



## This will not pass .....the rest is commentary

These are two of the most recent sayings of the Reverend Cate Turner who has spent the last 3 years as a training curate in the Thurton Benefice. During this time she has been supported superbly by husband Iain, not to mention many members of the local churches. It has truly been a wonderful partnership.

Cate has now been licensed as Interim Rector in the parish of West Buckrose in Yorkshire. The benefice was represented by a small group of hardy travellers who were able to support Cate as she prepared for her new role.

At her interview Cate was very thankful for the way in which life in our benefice had prepared her for her new role. Things like Open The Book which brings bible stories to life in our primary schools and the different styles of worship we have explored in our churches.

The countryside in Yorkshire was very similar although there were a few more hills. Leaving the reception at 10pm involved getting stuck in country lanes behind not one, but two tractors!

During her last service at Bergh Apton on 30th July, Cate spoke about the love of God for all people on earth and whilst many things change, this is the one constant in life that we can rely on.

As Paul wrote in his letter to the believers in Rome "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow - not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below - indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans, Chapter 8, Verses 38, 39).

There are all sorts of views and theological discussions which try to explain and expand on this remarkable claim, but is it not better to focus on the most vital truth that God loves us and the fact that this will never change? As Cate said "the rest is commentary".

Here are a few comments that people have made about Cate's time with us.

I have been struck by the way in which Cate has committed herself to serving all people in the Bramerton Group of Churches, taking on all sorts of roles and responsibilities which were probably never envisaged in the original plan.

Cate has always helped when asked. She has spent time in local schools and visited those who cannot easily get about.

She has shown huge amounts of compassion to help those in need and gone out of her way to help them.

She left us a wonderful legacy at Framingham Pigot of four beautiful 'falls' in liturgical colours that she made and embroidered to veil the Tabernacle where the reserve Sacrament is kept by the Altar. Definitely something that will always bring back memories of her ministry with us. Her sewing skills also came to the fore when she made several decorative cloth covers over notebooks to raise money for the church at our annual garden party.

Her thoughtfulness and kindness were also evident when she put together a large basket of sweet and savoury titbits and puzzle books for someone on a long and traumatic stay in hospital to boost their morale.

She will be greatly missed.

CATE: Calm, Caring,  
Capable, Called by  
God to be a Priest.

Who would have  
thought that this small,  
pale, humble woman  
could rise to the  
challenges and  
demands thrown at  
her during her curacy.

Well she certainly did.....and how!



Cate proved herself in exceptional pastoral care. All the services she planned and executed were conducted with great sensitivity and sincerity. Her confidence grew in both preaching and ministry and she wore the priestly robes with flare, pride and reverence.

She introduced the blue 'ThermosFlask' (Bluetooth speaker) when we were not allowed to sing in church and then progressed to using her own mobile phone recording and playing hymns as the need arose, even inviting us to choose our favourite hymns. She has a beautiful strong singing voice which we will miss.

She took over the worship time at the monthly Wednesday Fellowship meetings with ease and chaired church meetings e.g. APCM, showing a flare for organisation. We will miss her terribly, but God has a plan for her ministry and will continue to walk with her and guide her. We will hold lovely memories of her time with us and as we say "Bon Voyage Cate" I am reminded that she was asked to ring the large bell attached to the wall in Birdsall Church at her licensing service. Although Birdsall is a long way from the sea, the bell was engraved HMS Middleton!

Chris Limbach

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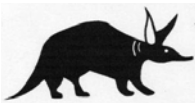
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## Celtic Daily Prayer

This is the lovely view that we see from inside Surlingham Church porch as we sit together to pray and meditate on a Bible reading and a reflection for the day.

We meet at 10am for approximately half an hour on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings of the month.



Our Next Dates are: **October 10th and 24th ; November 7th and 21st.**

Everyone from the Group is very welcome to join us. If you are unable to come, but would like to receive the chosen material for the day, please email me and I will send you a copy for your own reflection time.

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Email: [mandy.ansell44@gmail.com](mailto:mandy.ansell44@gmail.com)

### Worship in Stillness

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## Wednesday Fellowship

A Meeting for all people in the Bramerton Group and beyond! A Meeting on the second Wednesday of the month 2-4pm at Alington and Yelverton Village Hall with Christian and secular speakers followed by tea/coffee, cake and fellowship. All welcome.

