in a moving ceremony, releasing their messages of peace to the wind, one final time.

"This amazing project made a long-term impression on many people, says Robin Twigge. "For me, personally, the journey gave me so many new experiences – but it was all about world peace; how precious our world is; and how to keep the passion for a united peace integral to our daily lives. How good that our paper wing tips left at Hiroshima will, in recycled form, enable the story to go on."

Ian Carstairs, who devised and co-ordinated the project, was delighted with the way it blossomed: "It has been amazing to see a simple idea grow to link our community to other significant places through this most important message of all," he said, emphasising particularly the inspired support of Robin Twigge, Chairman of Harleston's Future who took the wing tips to New York and Hiroshima, and Pat Webb, Peace Officer East Anglia for Rotary International, who co-ordinated the involvement of local schools.

For me it has been a real joy to be a small part in this project, cheering on our little champions of peace and sharing their adventures on Facebook and Twitter. Thank you to those already mentioned for making all of this possible, as well as to the warden and people of St John's for making the cranes so welcome.

WW1 song competition for children



Trying to bring the stories and impact of The Great War alive to children today is a tough task. Mulbarton Community Choir is running a competition to coincide with the centenary celebrations of the end of World War One. The Musical Director, the Revd Andrew North, explains.

Having been awarded a grant from South Norfolk Council, Mulbarton Community Choir is looking for a student to write new words to the chorus 'Song of Liberty', a poem set to Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4.

The competition is open to all children of school age – whether at home, in school, or in a youth group or uniformed group. One winner will be chosen from each of two categories, primary and secondary.

Both winners will hear their lyrics read out during Mulbarton Community Choir's Remembrance concert on Saturday 10 November in St Remigius' Church, Hethersett. There will be one overall winner, whose entry will be performed by the choir at the Remembrance concert. The overall winning entry will be announced on the night of the concert.

The winner of each category will win £25 for themselves and two complimentary tickets to Mulbarton Community Choir's Remembrance concert with Norfolk Wherry Brass.

They will also win a WW1 themed book for their school's library, to be presented to the school by representatives of the choir. The overall winner will win an additional £25 for themselves.

All the relevant information, including local primary and secondary lesson plans, can be found on the Diocese of Norwich website: **www.dofn.org/remembrance**. These lesson plans are designed to help schools use the competition as part of their curriculum. There are also rules and entry forms.

This competition is an engaging way for young people to be part of the World War One Centenary commemorations. If you like writing poetry, or have ever written the lyrics to a song, this is a wonderful opportunity to hear your writing sung by a choir!

The closing date for entries is 5pm, Friday 19 October. Entries should be sent to Lin Goram, either by email at **mcc-competition@outlook.com**, or by post to: 31 Catmere Herne, Mulbarton, Norfolk, NR14 8NU.

Outside the wire

Recently, it has been recognised that some active and veteran service personnel have been affected by Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Biddy Collyer found out more about a local charity that offers support.

One way of coping with the distress that PTSD brings is to self-medicate using alcohol and drugs. This may help in the short-term, but its effects can cause havoc for those suffering and their families. Outside The Wire is the only organisation that combines support for both. Most of the team are ex-service personnel. Not only do they understand, they also speak the lingo; very important when you are building trust with clients.

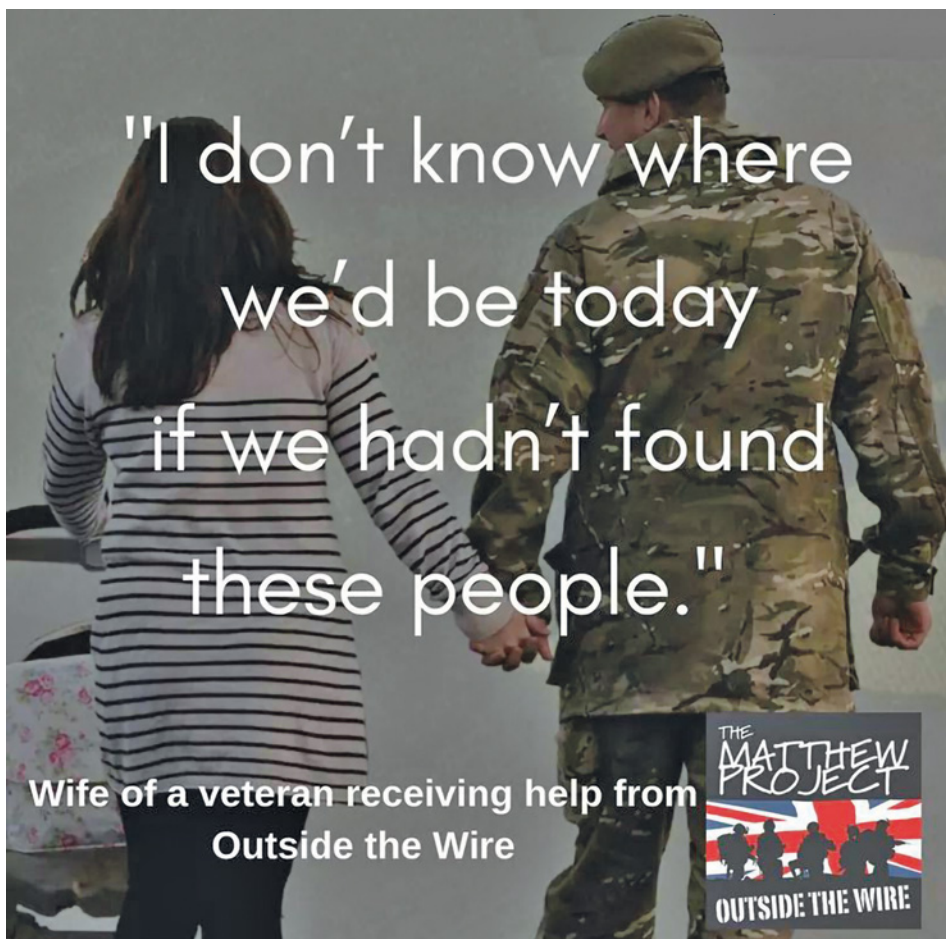
Started in June 2013, Outside The Wire is part of The Matthew Project, a Norfolk-wide charity with a Christian ethos. The manager is Wayne Copsey, who served in the RAF Regiment for 23 years, joining at 18. He saw active service in Northern Ireland, the first Gulf War and Kosovo, so knows at first hand the impact such a life has had, on both him and his family. Wayne says his passion for the work comes from wanting to give something back.

It can be difficult for those currently serving to admit that there is something wrong, so referrals often come via the anonymity of the website or through agencies such as SSAFA, The Royal British Legion, and the NHS. Families can be the first to realise there is a problem, so they can get in contact directly.

Outside The Wire acts as a bridge to specialist support offered by organisations such as Combat Stress, with access to a six-week treatment programme. They will continue to offer confidential support afterwards, knowing that episodes of PTSD can reoccur.

Main funders include the Royal British Legion, the Army Benevolent Fund and money from the LIBOR banking fines. Finance from these funders has enabled Outside The Wire to expand into Suffolk and Essex.

The outcomes have been positive. Since Tom* left the Army he had found it very hard to settle back into civilian life. This was compounded by a sense of low esteem and avoidance of social interaction, and a suicide attempt. These problems were the cause of Tom's excessive drinking, which unfortunately had led to his three-year driving ban.



Married with a family of four, he requested help in August 2016. Tom has been abstinent from alcohol for several months and through their help, he has regained his licence early. His emotional mental health is improving, and the whole family dynamics are happier. Tom said, "Since engaging with Outside The Wire, my whole life has been turned around; I am more settled in my family and work life and I have a more positive outlook on life thanks to their continuing support."

The service is appreciated by local clergy. "Sheringham and its local area has always had many close links with the military,"

explains the Revd Christian Heycocks. "Lots of people in the local community are ex-forces personnel and many more have family members currently serving all around the world. Many of our local homeless community are also ex-forces."

"St Peter's and other local church communities have continuously supported charities and groups working with ex-forces personnel and we are very much aware of the valuable work currently being done by Outside the Wire and look forward to continuing to support their efforts and collaborating with them on future project work."



Mon 24

PAKEFIELD Clergy: Sharon Lord. Reader: Trudie Jackson.
Norwich Cathedral: its mission and ministry. DNEAT Operations Team, Howard Nelson and Sharon Money.
Diocese of Ibba (South Sudan): Bishop Wilson Elisa Kamani.

Tue 25

SOMERLEYTON: Ashby, Blundeston, Fritton, Herringfleet, Lound, Somerleyton.
Clergy: Glen Brooks. Blundeston CofE VC Primary School
DNEAT Business Manager, Jenny Pringle; Governance Manager, Jill Wakefield; Improvement Director, Simon Morley.
Diocese of Idah (Nigeria): Bishop Joseph Musa.

Wed 26

DEANERY OF LYNN Rural Dean: James Nash. Lay Chair: Helen Steele.
DNEAT Finance Team: David Fannon, Imogen Cox, Jaye Valori and Scott Buxton.
Dioceses of Idaho and Indianapolis (Episcopal Church of USA): Bishops Brian Thom and Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows.

Thu 27

GAYTON, GRIMSTON, MASSINGHAM AND DISTRICT TEAM MINISTRY :
Ashwicken with Leziate, Bawsey and Mintlyn, Congham, East Walton, Gayton, Gayton Thorpe, Great Massingham, Grimston, Harpley, Little Massingham, Roydon. Clergy: Jane Holmes, Judith Pollard. Readers: Joy Smith, Helen Steele.
Ashwicken CofE VA Primary School, Gayton CofE VC Primary School, Great Massingham CofE VC Primary School, Harpley CofE VC Primary School
DNEAT Professional Support Team: Louise Rosen, Oliver Burwood and Karen Gay. Contracts and Compliance Assistant, Fiona Garner.
Diocese of Ideato (Nigeria): Bishop Caleb Maduoma.

