

The Broadsider

The magazine of the Broadside Parishes of

Ranworth with Panxworth, South Walsham, Upton and Woodbastwick



December 2011

Dear Friends,

This afternoon I walked to Ranworth with my family and Rufus our dog. As the pale winter sun disappeared behind the crisply silhouetted trees, skeins of mist rose up from low fields. It was as beautiful as this season can be. But it was also mild, milder than I can ever recall at this time of year. This follows a warm, dry autumn, of Halloween and bonfire parties without need for coats and scarves, with only shortening days to remind us we're heading for the winter solstice. Every year the bookmakers accept bets on snow at Christmas. I wonder what the odds are at the moment.

Whether we're looking forward to a white Christmas or a bright Christmas or even a dull grey one, no bookie would accept a bet on the non-arrival of Christmas. December 25th will be with us soon, whatever the weather. This fixture in our calendar is based on the certainty of God's love for us: ***For God so loved the world that he gave his only son (John 3.16)***. These words were uttered by the Son himself, Jesus of Nazareth, child of Mary and Son of God. He came to earth, not just to tell us this, but to demonstrate it through his birth among us and his every word and action.

At Christmas we celebrate the good news that God sent his Son to be born among us, just as the angels did over Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

May I warmly invite you to join us at our services and events over the coming season as we celebrate with light, music and words the wonder of the God who came to live among us and is with us still.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, Nick Garrard



Adoration of the Child" by Gerrit van Honthorst, 1620
Galleria degli Uffizi, Florence



WOODBASTWICK Carol Singing round the village

On Tuesday 20th December we will assemble on the Green at 6pm to go Carol Singing round the village. The tour of the village begins with the first stop at the home of Mrs. Betty Cator. We shall end the tour as usual at the Fur & Feather. Everybody welcome to join us & raise money for the Sunday School at the Kenyan village of Marrich.

Christmas Communion at home.

If you or someone you know is unable to come to church through illness or mobility issues and would like to during the Christmas period, Helen and I would be happy to bring you communion at home. Please contact us on 01603 270769 for further information.



Get your Christmas Tree

Cut a tree of your choice, by kind permission of Charles Cator. The event will be held at the top of the hill at Ranworth on Sunday, December 18th between 1.30pm and 3.30pm.

You do not buy your Christmas Tree but there will be an expectation that you make a donation equivalent to a reasonable commercial price. Donations will be shared between the church and the village hall. It makes a good afternoon out for all the family and where else will you get to choose your own tree! Please remember to bring something suitable to dig out and/or cut your tree with and perhaps something suitable to strap it to the roof of your car.

Pastoral care of Parishioners

If anyone requires visiting or wishes to make arrangements for a baptism, marriage or funeral, please inform Revd. Nick Garrard, Revd. Helen Garrard or one of your churchwardens listed below.

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Sunday Plus

Instant Nativity

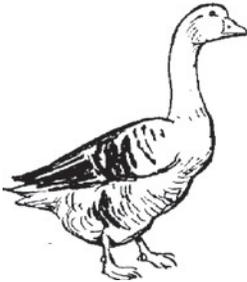
December 11th, 10am-12 noon

in St. Lawrence's.

Following the success of last year's 'God with us', December's Sunday Plus will be another Instant Nativity, GOD WITH US. Open to children across our communities, it will be an opportunity to put together our own Christmas play from scratch using drama, music and props. Plus there will be coffee, pastries and newspapers for grown ups, so don't feel you need to rush away!

Performance will begin just after 12 noon

For more information please ring Helen on 01603 270769 or Julia on 01603 270547.



Christingle Service

Please bring a toy to the Christingle service on December 4th at Ranworth church. These need to be new and left unwrapped. Jane Bemment will then be taking them for distribution by the children's services front line team.

Mary and Joseph are back again!

Once again, the wooden figures and their donkey are travelling around our parishes, looking for somewhere to spend the night on their journey to Christmas. Afterwards, they will continue on their way into the New Year, accompanied by Jesus. If you are willing to host them for a night or two, please contact Nick and Helen on 01603 270769.



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

On Thursday 15th December

THE BROADSIDE CHOIR

will present a

CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY

at 7.30pm in St Lawrences, South Walsham.
Tickets – £5 each (to include Punch & a Mince Pie)
please contact

Jeanette Monument (01493 751597)

or Sybil Davy (01603 270421).