**October 8th** - Candles and Crafts with Debbie Spooner

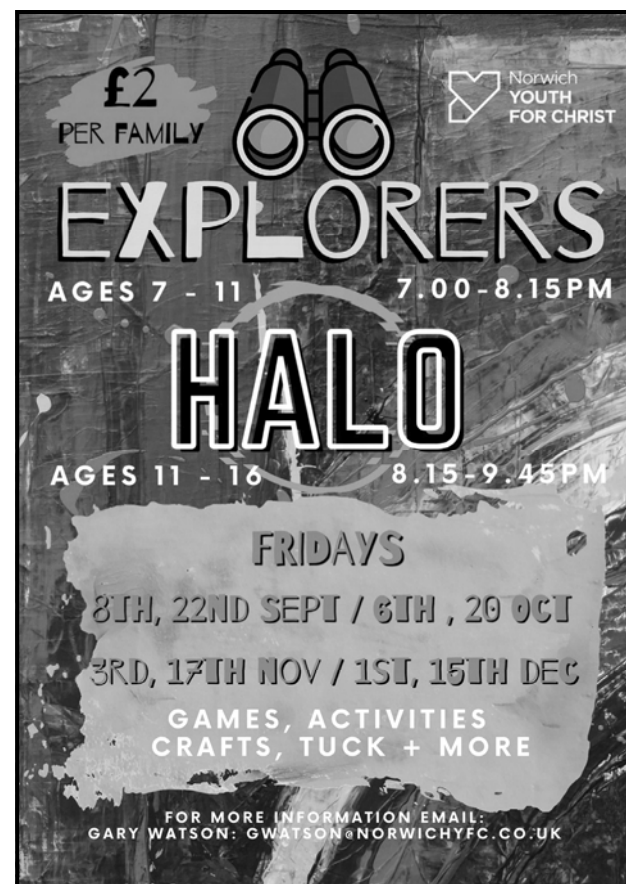
**November 8th** - Coffee Morning in St Mary's Church in aid of St Martin's Trust

For more information please contact Pat Barter  
493570.

## Explorers and HALO are Back!

Hi everyone!  
Hope you've had a joy filled and inspiring summer break. I'm so pleased to be able to announce that **Explorers** and **HALO** begin again every other Friday evening in Thurton Village Hall.

For those of you who are unaware, **Explorers** is for Primary School children from age 7 upwards. We meet from 7pm until 8.15pm.



During that time we have so much fun! We play games, tell stories, discuss topics, do all manner of crazy activities, make things, cook things and, of course eat tuck. It's a faith based club, so most of the stuff we do is inspired by Bible stories and we have an incredible time unpacking things to do with Jesus and Christian teaching. Don't worry, one of the things the club isn't is boring! Just ask those who go!

**HALO** is for older, High School students. It's a much more chilled environment than Explorers. We hang out, play games, eat stuff, listen to music, talk about issues that are on our minds and just enjoy each other's company.

Both Explorers and HALO cost £2 per household to attend. This money goes towards tuck and equipment. The evenings are run by a great team of local people led by myself (Gary). I'm a professional youth worker employed by Norwich Youth for Christ. If you have any questions about anything, I'd love to hear from you. Drop me an email at [gwatson@norwichyfc.co.uk](mailto:gwatson@norwichyfc.co.uk).

Hope to see your child there!

**Gary Watson**  
Youth Worker, Norwich Youth for Christ





## Rockland St Mary Benefice Update

**What's on in Rockland Benefice in October and November**  
As the days shorten and leaves fall, we offer a wide range of events and services to spread some community comfort and joy:

**Gift and Fun Day at Rockland St. Mary Church, Saturday October 14th, 11 am - 3 pm.** Come along to support Rockland Church and enjoy lovely organ music, teddy abseiling from the tower, Out of the Box stories, guided tours, trails, refreshments and hot lunches in the Barn, plus much more! We look forward to seeing you.

**Harvest Festival Services.** Our celebration of the Harvest season continues with Festivals at Carleton (**October 1st**), Surlingham (**October 8th**) and Bramerton (**October 22nd**). We're collecting long-life goods for Norwich Food Bank and all in-date contributions will be gratefully received.

**Warm Welcome Mondays at the Barn at Rockland Rectory.** Our final monthly gathering is on Monday **October 23rd** (11 am - 2.30 pm) before we resume on a weekly basis with extended opening hours (11 am - 4 pm) between **November 6th and December 18th**. Warm Welcome is a drop in for people of all ages. You're welcome to come in for coffee, tea or a bite of lunch. You can stay for the day or pop in for an hour or so, to eat, or chat and catch up with friends. It's all free (donations welcome), including the Barn Wi-Fi!

**Café Church** meets for discussion, refreshments and children's activities at Rockland Parish Room on **October 15th and December 1st**, 10.30 am-12 Noon.

**Remembrance Sunday.** On **November 12th** we will hold Acts of Remembrance in five of our churches, as we continue to honour the fallen from our parishes and re-commit ourselves to peace and justice today. Please see the service plan for details.