Fri 28

GAYWOOD Clergy: Julie Boyd, Karlene Kerr, Laura Purnell. Reader: Daphne Sampson.
Our Mission Enabling Team: Heather Cracknell, Tim Yau, Deb Cousins, Simon Fenn, Jonathan Richardson and Rachel Foster. Diocesan IT Admin Assistant, James Hodson.
Diocese of Idoani (Nigeria): Bishop Ezekiel Dahunsi.

Sat 29

KING'S LYNN GROUP (SOUTH LYNN):South Lynn Clergy: Adrian Ling, Paul Norwood, Joshua Bell. St Michael's CofE Academy (King's Lynn), Whitefriars CofE Primary Academy (King's Lynn)
The Horstead Centre, its mission and ministry: Josie Barnett and the Board of Trustees.
Diocese of Ife (Nigeria): Bishop Oluwole Odubogun.

St Michael and All Angels

Sun 30

BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)
The Horstead Centre's Administrative Team, Elaine Cissell and Louisa Taylor, and Senior Instructor, Chris Martlew. The United Reformed Church: Paul Whittle, Eastern Synod Moderator.
The Church of the Province of Uganda and Archbishop Stanley Ntagali.

Trinity 18

Prayer Calendar

September 2018



Sat 1

DEANERY OF LODDON Rural Dean: David Owen. Lay Chair: John Lowrey.
Diocesan Secretary Richard Butler, PA Gemma Bradley and Executive Administrator, Hazel Weaver.
Diocese of Guildford: Bishops Andrew Watson and Jo Bailey Wells.

Sun 2

BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)
Pray that our Mission Strategy 2021 may be an effective tool as we seek renewal and fresh inspiration for proclaiming the good news across this diocese.
The Anglican Church of South America and Archbishop Gregory Venables.

Trinity 14

Mon 3

BRAMERTON GROUP MINISTRY (ROCKLAND): Bramerton, Carleton Saint Peter, Claxton, Kirby Bedon and Whittingham, Rockland St Mary, Surlingham.
Clergy: John and Wendy Shaw as they prepare for retirement. Readers: Hubert Hedge, Evelyn Hedge.
Archdeacons Steven and Karen, and Ian Bentley as he prepares for his installation as Archdeacon of Lynn next Sunday.
Diocese of Guinea (West Africa): Bishop Jacques Boston.

Tue 4

BRAMERTON GROUP MINISTRY (THURTON): Ashby, Bergh Apton, Framingham Pigot, Thurton, Yelverton. Clergy: Chris Ellis. Reader: Gillian Stevens. Alington & Bergh Apton CofE VA Primary School, Thurton CofE VC Primary School.
Diocesan House Receptionists: Sally Finn, Julie Turner and Lesley Loftis.
Dioceses of Gujarat and Kolhapur (North India): Bishops Silvans Christian and Bathuel Tiwade.

Wed 5

CHET VALLEY: Chedgrave, Hardley, Langley, Loddon, Sisland. Clergy: David Owen, Alison Ball, Jill Haylock, Ros Hoffmann. Reader: Belinda Barwick.
Synodical and Pastoral Officer: Karen Hall.
Diocese of Gusau (Nigeria): Bishop John Garba.

Thu 6

PORINGLAND: Framingham Earl, Howe, Poringland. Clergy: Robert Parsonage, Rachel Foster.
Diocesan Board of Finance chaired by Bill Husselby.
Diocese of Guyana (West Indies): Bishop Charles Davidson.

Fri 7

RAVENINGHAM GROUP: Aldeby, Burgh St Peter, Haddiscoe, Norton Subcourse, Raveningham, Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe, Thurilton, Toft Monks, Wheatacre. Clergy: Nick Will.
Director of Finance, Susan Bunting and Management Accountant, Michael Hibbin.
Diocese of Gwagwalada (Nigeria): Bishop Moses Tabwaye.

Sat 8 **VENTA GROUP**: Arminghall, Caistor St Edmund, Stoke Holy Cross. Clergy: Rob Baker, Lyn Marsh.

Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Spire Property Consultants: Alan Cole, Les Bailey, Rachael Lamb, David Lemon and Stuart Goodman.
Diocese of Haiti (Episcopal Church of USA): Bishops Jean Duracin and Oge Beauvoir.

Sun 9 **BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)**
Pray for Ian Bentley, collated and installed today as Archdeacon of Lynn. Also, the Roman Catholic Church, the Diocese of East Anglia and Bishop Alan Hopes. And Diocesan House in Luleå, our linked diocese in Sweden and Eve-Maria Karlsson, Diocesan Director.
The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Archbishop Justin Badi Arama.

Trinity 15
Mon 10 **WAVENEY (GELDESTON)**: Ellingham, Geldeston, Gillingham, Kirby Cane, Stockton. The Churchwardens and PCC during the vacancy. Reader: John Lowrey Ellingham CoFe VC Primary School, Gillingham St Michael's CoFe Primary Academy.
The ministry of our retired clergy and Readers.
Dioceses of Harare and Luapula (Central Africa): Bishops Chad Gandiya and Robert Mumbi.

Tue 11 **DEANERY OF LOTHINGLAND** Joint Rural Deans: Michael Asquith and Damon Rogers. Lay Chair: Andrew Shepherd.
Diocesan Accounts Team: James South, Sam Witton, Ben Tooke and Benjamin Jeffs.
Diocese of Hawaii (Episcopal Church of USA): Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick.

Wed 12 **CARLTON COLVILLE**: Carlton Colville, Mutford Clergy: Jeremy Bishop. Reader: Mark Ellis.
Parish Funding Support Officer, Robert Culyer.
Diocese of Hereford: Bishops Richard Frith and Alistair Magowan.

Thu 13 **CORTON**:Corton, Hopton Clergy: Roger Key. Corton CoFe VA Primary School, Hopton CoFe VA Primary School.
All Parish Treasurers and Deanery Assessors.
Diocese of Highveld (Southern Africa): Bishop Charles Mithetheleli May.

Fri 14 **GUNTON (NR LOWESTOFT)**: Gunton St Peter Clergy: Trevor Riess. Reader: Reg Coleman.
Diocesan Property Committee chaired by Mark Little. Today's Prayer Pilgrimage around Ingworth and Sparham Deanery. Diocese of Ho (Ghana, West Africa): Bishop Matthias Mededues-Badoh.
On this Holy Cross Day and shortly before the start of the Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel, we take to the foot of the cross all who daily experience injustice and brutality in the Holy Land.

Sat 15 **KESSINGLAND**: Gisleham, Kessingland, Rushmere. Clergy: Janet Wyer. Reader: Doreen Cowie. Kessingland CoFe Primary Academy.
Readers' Day at Norwich Cathedral today.
Diocese of Honduras (The Episcopal Church of USA): Bishop Lloyd Allen.

Sun 16 **BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)**
The Methodist Church: Chair of the District, Julian Pursehouse.
The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan (comprising five dioceses in Northern Sudan): Archbishop Ezekiel Kumiir Kondo.

Trinity 16
Mon 17 **KIRKLEY**: Kirkley with Lowestoft Saint John. Clergy: Eoin Buchanan.
Diocesan Property Department: Alan Cole, Mike Marshall, Amanda Hunt and Anna Scriven in their care of clergy housing.
Diocese of Hpaaan (Myanmar): Bishop Saw Stylo.

Tue 18 **LOWESTOFT CHRIST CHURCH** Clergy: Matthew Payne, Jon Carter. Reader: Peter Williams.
Glebe Committee chaired by Michael Falcon: Glebe Surveyor, Hannah Paybody.
Diocese of Huron (Ontario, Canada): Bishops Linda Nichols and Terrance Dance.
Diocese of Kootenay (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada): Bishop John Privett.

Wed 19 **LOWESTOFT ST ANDREW** Clergy: Damon Rogers, Nicholas Ktorides.
Diocesan Board of Education chaired by Mark Allbrook. Today's meeting of Bishop's Staff.
Diocese of Hyderabad (Pakistan): Bishop Kaleem John.

Thu 20 **LOWESTOFT ST MARGARET** Clergy: Michael Asquith. Readers: Gerda Buckley, Alan Llewellyn.
Director of Education, Paul Dunning and PA, Holly Davy. The Bishop's Council meeting tonight.
Diocese of Ibadan (Nigeria): Archbishop Joseph Akintenwa.

Fri 21 **OULTON BROAD** Clergy: David Hayden, Margaret Barnes, Josephine Fowler, Marilyn Zipfel. Readers: Ann Silyer, Jill Hunting, Harold Waterman.
All those away on the Clergy Spouses Retreat this weekend.
Diocese of Ibadan North (Nigeria): Bishop Segun Okubadejo.

St Matthew
Sat 22 **OULTON ST MICHAEL** Clergy: David Hayden. Readers: Jackie Makower, Jill Pirrie, Debbie Allsop.
Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT): Executive Officer, Mary Jane Edwards; PA, Hannah Bannister; Admin Assistant, Amella Moy.
Diocese of Ibadan South (Nigeria): Bishop Akintunde Popoola.

Sun 23 **BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)**
The Baptist Church and its Regional Minister here, Beth Powney.
The Anglican Church of Tanzania, its Diocese of Mpwapwa and Bishop Jacob Chimeledya.