**Looking ahead: Tree of Light Service.** **December 3rd** is Advent Sunday, the beginning of the Church's year and the season that journeys towards Christmas. It's a time when our thoughts and feelings are with those we have loved and lost.

There will be a special Tree of Light service in Rockland Church at 3.30 pm to remember our loved ones, light candles and write their names on a star to be placed on the Christmas tree. You are warmly invited to join us then. However, if you're unable to attend you're welcome to send us the names of those you remember; we will write them on a star, place them on the Tree and light an individual candle for each person. Please contact us for more information. The stars will remain on the tree in Church until the end of Christmas (January 5th) and you're welcome to visit on any day during that period.

### News from the Barn

**Art Cafe Online** meets up on Wednesdays, **October 11th, and November 8th, 15th and 29th**. On October 11th we're excited to meet Cara, co-owner of Sea Pig Gallery and coastal small-holding on Anglesey. Cara and her husband have an ethical and conservation-based approach to their sea glass jewellery and their network of ethically involved artists and makers. Please contact Nick for your Zoom invitation and details of our lively and varied programme.



ST MARY'S CHURCH, ROCKLAND ST MARY

**Art Cafe in the Barn** is meeting up on **October 18th and November 15th**. All are welcome for good times, friendly company, coffee, cake and opportunities to be creative.

**Still at the Barn** provides a quiet, informal space for reflection, conversation, and response on Sunday afternoons, from 4 pm - 5.30 pm. Still will be gathering on **October 1st, November 5th and 19th**. Please contact Revd Nick and Revd Helen for more details.

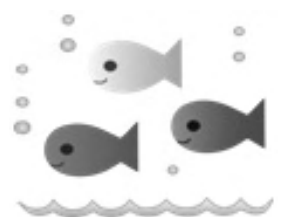
### New! Film Night at the Barn.

We're showing 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry', starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton, on Wednesday **November 15th**. The curtain goes up at 7.30 pm, and there will be time for discussion afterwards. Admission is free, please let us know if you're coming.

Finally, some big **Thank You's** to everyone who supported Carleton's Flower Festival, the Cycle Ride, the Group Quiz, and Surlingham's 'The Birds, The Bees and The Bells' afternoon.

### Parents, Grandparents and Carers:

**You are invited to our Little Fish Toddler Group at the Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Village Hall from 10:30 - 12:00 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month**



**Each session has activities for your little ones including: Singing and Movement Time, Bible Story Time, Craft and Snack Time. Just bring £1.50 to cover the cost of materials and snacks.**

**Please phone Judy on 07812734275 with any questions. We would love to have you join us! We are sponsored by the Bramerton Group of Churches.**

**Next dates are: October 11th, (not the 25th due to Half Term), November 8th and 22nd, December 13th. We look forward to seeing you.**



## From the Registers

### BAPTISMS

15/07/23 Isabella Rose HILDITCH Rockland

### MARRIAGES

08/07/23 Robin SHERRY and Phillipa HICKS Framingham Pigot

### FUNERALS, BURIALS, CREMATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

11/07/23 Roger William BOND (84) Framingham Pigot

19/07/23 Geoffrey George JARY (86) Yelverton  
(Interment of ashes)

26/07/23 Joy LESTER Bergh Apton

29/07/23 Robert William POLL Surlingham  
(Interment of ashes)

08/08/23 Colin John Stanley HUNT (84) Bramerton

11/08/23 Maureen CAPPS Thurton

28/08/23 Carol ANDREWS Ashby St mary  
(Interment of ashes)

30/08/23 Brian Lawrence MITCHELL (87) Surlingham

## A continuation of Chris Limbach's front page story.....

... the context being Revd. Chris' letter that Revd. Helen read to the congregation at Revd. Cate's leaving service.....

I am very sorry not to be able to be with you all this morning as you gather to celebrate Cate and Iain's time in the Thurton Benefice and Bramerton Group and to wish them well as they prepare to embrace a new and exciting time in their lives and in Cate's ministry.

A few weeks ago I would not have dreamt that I would not be able to be a part of this day; sadly my physical and mental health has prevented it, but please be assured that you are at the centre of my thoughts and prayers this morning. The change in my circumstances and the impact it has had on Melanie, my family, friends and parishioners serves as a reminder of the unpredictability of life and, indeed, ministry.

Cate was ordained during the chaos and uncertainty of the COVID restrictions in 2020; her ordination as deacon was attended by a handful of people rather than the hundreds which is the norm, and the first few months were very difficult with so many restrictions on meeting others.



The unsuitable house she and the family were allocated did not exactly help and the need to move to a new home outside the Group added further disruption.