Trinity 17

Prayer Calendar

October 2018

Wed 24	TIMBERHILL (NORWICH) Clergy: Christopher Wood. County Ecumenical Officer, Catherine Howe, and all the Denominational Ecumenical Officers of Norfolk and Waveney. Diocese of Islala-Ngwa (Nigeria): Bishop Owen Azubulike.
Thu 25	NORWICH CATHEDRAL Clergy: Dean Jane Hedges and Canons Peter Doll, Aidan Platten, Andy Bryant and Keith James. Readers: Pamela Garrett, Frances Gothard and Frank Paice. Social, Community and Environmental Concerns Co-ordinator, Chris Copsey. Diocese of Islal-Ngwa South (Nigeria): Bishop Isaac Nwaobia.
Fri 26	TROWSE (NORWICH) Clergy : Janice Scott, Rosemary Braby. Bishop's Safeguarding Adviser, Sue Brice; Assistant Adviser, Sian Griffiths; Admin Assistants Brenna Wells and Liz Dawes; and all who work to safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Diocese of Isikwuato (Nigeria): Bishop Manasses Okere.
Sat 27	DEANERY OF NORWICH NORTH Rural Dean: Simon Stokes. Lay Chair: Stella Noons. The ministry of our Industrial and Workplace Chaplains. Diocese of Jaffna (South India): Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah.
Sun 28	BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN) The Religious Society of Friends: Area Representative, David Saunders. All healthcare chaplains across our Diocese. The Church in the Province of the West Indies.
Mon 29	DRAYTON Clergy: Marc Palmer. Drayton CofE VC Junior School. Chaplain to those bereaved by suicide, Christopher Wood. 'Recovery Friendly Church' based at St Matthew's Thorpe Hamlet, supporting churches in their care of those with mental health issues. Diocese of Jalingo (Nigeria); Bishop Timothy Yahaya.
Tue 30	HELLESDON Clergy: Louise Alder. Reader: Celyn Stanforth. Chaplain for Deaf People, Barry Oake. Chaplain for Deaf/Blind People, Heather Wright. Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands: Bishops Howard Gregory, Robert Thompson and Leon Goding. Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba: Bishop Leroy Brooks.
Wed 31	HORSFORD, FELTHORPE AND HEVINGHAM Clergy: Margaret McPhee, Garry Goodman. Readers: Derek Muspratt, Richard McPhee. Horsford CofE VA Primary School. The ministry of our Police Chaplains. Diocese of Jebba (Nigeria): Bishop Timothy Adewole.

Mon 1

KING'S LYNN GROUP (ST JOHN) Clergy: Becca Rogers. Readers: Joyce
Pitcher, Nigel Singleterry, David Osborne.
Our Archdeacons: Steven Betts, Karen Hutchinson and Ian Bentley.
Diocese of Ife East (Nigeria): Bishop Oluseyi Oyelade.

Tue 2

KING'S LYNN SAINT MARGARET WITH SAINT NICHOLAS Clergy: Christopher
Ivory, Angela Rayner, Becca Rogers.
Children, Youth and Families Officer, Jonathan Richardson, and Administrator,
Anna Walker.
Diocese of Ifo (Nigeria): Bishop Nathaniel Ogundipe.

Wed 3

MIDDLEWINCH: East Winch with West Bilney, Middleton, North Runcton, West
Winch and Setchey. Clergy: Riaz Mubarak. Readers: John Turner, Helen Steele.
Middleton CofE Primary Academy.
Imagine Norfolk Together Workers: Anna Heydon and Andrew Frere-Smith.
Diocese of Igboima (Nigeria): Archdeacon Emmanuel Adekola.

Thu 4

On the day the Church remembers St Francis, pray for the whole created order
and the response of all our churches to the pressing needs of the environment.
Francis of Assisi
All Sunday School teachers and children's workers and the Children, Youth and
Families Task Force chaired by Louise Alder.
Diocese of Igboima West (Nigeria): Bishop James Akinola.

Fri 5

THE CHURCH IN THE WOOTTONS Clergy: James Nash, Dan Tansey, Linda
Ashby.
On this International Teachers' Day, pray for all teachers in our diocesan schools.
Pray too for Parish Youth Workers and for all those young people taking part in
tonight's Cathedral@Night event.
Diocese of Ijebu (Nigeria): Bishop Ezekiel Awosoga.

Sat 6

DEANERY OF NORWICH EAST Rural Dean: Darren Thornton. Lay Chair: Bridgid
Everitt.
PlayVan Development Worker, Lesley Gurney.
Diocese of Ijebu North (Nigeria): Bishop Solomon Kuponu.

Sun 7

BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)
Trinity 19
Pray that our Mission Strategy 2021 may be an effective tool as we seek renewal
and fresh inspiration for proclaiming the good news across this diocese.
The Episcopal Church and its Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

Mon 8

COLEGATE & TOMBLAND (NORWICH) Clergy: Alaric Lewis. Readers: Kevin Mitchelson, Catherine Waddams.

The ministry of our retired clergy and Readers. Chaplain to the University of East Anglia, Darren Thornton, and his ecumenical colleagues.

Diocese of Ijesa North East (Nigeria): Bishop Joseph Olusola.

Tue 9

For all parishes involved in pastoral reorganisation, that transitions may be smooth and newly-formed benefices thrive.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the care of churches (DAC) chaired by Alan Kefford. All those being confirmed at St Mary's Northrepps tonight.

Diocese of Ijesha North (Nigeria): Bishop Isaac Oluymo.

Wed 10

HEARTSEASE (NORWICH) Clergy: Heather Cracknell, Isaac Sibanda. Readers: David Lechmere, Angela Stewart. The Open Academy.

Today's Prayer Pilgrimage around Lynn Deanery. DAC Secretary, Matthew McDade; Assistant, Caroline Rawlings; DAC administrator, Margaret Mallett; DAC Admin Assistant, Marleen Madinda.

Diocese of Ijumu (Nigeria): Archdeacon Paul Olarewaju Ojo.

Thu 11

LAKENHAM ST MARK (NORWICH) Clergy: Erik West-Lindell. Readers: Alan Huggins, Paulette Yallop.

Director of Reader Training, Charles Read and all those training to be Readers.

Diocese of Ikara (Nigeria): Bishop Yusuf Janfalan.

Fri 12

On this day when the Church remembers two great Norfolk women who were prepared to live fearlessly for the sake of the gospel, we pray that something of their vision and commitment may characterise Christians across our Diocese today.

Warden of Readers, Karen Hutchinson;Admin Assistant, Alison Steward; our five Reader Sub-Wardens in their work of supporting our Readers.

Dioceses of Ikeduru and Ikka (Nigeria): Bishops Emmanuel Maduwike and Peter Onekpe.

Sat 13

LAKENHAM GROUP, ST JOHN & TUCKSWOOD (NORWICH) Clergy: Paul Rider, Rosemary Rayner, Kate Belcher.

Reader CMD Officer, Jan Sexton. Diocesan Synod meeting today.

Diocese of Ikwerre (Nigeria): Bishop Blessing Enyindah.

Sun 14

BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)

Pray for the work of the Diocese of Luleå amongst the indigenous Same peoples of Sweden (Lapländers), and for Birgitta Simma who has special responsibility in this area.

The Church in Wales and Archbishop John Davies.

Mon 15

At the beginning of the Week of Prayer for World Peace, pray that we and all Christians may be ever more deeply committed to praying for those parts of the world scarred by war and deprivation.

Bishop's Officer for Ordinands and Initial Training, David Foster, and his assistant Margaret Mallett.

Diocese of Ikwo (Nigeria): Bishop Kenneth Ifemene.

Tue 16

ST ANDREW (NORWICH) Clergy: Martin Young.

All in training on the Eastern Region Ministry Course and Principal, Alex Jensen.

Diocese of Ikwuano (Nigeria): Bishop Chigozirim Onyegbule.

Wed 17

ST GILES (NORWICH) Clergy: Darren Thornton.

Ordinands from our Diocese training at residential colleges. Today's meeting of Bishop's Staff.

Diocese of Ilafe - (Ondo, Nigeria) The Rt Revd Fredrick Olugbemi

Thu 18

ST HELEN (NORWICH) Clergy: Barry Oake.

Bishop's Officer for Continuing Ministerial Development, Keith James, and his assistant, Lesley Loftis. Today's Prayer Pilgrimage around Lotlingland Deanery.

Diocese of Ile-Oluji (Nigeria): Bishop Samson Adekunle.

Fri 19

ST PETER MANCROFT (NORWICH) Clergy: Ed Carter, instituted earlier this week, Fiona Haworth, Graham Kirk-Spriggs. Reader: Gill Persicke.

Vergers in our Cathedral and parishes and the Norwich and Area Branch of the Guild of Vergers.

Diocese of Ilesa (Nigeria): Bishop Olubayu Sowale.

Sat 20

ST STEPHEN (NORWICH) Clergy: Madeline Light, Alex Irving. Reader: Anne Murphy.

All church musicians - organists, choirs, music groups, worship bands.

Dioceses of Ilesa South West and Irele-Eseodo (Nigeria): Bishops Samuel Egbelummi and Felix Akinbuluma.

Sun 21

BISHOPS GRAHAM (NORWICH), ALAN (THETFORD) AND JONATHAN (LYNN)

The Salvation Army: Commanders of the Anglia Division, Derek and Susan Jones. All those being confirmed at East Winch and at Aysisham today.

The Church of the Province of West Africa and Archbishop Daniel Sarfo.

Mon 22

THORPE HAMLET (NORWICH) Clergy: Patrick Jordan. Reader: Irene Beckett.

Diocesan Liturgical Committee chaired by Charles Read.

Diocese of Iowa (The Episcopal Church of USA): Bishop Alan Scarfe. The wise appointment of a new bishop for the Diocese of Kansas.

Tue 23

THORPE ST ANDREW (NORWICH) Clergy: James Stewart, Dominic Hubbuck.

Norfolk and Waveney Churches Together and all Local Ecumenical partnerships.

Diocese of Iran: the wise appointment of a new bishop.

Overstrand remembers World War One

By Tim Bennett

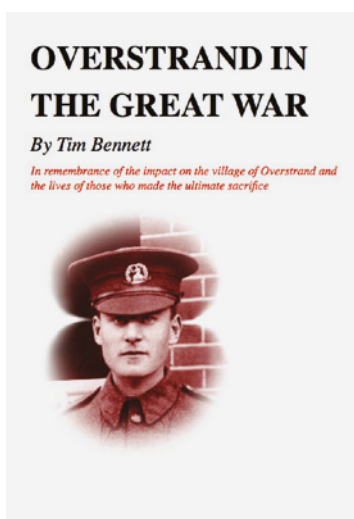
The church and community in Overstrand have been commemorating the men who gave their lives for King and country and who are remembered on our Memorial Cross in the churchyard and in the church itself. We have also remembered the men who served and returned home, together with the women who made such a valuable contribution as nurses and carers in the local VAD hospitals.

In the summer of 2014 there was an exhibition in the church and parish hall and a community church service at St Martin's. Since then, the village has had different opportunities to learn about the impact of war on this small coastal parish.

I researched and wrote the book *Overstrand in the Great War*, in remembrance of the impact on the village of Overstrand and on the lives of the families of those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It tells the stories of the men and their families and has meant that the names carved in stone have become real people. For the past three years at the community remembrance service, which is now very well attended, photos of some of the men are projected as their names are read out and this has had a poignant effect on the congregation.

This year, on 11 November, the community will be invited to the church as we reflect upon the Armistice in 1918. Candles will be lit for each of the 40 lost Overstrand men, and music and readings will reflect our continuing need for world peace. The day will end with the lighting of one of the many beacons around the coast of the UK at 5pm, organised by the Parish Council.

A Walking Trail leaflet and associated guided walks have been very popular, enabling people to understand something of the enormous effect that a war a century ago had on the villagers and those who were educated at the Belfry Church of England School, or worshipped at St Martins and the Methodist Church.



Since the publication of my book, several previously unknown relatives have contributed stories, information and photos of a family member who was killed or served between 1914 and 1918. An exhibition is planned for October and November at the Belfry Centre for Music and Arts, displaying something of the events and activities that have contributed to the village's involvement in the Great War Commemoration.

Residents and visitors to Overstrand have become familiar with William England, as his photo has been used on all the publicity. William, a former pupil



of the village school, joined the Norfolk Regiment and was killed at the age of 19.

Another Overstrand 'boy' of the same age died as a result of wounds received while serving in what is now Ukraine. Edward Naylor (pictured above, right) was one of three soldiers who was buried in the churchyard; all the funerals with full military honours were conducted by the Rector, Canon Lawrence Carr.

Both the church and village community, through the commemorations of the past four years, have learned something of the reality of WW1.

Watton welcome

The last issue of The Magazine focused on being a welcoming community. St Mary's at Watton got in touch to share how they've been doing just that. The Revd Gerry Foster explains.

Having achieved 'Highly Commended' from the Welcoming Churches 2018 Awards, we've received over 2,700 views on our Facebook page and numerous positive comments to affirm us from the community! We are taking note of the points made both to us and to other churches to make us even more welcoming.

One of our privileges is to be the Civic Town Centre Church for Watton. In June, we held the Inaugural Service for new Mayor Tina Kiddell and she cut the ribbon to The Annexe, officially opening the semi-permanent extension to our Church Rooms, which we want to share with our local community.

This is all part of 'Engaging with our Community' as we network with other organisations.

We hosted a 'Free Spirit' weekend in July to showcase many people's artistic abilities through flowers and all kinds of crafts. St Mary's was also decorated with a mass of knitted goods to be sent to the Mission to Seafarers, one of the missions we support, which we focus on each July with Sea Sunday.

Our Mission Statement is that St Mary's believes in reaching out with the power and love of Jesus in a caring, family atmosphere. More and more we want to do that through growing partnerships for the wellbeing of the whole community.

Story Bags is one gathering now welcoming 30-40 babies and preschool children every Monday with the equivalent number of parents and carers. Our growth in numbers is partly because other groups are closing due to funding cuts and lack of resources, especially to the Children's Centre. We seek to support all ages and especially the young families in Watton, which has slipped to become a significant place of deprivation for 0-8 year olds.

Harvest weekend in early October will see us opening our church and inviting all the organisations with whom we are connected to come and hear about the needs of our families. St Mary's will be asking them to pledge their support for a 'Families Matter Keyworker'. This will be a post championed by and for Watton Community, made up of representatives from these groups, along with members from St Mary's.



Embracing the Diocese of Norwich Mission Strategy, we've moved from 'listening', 'celebrating' and 'imagining' to 'empowering', through reimagining what Church and Community can really do in partnership for the wellbeing of everyone. Jesus said "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ...[and]... Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these" (Mark 12: 30-31). Amen!

Left to right – Charlie Houlder-Moat, Bishop Graham, The Revd Gerry Foster, Elaine Rodgers

Artificial intelligence: hopes and fears

By Professor Nick Brewin

A Brave New World beckons in which machines with artificial intelligence will bring great benefits to humanity. But these exciting technologies also raise some serious ethical questions.

How do we understand the uniqueness of human beings if machines are increasingly able to behave like us? For example, if we can build robots with apparent emotional intelligence and sensitivity, is it appropriate for them to become our companions, friends and lovers? How do we set limits and boundaries on the use of artificial intelligence in developing relationships with children, adults and the elderly?



From a religious perspective, how should we, as humans, view ourselves and our relationship with intelligent robots? Might new forms of artificial intelligence force us to reconsider the relationship between humanity and God? In what ways will the introduction of intelligent machines challenge our traditional values and perceptions?

On Wednesday 3 October, Professor John Wyatt will visit Norwich Cathedral to give a public lecture addressing such questions, explaining his hopes and fears about the impact of artificial intelligence on society over the next few decades.

Professor Wyatt is a distinguished speaker with a wide range of interests in biomedical ethics and the social implications of new forms of technology. He is Emeritus Professor of Ethics at University College London, and author of the book *Matters of Life and Death: Human dilemmas in the light of the Christian faith*. He is currently leading a research project into the social impact of artificial intelligence and robotic technology at the Faraday Institute in Cambridge.

He will argue that it is important for Christians to identify and defend the unique status and importance of human beings. Christian thinking sees

self-giving love between people as the highest expression of our humanity. We should be cautious of any reductionist or utilitarian interpretation of what it means to be human.

The lecture will take place in the nave of Norwich Anglican Cathedral on Wednesday 3 October from 7.00 – 8.30 pm and is suitable for a non-specialist audience. All are welcome – of all faiths and none. No booking is required. There will be a bookstall and a retiring collection.

This is the tenth annual Cathedral Lecture organised by Science and Faith in Norfolk, a local group affiliated to Christians in Science. Previous lectures have included many distinguished scientists seeking to explore the relationship between science and faith, such as: Professors Tom McLeish; David Wilkinson; Denis Alexander and John Polkinghorne.

For further information, contact: Professor Nick Brewin, Secretary, Science and Faith in Norfolk: sfnorfolk1@gmail.com 07901 884114. There is more information on-line: sites.google.com/site/scienceandfaithinnorfolk

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A vision for education

By Paul Dunning, Director of Education

We all recognise the importance and power of education. The Diocese of Norwich has 111 schools and academies within its boundaries educating over 20 per cent of the primary aged children in the area; that's around 16,000 pupils plus a further 1,000 in our two secondary schools.

What a privilege and responsibility! It's one we take extremely seriously as we play our part as 'system leaders' in a fragmented education sector. Our church schools serve their local communities, welcoming those of all faiths and none, and are proud of their inclusivity.

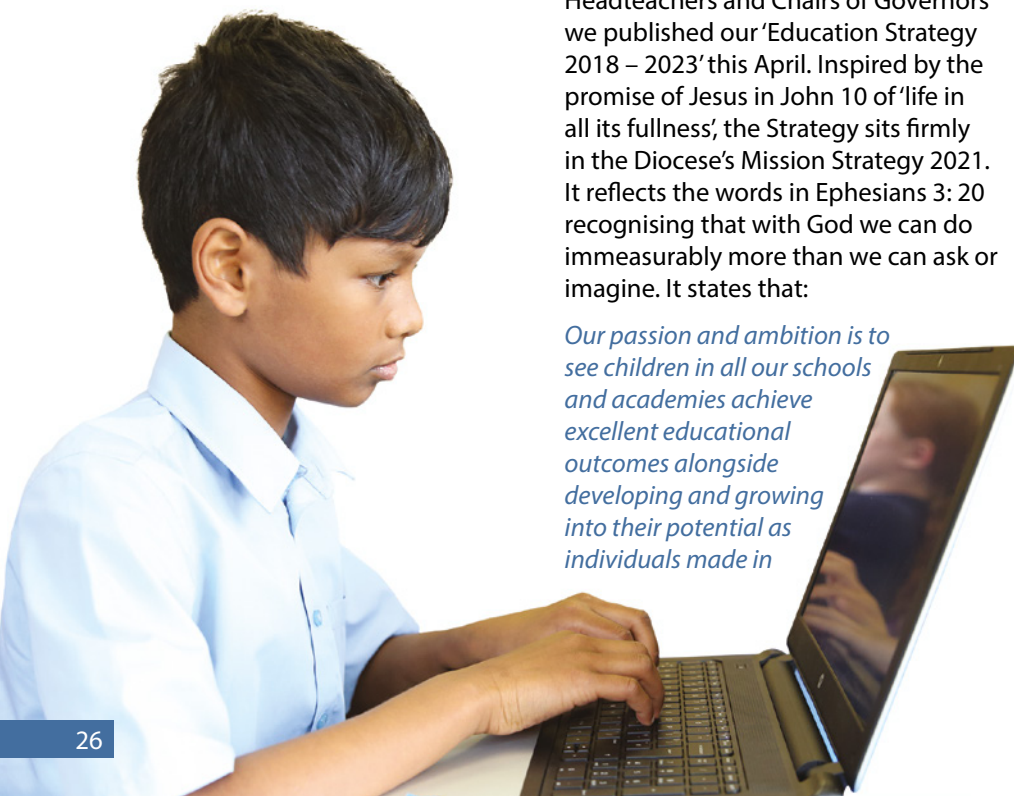
Following consultation with Headteachers and Chairs of Governors we published our 'Education Strategy 2018 – 2023' this April. Inspired by the promise of Jesus in John 10 of 'life in all its fullness', the Strategy sits firmly in the Diocese's Mission Strategy 2021. It reflects the words in Ephesians 3: 20 recognising that with God we can do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine. It states that:

Our passion and ambition is to see children in all our schools and academies achieve excellent educational outcomes alongside developing and growing into their potential as individuals made in

the image of God. Our culture is one of high aspiration rooted in our Christian values as demonstrated in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Our schools will be recognised by their distinctive values and the achievement of high standards! The Revd Andrew Whitehead says: 'In my role as a Team Vicar, I spend a lot of time at Cawston Church of England Primary Academy. The Christian culture of the school family is abundantly clear in all areas of school life, from the school gate to the Governing Body and out into the wider community. This culture is demonstrated through a balance of genuine pastoral concern for everyone in the school family and an expectation that we will help each of our pupils to fulfil their potential.'