But Cate did, what I soon learned Cate does, she coped, she adapted and she turned every challenge into an opportunity. Walking away from a successful, secular career where you feel confident and able, in order to take on the strange life that is the ordained one is daunting to say the least.

## Framingham Pigot Wedding

Robin SHERRY and Phillipa HICKS were married at St Andrew's Church, Framingham Pigot, on Saturday 8th July 2023.



The service was conducted by Revd Cate and was the last wedding that she would do in our Benefice.

It was a lovely day and for Phillipa's family it was a joyful return visit to St Andrew's as her sister, Victoria, was married there in 2016.

I remember with a smile the first funeral Cate took the lead on; it was at Thurton and standing side by side in the graveyard as the bearers were lowering the coffin, Cate whispered to me: "Am I doing OK?" That self awareness, the willingness to learn from new situations and simple humility is what will stand Cate in good stead in the coming months and years as she integrates into a new Church community.

A moment I will not forget is Cate's ordination as a priest; again, there were restrictions and gallons of hand sanitiser in use and I was given the absolute joy and privilege of being the one to lay hands upon her as Bishop Graham ordained her. It is an experience that will never leave me.

Working and ministering alongside Cate has been one of the most special experiences of my own ministry; I am convinced she has taught me far more than I have taught her. Cate - I will miss you more than words can say. We had a lot of fun, a lot of laughter and a few tears as well. You have been a great support at some difficult times in my life in the last couple of years, not just in recent weeks; you gave me the space to take a sabbatical earlier this year and when I returned, I had nothing to pick up and do - it had all been done. But it is the nature of curacies that they are finite and now it is time for you to spread your wings and fly solo.

In the past three years I have seen you grow and flourish into the priest God has called you to be; go and be confident in who you are, the gifts you have been given and the ministry God has trusted you to undertake. You are unique, you are wonderful, you are you.

Cate and Iain, may the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

With my love always,

Revd. Chris.

PS: I still don't know how to download music onto my phone, so you had better keep yours turned on as I will be calling!

# South Yare Wildlife Group

The South Yare Wildlife Group is pleased to announce that Jake Fiennes, the Conservation Manager on Holkam Estate, is coming to speak on conservation

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**Friday 10th November**

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**Friday 8th December**

Comedy/Fantasy, Stars Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling

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## Buena Vista Social Club at Poringland Community Centre

**Film nights: October 6th, November 3rd  
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## Nature and the Environment

The news is often bleak when it comes to nature and the environment and it is hard to know how we can all personally make a difference. However, there is one way we have more positive power to make a change. We might not be able to set up a 500 acre nature reserve tomorrow, but we all have a choice how we decide to use our garden spaces. Even with a small area there are so many exciting projects that we can do to bring wildlife and biodiversity into our gardens.

Wild Patch Gardens are just one of the campaigns that SYWG are promoting. We are also trying to encourage **Community Climate Action**. A direct Community Climate Action initiative is **The 5 Mile Network**, which encourages local people to share resources and skills within a five mile radius, and thus helping to reduce transport costs and strengthening community links. The **5 Mile Network** meets on the first Monday of the month at Bramerton Village Hall. For more information see the SYWG Website/Face book/Instagram/Twitter or email [andyjarrettsculptor@gmail.com](mailto:andyjarrettsculptor@gmail.com).

## Loddon Flower Club



**Tuesday 3rd October - *My Family and Other Animals*** - Elizabeth Robertson. A competition with the same title will also be held for members. There will be three categories: Beginners, Intermediates and Advanced.

**Tuesday 7th November - *How Flower Arranging Has Changed*** - Ladies from the Bungay Flower Club. This is very appropriate as we have just celebrated our 65th (Sapphire) Anniversary! by holding a Flower Festival in Holy Trinity Church, Loddon. Things have definitely changed during those 65 years!!

Our meetings are held in St John's Chapel, Loddon. Doors open 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start. Refreshments are available during the interval and a raffle is held, with a chance to win demonstrators' arrangements, at the end of the evening. We are a friendly bunch of flower enthusiasts and new members are always welcome. We will love to see you. We are also available to arrange flowers for family occasions. Our website is: [www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk](http://www.loddonflowerclub.co.uk).

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# Village News

## Alpington & Yelverton

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Alpington & Yelverton Village Hall, Church Road,  
Alpington, NR14 7NU

Fourth Tuesday of alternative months starting at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 28 November - Kevin Parfitt - *My Farm*

Tea/Coffee served. Members free. Guests £4. Open to all.

### Alpington and Bergh Apton C of E VA School

September is the start of a new school year and at Alpington and Bergh Apton School we have been delighted to welcome 20 new additions to our Robins class!

Starting school is a big deal for parents and children alike. Whether you are an old hand with older siblings further up the school or as new to school as the children, it is an important step and it is so important to get it right for both the children and their parents. We are building the foundations for a lifetime of learning.

At Alpington, we believe that the relationship between home and school is vital to children's well being and progress. We aim to involve parents at every stage of the transition process and to always keep the channels of communication open. We know it's sometimes the little things that really matter when you are 4!

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024, we would love the chance to show you around our school. Please see the poster below for dates and contact details.

Rosie Welch, Headteacher.

## OPEN DAYS

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Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 9.15 and 11am

Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 9.15 and 11am

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> October 9.15 and 11am

Meetings with the Headteacher and tours of the school will take place for interested parents of new intake children 2024.

Please email the school office at  
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to book your appointment  
at the times shown above.

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Light shine"*

Matthew 5 v 16



## Bergh Apton

There are two special services coming up in Bergh Apton Church. The first will be on **Sunday 22nd October at 6 pm** - Songs of Praise - with poems, readings and hymns with the theme, 'Seasons of Thankfulness'.

The second will be on **Sunday 17th November at 11 am**. A family-friendly service to support the **Salvation Army Christmas Present Appeal**. This is instead of our usual Shoebox Service. If you'd like to support the Appeal, you can bring along your donations of **new, unwrapped** toys or gifts, for children aged 0 - 16, where they will feature as part of the service. Afterwards, the Bergh Apton team will arrange for them to be taken to the Salvation Army Norwich depot where the gifts will be wrapped before distribution to those in need. There's more information about the Present Appeal (which replaces their previous 'Tins and Toys Appeal') on the Salvation Army website:

[www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal](http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/christmas-present-appeal).

You can also find their suggestions for possible gifts for children/young people: The website particularly says, "*We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas, so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.*" Here's their list for those who don't do 'internet stuff'!

**0-3 years:** dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles

**3-5:** dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles

**5-9:** educational games and toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs and family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, word search, crosswords

**9-12:** games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats

**13-16:** books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers

There will also be an opportunity at the service to make monetary donations to the Appeal.

### Endings and Beginnings

Dreams achieved: Dreams pursued  
7th October 2023, Bergh Apton Church  
A Bergh Apton Festival 2023 event

Xa and Hopwood recently presented their lively, amusing books at the Chatsworth Literary Fest and on October 7th they will entertain us, a US tour precursor, raising funds for **Bergh Apton Church and Ormiston Families**, a charity supporting East Anglian families facing mental health issues; coping with the loss of someone significant and those struggling with the imprisonment of a loved one.

For more information see the poster on P15.

Websites: [www.xa-tollemache.co.uk/](http://www.xa-tollemache.co.uk/)

[www.HopwoodXIV.com](http://www.HopwoodXIV.com) [www.ormiston.org/](http://www.ormiston.org/)

<https://berghapton.org.uk/bergh-apton-festival-2023/>



# Village News

## Bergh Apton continued

### Bergh Apton Arts - 2023

**Crying Like A Fire In The Sun with Hugh Lupton in  
Bergh Apton Church on 10th November at 7 pm**

**Tickets : £12. 01508 558440 or visit the website  
[www.berghaptonarts.org/crying-like-a-fire-in-the-sun-2023](http://www.berghaptonarts.org/crying-like-a-fire-in-the-sun-2023)**

Hugh Lupton, Master Storyteller, writer, poet and performer is known not only the length and breadth of the British Isles but internationally too. He has been weaving his webs of words to lift us into some magic for nearly forty years.

In 'Crying Like A Fire In The Sun' he brings us tales from the Apocrypha and the Old Testament, books silted in stories of miracles and mysteries, tales from a distant world. Like all tales they grow in the telling. He will tell of Demons, Dragons and Dreams, Angels and Animals, Love and Loss and the Voice from the Heart of the Whirlwind.

Knitted in with these wonders will be music and words of Bob Dylan.

**This event is for adults.**

### Bergh Apton Arts - 2024

**Unlock, Unearth with Hugh Lupton  
in Bergh Apton Church**

**28th - 29th January and 3rd - 4th February at 7.30 pm**

**Tickets : £10 (on sale from 1st October). Please call  
01508558440 or visit [www.berghapton.org.uk/home/arts](http://www.berghapton.org.uk/home/arts)**

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Or complete a slip from the village hall and post in the Village Hall letterbox.



## Bramerton continued

### Off to a flying start . . .

A team from Bramerton Church assembled at 9 am on Saturday 9th September in a bid to be ahead of the forecast heatwave that day for the Norfolk Churches Trust Bike Ride.

In fact the weather was the hottest on record with participants needing to seek the shade of Churches they visited, certainly after mid-day.