The other key message in the Education Strategy encourages schools to work even more closely together in 'hard-wired school improvement clubs'. In national terms, 50 per cent of our schools are classed as very small, with fewer than 100 pupils, and 85 per cent are classed as small, having fewer than 200 pupils. Most of these serve their local village or market town.



Since the year 2000 schools across the Diocese have been working together in formal arrangements, usually called 'federations', where one Headteacher and one Governing Body has responsibility for more than one school. These federations are usually in groups of two or three, but our largest federation is now six schools working successfully together.

This model enables schools to develop their staff and leadership teams more effectively and hence ensure standards in schools are maintained at a high level. Helen Frier, Deputy Headteacher & Special Educational Needs Coordinator at the Pilgrim Federation says: "As a non-teaching deputy and SENCo I can put a greater focus on driving up standards across all subjects, but in particular, we have had a focus on maths. I can support staff whenever I am in their school and develop strategies to deliver the curriculum across year groups. It also means that I can scrutinise pupil progress and ensure that children are getting the support they need to ensure good outcomes."

The other model being encouraged is to join one of our two Diocesan Multi Academy Trusts (DMATs). There are now 40 schools in our DMATs, with others actively exploring this option. This way of operating gives an even closer working relationship between schools as they are



all part of one larger organisation (an independent company), but still very much part of the Diocesan family of schools.

This model supports staff development and, critically, staff recruitment and retention, which helps in succession planning. There are numerous examples of staff career progression within our first DMAT, which is a win-win situation.

This was recognised by Ofsted when they visited in March. They recognised the ambition to become an 'employer of choice' and highlighted the "entrenched mantra of 'growing your own' teaching teams... despite a landscape of national

and local challenges in teacher recruitment, retention and supply... there are currently very few gaps across the Trust's workforce."

There is a belief that we are collaboratively developing something really special within the Diocesan family of schools and academies. In his introduction to the Strategy, Bishop Graham encourages everyone to support it and to "pray for the wider family of our schools and academies. They are key to the future of thousands of young people." A significant responsibility but one we carry out with joy and hearts of service!

Is God calling you to Mission in Latin America?

Have you ever imagined working with street children in Guatemala? Or building a toilet block for a Nicaraguan church? Has God given you passion for Latin America? Is God calling you to discover more about him and more about yourself? If your answer is 'yes' to any of these questions you may like to join a Diocese of Norwich short-term mission team that is planning to go to Latin America in 2019.

This mission will give you the opportunity to share God's love by serving the Latin American Church: this may be through children's work, or a building project, prayer ministry or teaching English. The team's activities will depend on the actual needs of the church that we work with. You will experience a different culture and in a

cross-cultural way will be an example of faith to the people you meet while at the same time learning from them, and you will certainly learn a lot about yourself. The experience will also give you the opportunity to draw closer to God and reflect on where God may be calling you to serve him in the future.

All team members will need to attend a mission orientation event in February 2019 and be available for three weeks in June 2019. If you feel that God is prompting you to explore this short-term mission opportunity, please contact either Damon Rogers on **01502 511521, 07584 551443**, email damon.rogers@romanhill.org.uk, or Phil Rodd on **01603 455778**.





Resources

General and seasonal resources and ideas to inform, inspire and enable.



New resources about church and dementia



There are 850,000 people in the UK with dementia, with one in six people over the age of 80 – and the number is growing. How can we, as Christians and as the church, respond to and come alongside people with dementia? Two new resources can give some inspiration and food for thought.

The Diocese of Norwich has just produced a film about the St George's Dementia Café at Stoke Holy Cross who support those with dementia in its community and those who live with them.

The group meets fortnightly to provide support in a safe, friendly and understanding environment. The activities

include film sessions, days out, singing, memory joggers and entertainers, which are provided and supported by volunteers who are trained in dementia awareness.

For carers, it's an opportunity to discuss problems and coping strategies and find support, and to find a listening ear. Watch the film about the St George's Dementia Café at www.dofn.org/dementiafilm

A new Grove Pastoral booklet has been published: *Developing Dementia-Friendly Churches*. Author Trevor Adams urges Christians to make their churches dementia-friendly places that demonstrate kingdom values and practices to all, especially those with cognitive impairment. It explores how churches can welcome and support those with dementia and their carers, enabling them to be participants not just in their local community, but in their own lives.

The booklet costs £3.95 and is available from www.grovebooks.co.uk **01223 464748**



Car wash app to counter modern slavery



Bishop Graham at the launch of the app

Drivers are being urged to report signs of modern slavery at cheap hand car washes using a new smartphone app developed by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery, and the Santa Marta Group, the Catholic Church's anti-slavery project.

Safe Car Wash asks motorists about a series of indicators of forced labour. It sends the anonymised data and a GPS position to the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and directs users to the Modern Slavery Helpline.

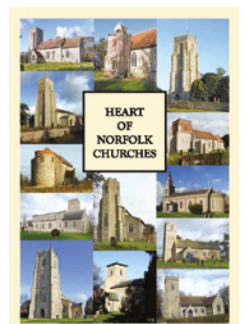
It is estimated that there are more than 18,000 hand car washes across the UK. While many are legitimate businesses, some exploit, force and threaten workers, according to campaigners – but there is no reliable data on the scale of the problem.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "Over the last few years we have learnt more about the evil of modern slavery and we have begun to understand how it is perpetrated in our communities in plain sight. Through the Safe Car Wash app we now have a chance to help tackle this scourge which is damaging so many people's lives."



Heart of Norfolk Churches new guide

The Heart of Norfolk Benefice Council was looking for a way to make its new Benefice more cohesive and produced short guide to all 13 churches. "The idea, like Topsy, just grew!" said author Susanna Wade Martins, Churchwarden at North Elmham. Peter Wade Martins took the photos and Sue Walker White drew the central map. The guide book is on sale in most of the churches for just £1. "The launch event brought parishioners together, some had not met one another before. We thought that the idea of a single guide book to cover a multi-parish rural benefice may be a new one and something others might like to replicate."



Comings & Goings

Deacons and priests ordained at Norwich Cathedral

Fabulous weather matched a magnificent occasion at Norwich Cathedral on Saturday 30 June, as our new deacons and priests were ordained.

Those who were presented to the Bishop of Norwich and ordained as deacons were:

Joshua Bell, to serve at All Saints, South Lynn; Helen Budd, to serve in the Great Yarmouth Team Ministry; Rachel Foster, to serve in the Poringland Benefice; Louisa Pittman, to serve at Wymondham with Spooner Row; Laura Purnell, to serve at St Faith's, Gaywood; Angela Rayner, to serve at King's Lynn Minster; Isaac Sibanda, to serve at St Francis, Heartsease; Samuel Thorp, to serve in the Diss Team Ministry; Shawn Tomlinson, to serve at Christ Church, Eaton.



Those who were presented to the Bishop of Norwich and ordained as priests were:

Miriam Fife, serving in the Launditch & The Upper Nar Team Ministry; Philip Harvey, serving at Sprowston with Beeston St Andrew; Alex Irving, serving at Norwich, St Stephen's; Graham Kirk-Spriggs, serving at Norwich, St Peter Mancroft; Lyn Marsh, serving in the Venta Group; Daniel Tansey, serving in the Church in the Woottons; Sally Wallace-Jones, serving in the High Oak and Hingham Benefice; Andrew Woodman, serving in the Mitre Benefice. Ordained by the Bishop of Maidstone at Christ Church, Lowestoft: Jonathan Carter, serving at Christ Church, Lowestoft.



The following have had their Permission to Officiate granted:

The Revd Canon Paul Thomas, The Revd Marilyn Zipfel, The Ven Dr William M Jacob

Our prayers for their future ministry go to:

- ◀ The Revd Selwyn Tillett appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of Norwich, St Mary Magdalene.
- ◀ The Revd Darleen Platten appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Rackheath Benefice; remaining Priest-in-Charge of the Great Plumstead Benefice.
- ◀ The Revd Sarah Quantrill appointed Interim Priest-in-Charge of St Luke's with St Augustine's, Norwich.
- ◀ The Revd Dominic Hubbuck appointed Assistant Curate, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich.
- ◀ The Revd John Cruse appointed Team Vicar, Diss Team Ministry.
- ◀ The Revd Lynn Chapman appointed Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands, remaining Priest-in-Charge of the Brooke Benefice.
- ◀ The Revd Jeremy Bishop resigning as Rural Dean of the Lothingland Deanery, remaining Rector of Carlton Colville and Mutford.
- ◀ The Revd Michael Asquith and The Revd Damon Rogers appointed Joint Rural Deans of the Lothingland Deanery.
- ◀ The Revd Paul Burr resigning as Rural Dean of the Humbleyard Deanery, remaining Rector of the Swardeston Benefice.
- ◀ The Revd Canon Simon Lawrence appointed Rector of the Smallburgh Benefice; remaining Rector of the Stalham Benefice.
- ◀ The Revd Alaric Lewis appointed Rector of the Benefice of Colegate and Tombland, Norwich, remaining Diocesan Vocations Outreach Officer.
- ◀ The Revd Wendy Shaw retiring on 31/10/2018 as Bishop's Officer for Ministry through the Creative Arts and Assistant Curate in the Bramerton Group Ministry.
- ◀ The Revd John Shaw retiring on 31/10/2018 as Rector, Bramerton Group (Rockland).
- ◀ The Revd Nick Will retiring on 30/11/2018 as Rector of the Raveningham Group.

We are saddened to announce the death of:

The Revd Michael Lawrence Banks on 05/07/2018
The Revd Nicholas Parry on 02/07/2018
The Revd Hugh Edgell on 13/06/2018

Major repairs to St Nicholas, Salthouse

Andrew Wigley, Churchwarden and Joint Project Co-ordinator, shares the story of their successful application for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant and the difference it will make to their community.