Our Church was fully staffed throughout the day to greet the 21 visitors who signed in. They included those from Eaton, Trowse, Hardley and Geldeston.

In the photo we have Roger, Doug, Pennie, and Catherine, and Brenda who was on first shift at the Church Porch.



Also cycling was Alan who took the photo."

**Roger Smith**

## Carleton St Peter

### Church News

The event we are all looking forward to will have taken place by the time you read this. It is the annual church quiz which Carleton St Peter is hosting at the Village Hall. It promises to be a good evening.

Two years of adverse weather has not deterred people from attending the flower festival and despite the rain and an unseasonal August weekend we managed to raise over £900. Rock and Pop seemed to be a popular choice and thank you to those who supported the church by giving up their time to do flower arrangements, bake cakes, clean, cut grass and strim and donate prizes. It is lovely to see people connect up and chat once again to bring the church alive with laughter and joy.

Thank you to Brian and Peter who helped organise the outside marquee once again and all the stalls; Eve, Jess, Ursula and Stephen for helping man them; Dick and Greg for cutting the grass in the churchyard. Also thank you to Jane, Naomi, Maureen, Gill, Carol, Stacey, Marion and Linton for either baking or helping, you all know which.

Finally thank you to Linda who helped spring clean the church before the event together with Brian, Peter, Ursula and Jane.

As we enter into autumn we look forward to the **Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October.**

# Village News

## Claxton

### Claxton Community Café

Our final café of the Summer was well attended and we were pleased to take a break in August.

It was good to see the Playground Committee running a successful pop up café in our absence which raised valuable funds for the playground appeal.

The Community Café, on Wednesday October 4th from 10 am - 12, will be raising funds for the annual Macmillan appeal.

### Claxton and Carleton St Peter Village Hall

The village hall was quiet during August but the regular bookings restarted in September and the hall is once again busy with community and private events.

### Claxton Social Club

Open every Friday from 8 pm. Drop in for a very reasonably priced drink and friendly chat.

## Framingham Pigot

### Here Comes The Sun!

The annual Garden party at The Cottage on the Beck in Framingham Pigot was originally planned for 5th August, but the British summer had other ideas and, after the deluge of rain forecast for that day, the event was postponed until 12th August.

It proved to be a lucky escape as the new day dawned warm and bright, and the sun continued to shine all day!

It was wonderful to see so many people enjoying the company of friends and neighbours in the beautiful surroundings of Leanne's garden.....thank you for all your support.



There were numerous stalls, with crafts, plants, a raffle and tombola, but the favourite stall it seems, was the one with doggie treats!!

Light refreshments were served amongst the colourful flower beds and it was a wonderful summer afternoon for everyone.

The sum of £513.65 was raised to be divided between St Andrew's Church and EACH, and sincere thanks go to Leanne and her family and all the helpers who made the day so perfect for us all to enjoy.

## Rockland St Mary

### CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December at Rockland St. Mary Church from 10am - 4pm

In the Barn we will be serving tea, coffee and cakes. There will also be a Tombola, Raffle and Home Made Crafts.

All money raised in aid of St. Mary's Church, Rockland St. Mary

Contact Jayne Regan (01508 538087)



### The Rockland St Mary Community Cafe 'Goes to School' Summer Event held July 22nd at Rockland St Mary School

Our recent Community Cafe Summer Event was a HUGE Success! We had visitors not just from School Families and the Villagers but also from Surrounding Villages and the rest of the County! The Children enjoyed the FREE workshops that we put on including African Drumming Workshops, Circus Skills Workshops and Animal Encounter Workshop which were all funded by Winkworth Estate Agents. The Slime Station, Gladiator Duel, Tombola and Craft Stalls also kept them entertained.

Our Community Cafe was held in our Brand New Party Marquee which was very generously donated by the Norfolk Community Foundation, which not only looked absolutely beautiful but also protected us from some of the rather questionable weather! We raised a fantastic £2000 which makes such a difference to such a lovely small village school. Thank You to everyone who visited!



### New School Library!

Due to the Fantastic Support that the Friends of Rockland St Mary School (FORMS) has received this year, we have achieved our Goal to Refurbish the School's Library.

The Area has been stripped out and repainted with beautiful hand painted Murals of Children's Book Characters, New Furniture installed including New Book Shelving,



Tables and Chairs and finally a complete overhaul of the Non-Fiction Reading Books. The whole area not only looks great but is now a fully functioning space for learning. The whole project cost in excess of £8000 and we couldn't have done it without the support of our Local Community. Thank You for your continued Support and putting the School at the Heart of Our Village!

# Village News

## Rockland St Mary

### Rockland and District W.I. News

We've had a good summer with outdoor garden meetings, outings and walks.



This photo shows some of our members with supporters enjoying a lovely walk at Ranworth Broad in August.

Now we look forward to the Autumn. In October we have a talk on "Beneath the City Streets. London's unseen History".

We also have a short local walk and a Shoe Fashion Show at Hotters in Norwich.

In November we have a talk by Juna Lewis on "A Norfolk Indian Princess".

We are always happy to welcome new members, please contact Ruth 538231 or Sandra 538100 for more details. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Margaret Mack Hall at 7.30 pm.

Rockland St Mary  
Scarecrow Trail 2023  
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Maps available from Rockland Village shop and our Facebook Events page from Sat 21st Oct



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## Thurton

### Thurton Church Gate

The current porch gate was made some years ago by a long-time resident, none other than our local postie, Colin Forder.

As it was showing signs of wear and tear, Colin very kindly undertook some repairs during the summer to restore it to former glory.

Thank you Colin from all who visit our beautiful church.



### Rev. Cate Turner

This photo shows the Rosemary plant kindly given to Thurton Church by Revd Cate at her leaving service.

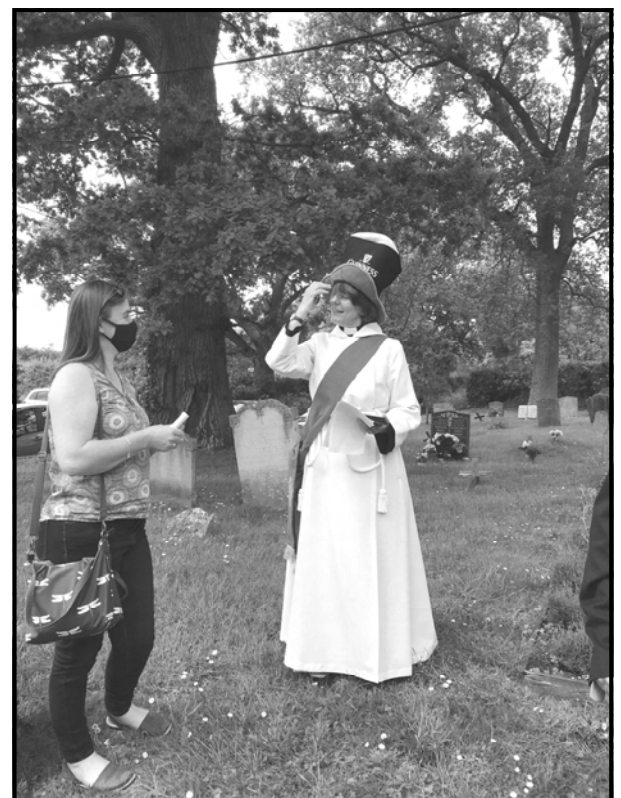
Neville Whiting planted it in a big pot by the porch together with some lavender plants as these all enjoy our hot and dry climate.



The Venerable Sam Ruston, pictured here with Revd Cate, conducted the service on Tuesday 22nd August.

This photo was taken at the Trinity Sunday service held in 2021.

Revd Cate managed to draw a convincing parallel between the Trinity and the advertising campaign for Guinness, hence the hat!!!





# Village News

Remember, remember, the 5th of November . . .

## Bonfire Night

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Better find just one more cup.  
**Sausages** sizzling in  
the pan  
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goes off bang  
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That's bonfire night over  
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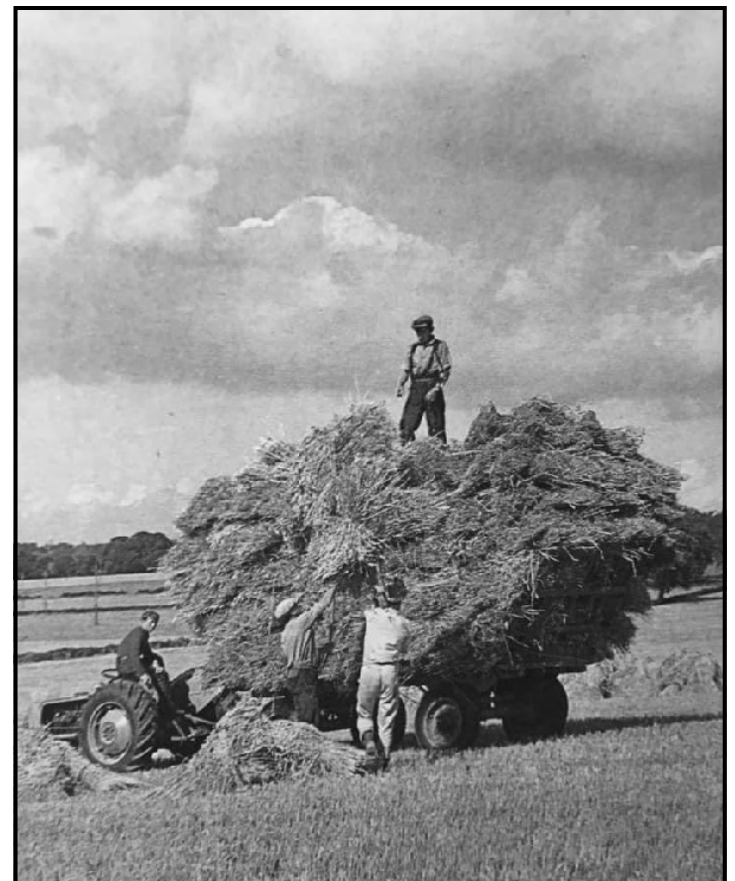
What a unique and lovely way to pass on congratulations for a Golden Wedding Anniversary!