The Grade 1 listed Parish Church of St Nicholas, Salthouse stands high on a hill overlooking the village, the salt marshes and the North Sea, and is part of the Weybourne Group within the Holt Deanery. St Nicholas' tower was the only remains of an original 13th-century church which was burnt down, making way for a larger 16th-century building.

At some stage in its history, the tower was erroneously rendered and re-pointed with cement mortar, which led to moisture being trapped behind, causing major decay to stonework, flint work and internal plaster, and de-stabilising the walls to the stair turret. The flaking plaster on the west wall was beginning to be a hazard to visitors and church activities, including the annual art exhibitions and concerts.

Following the PCC's successful application bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund in

December 2017, work has now begun to restore the tower. A number of planned community activities, which formed part of our application, will be housed in the restored tower. One of these is a permanent interchangeable exhibition displaying the history of Salthouse.

We're thankful for the National Lottery grant of £175,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund and also to the Friends of Salthouse Church for their £35,000 gift towards the costs of the project.

As the work continues, hacking off the cement mortar and removing the badly decayed quoin stones, saddle stones and mullions, the top section of the west wall of the tower is already re-pointed with hydraulic lime and the new stonework is ready to be worked. The project is expected to take until the end of the year.



Daring new horizons with Diarmuid O'Murchu

Activist and contemplative Diarmuid O'Murchu comes to Norfolk to talk on *Spirituality: Daring New Horizons* in Norwich on 29 September, followed by a practical workshop in Wiveton the next day. Diarmuid draws on his work as a social psychologist and counsellor to explore his faith and relationship to God, writing books, giving talks and leading workshops across the world.

Diarmuid will be the guest of The Christ Consciousness Community and Glaven Valley Church Benefice. He has attracted attention internationally, praised by some, condemned by others. Norfolk retired Anglican Priest, the Revd Carole Prouse, says: "I found Diarmuid's book *Reclaiming Spirituality* both stimulating and reassuring, carrying a deep sense of the rightness of his insights. I was awakened to areas of life where God's Spirit has been working and continues

to work today, which contributed to my growth in the Christian life."

Another local contemplative group member Vernon Holt agrees: "Diarmuid has an amazing knowledge and grasp of subjects ranging from ancient civilisations and spirituality through to the most ~recent advances in contemporary cosmology. With his remarkable ability to address human issues in workshops and groups, he makes it possible to develop a coherent and comprehensive way of thinking about the Divine and our own deep spirituality in a manner that enriches and illuminates our understanding of our own place in the universe."

Book your place for the talk and/or the practical workshop by following the links:

Day 1 talk: daring-new-horizons-stlukes.eventbrite.co.uk

Day 2 workshop: daring-new-horizons-wiveton.eventbrite.co.uk

or contact Carole or Vernon on 01263 479781 or Martin Smith, gorgoburger@ntlworld.com



News in brief

Updates from across the Diocese

Archbishop Justin to visit Diocese of Norwich

The Archbishop of Canterbury The Most Revd Justin Welby will be visiting the Diocese of Norwich from 7 to 9 November. See pages 10 and 12 of this issue for details of two main events open to all in Norwich and King's Lynn. In addition, on Wednesday 7, shortly after the Archbishop's arrival in Norwich, there will be a brief lunchtime service in St John's RC Cathedral to which everyone is most welcome. And on Thursday 8 at 7.30pm in Great Yarmouth Minster, there will be a largescale event in which the Archbishop, in conversation with others, will explore the business of following Jesus while serving fish and chips to all present. It will be very helpful to know in advance how many we will be feeding, so please watch out for ways of confirming your attendance online.

Keep an eye on www.dioceseofnorwich.org news page for updates of the Archbishop's programme.



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New Bishop of Luleå

In June, Bishop Graham and Julie attended the ordination of the new Bishop of Luleå in Uppsala Cathedral. Åsa Nyström is the first female Bishop of Luleå; the ninth since the Diocese was founded in 1904. It was an exceptionally warm day, and the Cathedral was full when Archbishop Antje Jackelén ordained Åsa Nyström for Luleå and Thomas Petersson for Visby in the presence of the King and Queen of Sweden, the bishops, international guests and regular churchgoers. Bishop Åsa Nyström's motto is 'Gud verkar i er' (God works in you) from Philippians 2:13.



King's Lynn winter night shelter expands



Last year, with rising levels of homelessness locally, King's Lynn Churches Together, in partnership with the Purfleet Trust and Imagine Norfolk Together, piloted a winter night shelter on Friday and Saturday nights from December to March.

A year later, at the request of The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, the King's Lynn Winter Night Shelter is to open seven days a week from November to March. However, the Shelter (now a registered charity) now needs £92,000 to pay staff, rent and utilities. They will also need to triple the number of volunteers from 40 to 120 and employ a full-time Coordinator.

The Council have committed £25,000 to the project and are seeking match funding and the Mayor has made the night shelter one of his charities for the year. Andrew Frere-Smith, Development Worker for Imagine Norfolk Together, says: "We would love to see homeless people, and especially the rough sleepers, being more effectively cared for. It is our hope that soon King's Lynn will be a town where no one must sleep rough on the streets. I believe that with the support of the community we can make it happen."

If you would like to volunteer or find out more, contact Andrew on **07949 964932** or andrew.frere-smith@dioceseofnorwich.org

Norwich Diocesan Church Army Thanksgiving Service

Each year on 26 September the Church of England commemorates Wilson Carlile who was the Founder of the Church Army. This year, all are welcome at a Church Army Thanksgiving service, being held at St Catherine's, Aylsham Road (Norwich, NR3 2RJ) at 7pm on Wednesday 26 September.

Captain Darren Thornton explains: "We want to tell you about what support the Church Army is able to give those who are interested in wanting to give more



Jesus. To tell you about new resources, to share good practice and ideas that have worked to help people discover Jesus, as well as tell you about what we can offer you as part of a missional community." Contact: d.thornton@uea.ac.uk



The Thetford Team Ministry



A regular feature focusing on a benefice or parish in the Diocese of Norwich, written by someone from that community.

By the Revds Tony Heywood and Helen Jary

Thetford Team Ministry serves the Parishes of Croxton, East Wretham and Kilverstone, as well as Thetford itself.

The churches of Thetford include St Cuthbert's, the Parish Church in the centre of the town which hosts civic services and events, and two church plants, initially resourced by members of St Cuthbert's, alongside others: Cloverfield Church and Grace Church. Cloverfield, an Anglican/URC partnership, began meeting on the Cloverfield estate in October 1992. The vision to achieve a building for the church and the community was realised in 2000. Grace Church has been in existence since 2012 and meets in The Bishop's C of E Primary Academy, on the Abbey Estate.

For this article we have decided to share some of our recent, mission-focused activities.

The Revd Tony Heywood, Team Vicar with particular oversight of Grace Church, writes:

It was very exciting to organise two mini missions this year! The first one, which took place in March, was focused on the Abbey estate. We were blessed to have a

team of four assistant missionaries from St Helen's Bishopsgate. Dan, Brian, Lizzie and Jackson did a wonderful job and it was a joy to join them in making Christ known.

Brian led a very stimulating assembly at The Bishop's School, with a strong gospel message from John 3:16. The assembly even involved Brian eating a raw egg and the children (four months later) still speak of the legendary egg-eating man! Afterwards we had a prayer meeting and then started dropping flyers through every door on the estate (about 1,150), advertising the other events.

The school kindly provided lunch and (there's no such thing as a free lunch!) we then had a thrilling time in two different classes answering questions on some big spiritual topics. In the evening we headed back to the school for a Quiz Night. Jackson was our quiz master and at the mid-point he gave an excellent gospel talk on Mark 10:13-31, 'What is the Greatest Prize?' Attendees had fun and heard the best news in the world.

On the Saturday, Dan spoke at a men's breakfast on Is Being Good ... Good Enough? Of the 47 people who

attended, about one third weren't regular churchgoers. There was a delicious cooked breakfast and plenty of good conversations afterwards. That afternoon, Lizzie spoke about Why Bother With Jesus? at a ladies' tea. Those who attended were treated to a sumptuous feast and a winsome talk.

“The mission ended with Dan speaking at Sunday Guest Services at St Cuthbert's and then Grace Church. It was encouraging to see folk in the congregation getting a taste for evangelism and, wonderfully, St Helen's hope to send a team again next March.”

A month later we had our second mini mission, this time based out of St Cuthbert's Church. On Wednesday evening, Mr Piyush Jani, Consultant ENT and Head and Neck Surgeon at Addenbrookes Hospital, spoke passionately on: Do All Roads Lead To God? Piyush was well placed to speak on this subject, having been raised as a



Hindu before he started to follow Jesus as an adult.

The next evening Bob White, Professor of Geophysics at Cambridge University, spoke to the question: Hasn't Science Disproved God? Then on the Friday evening, I shared my testimony and asked: Christianity: Boring, Irrelevant, Untrue? On all three evenings, there was a Q&A after each talk which was nearly as long as the talk itself! We had a good turn out and it was a joy to see folk from across the congregations in the Team Ministry uniting as we sought to proclaim Christ.

The Revd Helen Jary, Team Vicar with particular oversight of Cloverfield Church writes:

It was great to join in prayer with friends from other Thetford churches as part of Thy Kingdom Come back in May. We hosted a 24–7 Prayer Week (aiming for 168 hours of consecutive prayer!), using the prayer room at Cloverfield Church. The room was full of different resources and creative activities to stimulate prayer. Some of the feedback that we received included:

“I can't believe how quickly the hour passed, it was such a blessed time!” and “It feels like I've been in a real bubble of God's presence.”

The 24–7 Prayer Week was launched with one of our two recent film nights. We showed *War Room* which is an engaging and, at times, humorous film leaving viewers excited about intercessory prayer and the transformation that only God can bring. On a second film night, we showed *The Shack*, which invites viewers to think about the nature of God, and how we respond to one of the key questions of life, the issue of suffering. A well-attended evening included an invitation for those who wished to stay for a time of discussion following the film.

In May we joyfully commissioned and sent out two members of the Cloverfield congregation to serve in India. Working alongside some of the poorest people in their new community, Sol and Anna are sharing good news in word and action. We are keeping in touch with them via a blog and have even had a live video link

up with them during our Sunday worship! As we pray for them, and support them financially, we are joining this adventure of international mission.