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(Such a pity we can't print in colour, it looked beautiful)



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Ashby St Mary	11.00 MP PT		11.00 Harvest PT			11.00 MP BB	10.50 Remembrance Service PT		11.00 HC Richard Capper	11.00 MP PT
Bergh Apton	09.30 HC NG		09.30 PT	18.00 Songs of Praise PT		09.30 HC Sue H-H	10.30 Remembrance Service PT	11.00 PT		
Bramerton				9.30am Harvest Festival			10.50am Remembrance Service			
Carleton St Peter	11am Harvest Festival					11am MP				
Claxton	9.30am Harvest Festival		9.30am HC			9.30am HC	10.50am Remembrance Service	9,30am MW		9.30am HC
Framingham Pigot				09.30 HC			09.30 Remembrance HC Richard Capper			09.30 HC Sue H-H
Kirby Bedon			11am HC				10.50am Remembrance Service	11am HC		
Rockland St Mary	4pm Still	9.30am HC	10.30am- 12pmCafé Church in Parish Room	4pm Still	10am Group HC		9.30am Remembrance Service	4pm Still	9.30am HC	10.30am-12pm Café Church in Parish Room 3.30pm Tree of Light Service
Surlingham		11am Harvest Festival		11am HC			10.50 Remembrance Service		11am HC	
Thurton		10.00 Benefice HC Richard Capper		11.00 Harvest Praise PT			10.50 Remembrance Service PT			
Yelverton	11.00 Harvest PT		09.30 HC Sue H-H	16.00 All 4			09.30 Remembrance PT	09.30 HC HG	16.00 All 4	09.30 PT

CODE: HC = Holy Communion; **E. Praise** = Evening Praise; **FC** = Family Communion; **FW** = Family Worship; **MP** = Morning Prayer; **EP** = Evening Prayer; **.PT** = Parish Team; **VM** = Vestry Meeting. **A Service to Commemorate All Soul's Day will be held at Yelverton Church on Thursday 2nd November at 7 pm with Sue H-H**

Bible Readings Sunday by Sunday: October & November 2023

Date	Old Testament	Epistle	Gospel	
01/10/23	Ezekiel 18.1-4,25-32	Philippians 2.1-13	Matthew 21.23-32	17th Sunday after Trinity
08/10/23	Isaiah 5.1-7	Philippians 3.4b-14	Matthew 21.33-46	18th Sunday after Trinity
15/10/23	Isaiah 25.1-9	Philippians 4.1-9	Matthew 22.1-14	19th Sunday after Trinity
22/10/23	Isaiah 45.1-7	1 Thessalonians 1.1-10	Matthew 22.15-22	20th Sunday after Trinity
29/10/23	Nehemiah 8.1-4[5-6], 8-12	Colossians 3.12-17	Matthew 24.30-35	Bible Sunday
05/11/23	Revelation 7.9-17	1 John 3.1-3	Matthew 5.1-12	All Saints Sunday
12/11/23	Wisdom 6.12-16[17-20]	1 Thessalonians 4.13-18	Matthew 25.1-13	Remembrance Sunday
19/11/23	Zephaniah 1.7,12-18	1 Thessalonians 5.1-11	Matthew 25.14-30	2nd Sunday before Advent
26/11/23	Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24	Ephesians 1.15-23	Matthew 25.31-46	Christ the King
03/12/23	Isaiah 64.1-9	1 Corinthians 1.3-9	Mark 13.24-37	Advent Sunday
<b>Harvest Service Readings</b>				
	Deuteronomy 26.1-11	Philippians 4.4-9	John 6.25-35	

**Please note:** At Holy Communion, where only two readings are used, the first reading will usually be the Epistle, and the second will always be the Gospel reading. At other services where two readings are used, the first will usually be the Old Testament reading, and the second can be either the Epistle or the Gospel readings.



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