In July we hosted Rob Halligan, a Christian singer/songwriter who speaks easily, and with good humour, about his journey of faith, the inspiration for many of his songs. It was a great event to invite non-church friends and family to, as Rob spoke (and sang) with openness and integrity about some of the challenges that he has faced, including the death of his father during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The Sunday Mix, a monthly worship gathering at Cloverfield – think Messy Church meets Café Church! – continues to grow. It's been running nearly three years now and there are new faces every time, most of whom have few or no previous church connections.

We hope that this has given you a brief insight into some of what we get up to in Thetford! One last thing to add: in October we will be welcoming the Revd Dr Peter Herbert as the new Team Rector, and we look forward to a new season of ministry in the life of the Team.

Out & About

happenings across the Diocese

A round-up of some of the parish activities over the past few months. Do send in your photos to barbara.bryant@dioceseofnorwich.org or tag [f @dioceseofnorwich](https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofnorwich) [t @DioceseNorwich](https://twitter.com/DioceseNorwich)



The first-ever Norfolk Day on 27 July was an opportunity for churches in the Diocese to put on events and services for their local communities. Start planning for next year now!



Teddy bears' picnic at Rackheath

A free Teddy bears' picnic with a Noah's Ark theme at Holy Trinity, Rackheath was a huge success as the small congregation welcomed 250 people to eat and enjoy a visiting zoo, magic show, crafts and face-painting. £800 was raised in donations for East Anglian Children's Hospice. "I think we can safely say that Norfolk Day has been very successfully launched in Rackheath!"

Norfolk Day songs of praise at Watton

Held on the Sunday, this special service celebrated the county with songs, readings and poetry. All the bunting and Norfolk Day flags were made from pillow cases by children from families who come to ADventure, their parallel gathering for families on Sunday mornings at St Mary's, Watton.



Churchwarden's 48 years' service recognised

In late May the congregation and his friends and family held a celebration after the service to mark the retirement of Martin Moore, who stepped down after 48 years as Churchwarden and Treasurer of Filby Church. Martin, whose father the Revd Bill Moore became Rector of Filby in 1960, started out as a choir boy in the church.

Spain comes to Briningham

Briningham Benefice held a fundraiser with a Spanish theme: embroidery, books, flamenco dancing, and a quiz on Spanish culture and language were enjoyed by over 50 people. "Tapas and Spanish wine helped the evening along. We were pleased to see people of all ages enjoying themselves, including a group of people from Supported Living."





Lessingham was blooming Marvellous

All Saints, Lessingham decided to celebrate with a Parish in Bloom flower festival. "The flowers in our small church made an astounding impact, brought together a great number of people, and raised over £200 and a lot of good will!"

This design stole the show at St Peter Mancroft, Norwich

This city-centre church ran several different activities on the day but wanted a permanent marker. They ran a county-wide competition for children aged 8–12 years and the winners had their designs made into a stole. It was beautifully crafted by Sally Prendergast, a stole maker based near Oxford, and winners William and James were thrilled with the result.



Mautby moments with Margaret

St Peter & St Paul's held an event celebrating Margaret Paston, a Norfolk girl who in her early and later years lived in Mautby, where she wrote many of her famous Paston letters that give a fascinating insight into medieval life. Thanks to Ruby Travis age 13 for the photo.



All creatures great and small

An animal blessing service was held at St George's Church, Hindolveston in June. Pets large and small attended, from tiny fish brought by Isaac who told us how he looked after them to very handsome dogs of various sizes. Not forgetting a beautiful white kid of twelve weeks old. They were all extremely well behaved and it was a very happy occasion.



Photo: Joan Carlston

Restored, renewed, retuned: bells are ringing again!

In July the Bishop of Lynn joined the congregation of All Saints, Necton, for a service of 'Thanksgiving and Re-Dedication of the Bells'. Following a major restoration of the church tower in 2011, and after 40 years of not being properly rung, the bells have now also been restored, retuned and rehung to the delight of the congregation and wider community.



Chloe's coffee morning

A July coffee morning held in Chloe Eccleston's home in Acle raised a magnificent £714 in aid of St Mary's, Fishley, and Prostate Cancer UK. Donated goods, garden produce and a raffle all contributed, and Chloe was helped by her neighbours Janet Rope and Margaret Crowe (picture L to R).

WHAT'S ON

Highlights of events and learning opportunities across the Diocese *September – October 2018*

For more head to www.dioceseofnorwich.org/events or follow us @DioceseNorwich

SEPTEMBER

Growing Young Leaders

Starting Sat 8 September 2018

10am – 4.30pm

Address: Diocesan House, Easton NR9 5ES

Then running from Tues 16 October

– Tues 7 May 2019.

A course for those in years 10-13 exploring leadership, looking at the wisdom in Timothy 1 and 2.

The course also includes a weekend at the Horstead Centre.

Fri 2 – Sun 4 Nov

6pm Fri – 7pm Sun

The Horstead Centre, Rectory Road, Horstead NR12 7EP

Admission £30. This covers the residential element of the course.

Contact: Anna Walker, 01603 882374, anna.walker@dioceseofnorwich.org



Prayer – Do we Care?

Every Thurs from 6 September – 18 October

6.30pm for tea and coffee

Address: Pott Row Methodist Chapel, 87 Chapel Road, King's Lynn PE32 1BP

A series of seven Thursday evening sessions for those who want to find out more about prayer and explore different ways of reaching out in prayer

Admission: Free.

Contact: Rosemarie Bowers, 01485 600485, joysmith61@tiscali.co.uk



1918 - 2018 The Centenary of the Armistice

Thurs 6 – Sun 16 September and

Mon 5 – Tues 13 November

10am - 4pm

Address: All Saints, Church Lane, Hemblington NR13 4EF

All welcome to come and see a free exhibition which marks the ending of the First World War and honours those local men who fought and died in it, with a special event on 15 September with afternoon tea & talks.

Admission: Free entry.

Contact: Catherine 01603 270360, Lynda 01603 713597, or Sue 01603 715804, hemblington@gmail.com



Word on the Wash 2018 – Living with Hope in a Changing World

Fri 14 – Sat 15 September

7.30pm

Address: King's Lynn Academy, Kings Lynn PE30 4QG

An opportunity to join Christians from different churches in worship and for fellowship to hear relevant Bible Teaching and join seminars on current issues.

Admission: Free – donations welcome.

Contact: Adam, 01485 600336, adam@wordonthewash.org.uk

Organ Spectacular

Sat 15 September

7.30pm

Address: St Nicholas Church, Dereham NR19 1DN

Ashley Grote, Master of the Music at Norwich Cathedral plays "Organ Spectacular" on the fine St Nicholas organ.

Admission: £10

Contact: Richard Bower, 07376 055198, bowerorgans@gmail.com

Lift up your voice (or pick up your instrument)

Sat 15 September

10am - 4pm

Address: St Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich NR2 1RD

Miles Quick, the RSCM's Head of Congregational and Instrumental Music comes to Norwich for this event.

Admission: £10 Adults (£8 RSCM Affiliates and Members), £5 students and young people.

Contact: Mrs Pat Stephenson, 2 Old Norwich Road, Marsham NR10 5PS

Readers' Day

Sat 15 September

10.30am

Address: Norwich Cathedral, Norwich NR1 4DD

Readers' Day is an annual event, held at Norwich Cathedral, where new Readers are Licensed and existing Readers joining the Diocese are officially welcomed.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Alison Steward, 01362 688032, alison.steward@dioceseofnorwich.org



Trosh & Country Fair

Sun 16 September

12pm

Address: Field on High Noon Road, Erpingham NR11 7EX

A family day out with something for all ages. Enjoy country crafts and exhibits, watch threshing corn as in times past and take part in fun dog show and tug of war competitions. Free parking.

Admission: £5 (children under 12 free).

Contact: Jane Lewis, 01263 761666, c.d.m.lewis@btinternet.com



Classical Guitar Concert

Fri 21 September

7.30pm

Address: St Mary the Virgin Church, Eagle Road, Erpingham NR11 7EX

Brilliant classical guitarist, Estevao Devides from Brazil, returning by popular demand to play wide ranging programme in the lovely surroundings of Erpingham Church.

Admission: £10.

Contact: Linda Howard, 01263 833323, cically@danielbrian.co.uk



Fakenham Makers Market

Sat 22 September, 27 October, 24 November, 8 December

10am - 2pm

Address: St Peter and St Paul's Church, Oak Street, Fakenham NR21 9BX

All welcome to Fakenham's 14th century Parish Church for a makers market.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Keith Osborn, 07887 877650, info@fakenhammakersmarket.co.uk

The Gwalia Male Voice Choir Charity Concert

Sat 22 September

7.30pm

Address: Chapel Field Road Methodist Church, Norwich NR2 1SD

Gwalia Male Voice Choir Charity concert with Ceinwen Thomas playing harp in aid of Pancreatic Cancer research in memory of Carolyn Phillips.

Admission: £10.

Contact: Gareth Phillips, 01603 457153 or 07546 124433, phillips27@ntlworld.com



Flower Festival

Sat 22 - Sun 23 September

10am - 4pm

Address: St Margaret's Church, Yarmouth Road, Ormesby St Margaret NR29 3QD

'A Century of Change - Lest we forget.' Flower festival full of displays depicting last 100 years.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Linda Shulver, 01493 730218



Last Night of the Proms

Sat 22 September

7pm

Address: St Botolph's Church, Grimston PE32 1BH

An evening of fun, laughs, good singing and brilliant music.

Admission: £10.

Contact: Samuel Bone, 01162 674032 or 07837 331023

A Musical Celebration with the Rietman Singers

Sat 22 September

7pm

Address: St Mary's Church, Whissonsett NR20 5ST

A special celebration concert to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1.

Admission: £10.

Contact: Sue Rutter, 01328 701908, sruetter03@yahoo.co.uk

A late Summer Concert by Ladies who Sing

Sat 22 September

7pm

Address: All Saints Church, Kettlestone NR21 0AU

Introducing a vibrant, new choir that will appeal to all tastes.

Admission: Free, with a retiring collection.

Contact: Mary Townsin, 01328 878525

Open Faith

Held monthly every Monday from 24 September 2018 - 25 February 2019

7pm - 9pm

Address: The Chapel, Fellowes Plain, Norwich NR2 2TJ

Open Faith asks what we are saying when we recite the Nicene Creed and provides an opportunity to think through how we understand the relationship between Scripture and tradition.

Admission: Free, donations to cost of hospitality are welcomed.

Contact: Alex Irving, alex.irving@ststephensnorwich.org



Norwich Diocesan Church Army Thanksgiving Service

Wed 26 September

7pm

Address: St Catherine's, Mile Cross, Norwich NR3 2RJ

Interested in mission and evangelism? Want to know more about what Church Army could offer you? What you might be able to offer Church Army? Find out more about our mission, community and ministry.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Canon Captain Darren Thornton, d.thornton@uea.ac.uk

Light in Darkness

Thurs 27 September

7.30pm

Address: Norwich Cathedral NR1 4DD

A special service to remember those lost and suffering due to addiction.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Canon Andy Bryant, 01603 218331, canon.missionandpastoral@cathedral.org.uk



Heart of Norfolk Benefice walk (30 miles)

Sat 29 - Sun 30 September

Starting 8am on Saturday at North Elmham Rectory, Holt Rd, N Elmham, and Sunday 9am at Bintree.

We are walking round all 13 churches in the Heart of Norfolk Churches over two days (30 miles) Please join us on parts of the walk if you wish.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Sue and Gary Moore, 01362 692685, suemoore23@hotmail.co.uk

WW1 Commemoration in Barford

Sat 29 - Sun 30 September

10am - 4pm

Address: St Botolph's Church, Church Road, Barford, Norwich NR9 4AY

Flower festival, art and history displays to commemorate the end of World War One.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Jan Smith, 01603 759700, jbsm@btinternet.com



OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

Silence in Norwich Cathedral

Mon 1 October

7pm - 8pm

Address: Norwich Cathedral NR1 4DD
Michaelmas: the feast to acknowledge the angelic powers. Join us for a brief but silent haven from the concerns of daily life.

Admission: Free, donations welcomed.
Contact: Gudrun Warren, 01603 218443, gwarren@cathedral.org.uk



Cathedral Lecture – Artificial Intelligence: Hopes and Fears for Humanity

Wed 3 October

7pm - 8.30pm

Address: Norwich Cathedral NR1 4DD
If we can build machines and robots that think and behave like humans, how should we understand the uniqueness of human beings? Prof John Wyatt will examine some of the ethical challenges.

Admission: Free (Donations accepted).
Contact: Professor Nick Brewin, 07901 884114, snorfolk1@gmail.com



Alpha Launch & Course

Fri 5 October

6pm for launch

Every Wednesday from 10 October - 19 December 7.15pm

Address: Hope Community Church, The Hub, Ayton Road, Wymondham NR18 0QJ
With guest speaker, Adrian Holloway, we are pleased to host our largest Alpha course to date. Open to all who want to learn more about the Christian faith.

Admission: Free.
Contact: Debbie Rose, 01953 798505, office@hccw.co.uk

St Faith's Festival

Sat 6 - Sun 7 October

Saturday 10am - 4pm & Sunday 12pm - 4pm
Address: St Andrew and St Mary's, Church Street, Horsham St Faith NR10 3JJ
This year's theme is 'Autumn and Harvest'.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Peter Holness, 01603 898801, peter@holness.net



Norwich Cathedral Choir in concert at a village church

Sun 7 October

4pm

Address: St Mary's, St Mary's Close, Wroxham NR12 8SG

A rare opportunity to see the Cathedral Choir performing in a village church – up close and personal!

Admission: £10 to include interval refreshments.

Contact: Margaret Davies, 01603 783399, medavies1@icloud.com, or Elaine Allsop, 01603 782974, elaineallsop@me.com



Annual Art and Craft Fair

Sat 13 - Sun 14 October

10am - 4pm

Address: St Mary the Virgin Church, Church Road, Blundeston NR32 5AJ

All welcome to our annual Art and Craft Fair.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Debra Oldman, 01502 733412 or 07503 033615, djward89@gmail.com



TimeNorfolk Doorway of Hope Service

Thurs 18 October

7.30pm

Address: Norwich Cathedral NR1 4DD

Please join us for a service of remembrance for all who have lost a baby, however long ago, through miscarriage, termination or stillbirth, as well as during the early months of life.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Ruth Kettle, 01603 482732, ruth@timenorfolk.org.uk



Craft Fair

Sat 20 - Sun 21 October

10am - 4pm

Address: St Mary's, High Street, Stalham NR12 9AU

Come and find unique Christmas gifts at our Craft Fair!

Admission: Free.

Contact: Emma Lawrence, 01692 580250, eclawrence@btinternet.com

Soulshaper Weekend

Fri 2 - Sun 4 November

6pm Friday - 2pm Sunday

Address: The Horstead Centre, Rectory Road, Horstead NR12 7EP

A residential discipleship weekend for youth groups or individuals who do not have a regular church youth group.

Admission: £85 per young person, £30 per adult leader.

Contact: Anna Walker, 01603 882374, anna.walker@dioceseofnorwich.org



The World on Our Doorstep

Sat 3 November

10am - 3.30pm

Address: Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Street, Norwich NR2 2BJ

Thousands of international students, migrants and asylum seekers arrive in Norwich each year – but how do we welcome them and bear witness to the love of God in Jesus? Come and be inspired.

Admission: Free.

Contact: Mike Hulme, 01603 453312, mikehulme@btinternet.com



COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING 2018

From how to create a benefice website to upping your photography skills, there are still places available on the 2018 Communications Training Days. Below is a list of courses on offer:



Taking excellent photos
Tuesday 25 September
2pm - 5pm



Creating an excellent benefice website
Thursday 27 September
2pm - 5pm



Promoting your church news & events
Monday 8 October
2pm - 5pm



An evening with the local press
Wednesday 10 October
7pm - 9pm



Organising a successful event
Monday 29 October
2pm - 5pm

All are at Diocesan House in Easton to keep costs low, but we would be very happy to run sessions at a venue near you!

For more information or to book visit:
www.dofn.org/comms or contact
Angela George, 01603 881724
angela.george@dioceseofnorwich.org

Church Buildings Funding Workshop



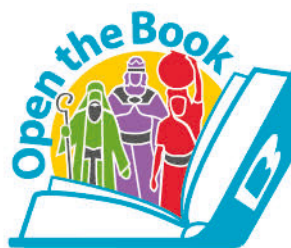
As part of the Mission Strategy, the Listen stream have listened to what you would like and are staging funding workshops.

The Allchurches Trust will address the event and explain types of projects they fund and give direction about the information they look for on application forms. There will also be a grant finding workshop showing how to find trusts that will fund your projects.

Book your free place, visit:
www.dofn.org/funding-workshop
or contact Angela on 01603 881724

Venue 1 - St Luke's Church,
Aylsham Road, Norwich
Thursday 13 Sept, 2pm - 4.30pm
Includes afternoon tea.

Venue 2 - Fakenham Academy
Monday 24 Sept, 7pm - 9.30pm
Includes cheese and wine.



Open the Book Celebration Day

Thursday 27 September, 9.30am - 3pm
Norwich Cathedral, The Close, Norwich
Cost: Free but please book in advance
Contact Anna on 01603 882374



NORWICH CATHEDRAL

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Norwich

CATHEDRAL@NIGHT

#SHATTERED

Friday 5 October 7pm 'til Saturday 6 October 7am

Cost £10 per young person / Youth leaders go free

For further information and booking visit: www.dofn.org/CathedralatNight



Treasuring creation through Eco Church at St Luke's

Simon Snell was the impetus behind St Luke's starting their Eco Church journey in 2016, and he explains how the church on Aylsham Road, Norwich, threw their support behind the project.

We have a number of people with strong commitments to the environment: installing solar panels at home, tackling climate change, trade justice and global and local poverty, such as Foodbank and Fairtrade, or being keen gardeners. As a church we have also hosted speakers from Christian Aid and others who help to raise our awareness of communities having to adapt to damaging climate change.

I met initially with Norwich Central Baptist Church members who had received an Eco Congregation award. They advised us that it would take several months, and suggested we get a larger group involved, and make the process as engaging as possible.

What attracted us to Eco Church was that it allowed us to explore not just building-related issues like insulation, but to connect how we express our love for God our creator and care for God's amazing creation (the planet, our global neighbours and all creatures) with our worship, community engagement,

lifestyle choices and use of our small area of land around the church. This helped us be confident that 'treasuring creation' (the fifth mark of mission) was an integral and authentic part of the church's proclamation of the gospel.

We received the endorsement of the PCC and Vicar to begin the process in 2017, and we established a core group by inviting anyone interested to meet after church one Sunday. We shared out responsibility for each of the five themes of the survey to individuals or couples who would go and research each area.

This core group met several times to check on progress. During this period, we switched our gas and electricity supply to a renewable energy supplier, and several interested people were able to attend the excellent 'Good News for God's Earth' conference in May 2017 in Swaffham which inspired us more as a group to become an Eco Church.

In October 2017 we held an Eco-themed café-style service and each area presented a table of information and materials which the church then could

look at and comment on with the aim of everyone feeling part of the process.

We used the evidence from each area as the basis for completing the survey and we were pleased that we were able to meet all the criteria for a Bronze Award by early 2018. The whole process has meant that being an Eco Church has become something distinctive about our church.

In future, we hope to work towards a Silver Eco Church Award. We want to obtain funding to install solar panels and change more of our lighting to LED. There is a small patch of land next to the church which is being developed as a small allotment, and some of our grounds could be sown with wild flowers to attract butterflies. We also want to reduce plastic cup usage at meetings held at St Luke's.

We'd love to hear from other churches in Norwich wanting to know more about Eco Church. You can get in touch with me: simonsnell@outlook.com, www.stlukesnorwich.org.uk Find out more about Eco Church at ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk