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVENTO
THE UPTON ORGAN APPEAL.**



FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDING

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖
November 5th

**Robert Seal-Coon
& Rosalind Arrowsmith-Brown**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – BLESSING

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖
November 19th

Ken & Sheena Turner

THE TOWER NOBODY WANTED

The delightful 14th Century church of All Saints in Panxworth fell in to disrepair towards the early part of the 19th Century. The nave and chancel were restored as part of the nationwide enthusiasm for church restoration in mid-Victorian times. Rebuilt in 1847 at a cost of £600 (at this time the vicarage in Ranworth was built for £900) the church flourished until the early 20th Century. Researches indicate that as pressures on costs increased and income decreased the decisions to reduce services had the impact of further reducing congregations. The church fell in to further disrepair until the nave and chancel were finally demolished in 1980.

The tower, all that remains of All Saints Church Panxworth, has stood on its own, unwanted and unloved for about 50 years. Panxworth parishioners were under the impression that it was the property of the Diocese and they could not influence any policy that might relate to its future. The parishioners were resigned to time and decay taking its course

This position has all changed in the past eighteen months following an attempt by the Diocese to sell the churchyard and tower for a speculative building project. Two important points came to light, firstly the 'ecclesiastical benefit' was by 'order in council' vested in Ranworth with Panxworth PCC [of which they were unaware until recent years] and secondly, the Churchyard was still an open burial site. The latter not having been closed when the church was declared redundant in 1970.



As a result the Diocese found that they were co-trustees and that there was significant opposition to their plans. The opposition came from the residents of the two villages and from relatives of the deceased who would have seen graves incorporated in to a private garden.

As a consequence the Dioceses has suspended all plans to sell the site. Ranworth with Panxworth PCC together with a group of parishioners from Panxworth – Friends of Panxworth All Saints – FOPAS are taking active steps to see the tower repaired and the site managed for future generations.

The tower is a 14th Century small square tower which was recently described by an architect from English Heritage as “exquisite”. He also said that as it was such a prominent feature of the local landscape and a grade II* listed building “at risk”, something had to be done to repair the damage caused by the neglect of the past 50 years. On the plus side he observed that the tower was in remarkably good condition, except for the damaged east side caused by the lightning strike in February 2006. English Heritage confirmed that grants might be available to assist with the cost. Grants are awarded when a proposal meets specific criteria and the advice from English Heritage is that only the tower is likely meet the criteria. English Heritage support is key since, as a funding body, they may provide up to 75% of the final cost.

The current position is that Ranworth with Panxworth PCC is to commission an architect to draw up plans and a schedule of work to restore the tower to a

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basic condition. If a successful grant application to English Heritage is made and the difference between grant and final cost is found via additional grants fund raising initiatives, then the management of the site will devolve to residents via the FOPAS trust. Ranworth with Panxworth PCC will remain the 'owners' of the site with the Diocese as co-trustee.

As part of the fund raising effort a retired archivist with strong connections with Panxworth is writing a history of the three villages, Panxworth, Ranworth and Woodbastwick. She requests the loan of photographs of events, gatherings and scenes which indicate the way of life in the villages in the past. Old local postcards are also of interest. Any items lent will be scanned and then returned directly this has been completed. Would anyone who could help please contact Mike Deveson at Cotenham Farm, South Walsham Road, Panxworth

Mike Deveson

Christmas Puzzle



WE HPOE EREYVNOE HAS A VREY HPAPY CRISHAMTS

This puzzle is very bad news for our proof reader, Tony Potter, who carries out an absolutely essential task. He picks up on loads of mistakes, both typos and also copy errors. Thank you Tony but do not correct the words above.

The trick is, that providing the first and last letter of each word is in its correct place the remaining letters can be jumbled up. The majority of people can still read the words, albeit with reduced reading speed. Write a sentence or two yourselves and try it out on other people. There we are — ideal fun at the Christmas table.

By the way, hvae a hpapy new yaer too!



CAROL SINGING

at 6.30pm Thursday 22nd December
with the Church Choir
~ under the Christmas Tree
on Ranworth Staithe

A COLLECTION FOR CHARITY WILL BE MADE

EVERYONE WELCOME ~ COME & SING YOUR HEART OUT ~ BRING A TORCH

Ranworth Village Hall

2012 QUIZ & CHIPS Competition



The 2012 Preliminary Rounds are . .
Friday, February 10th
Friday, February 24th
Friday, March 9th
and the Grand Final . . .
Friday, March 23rd

- 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start
- A general knowledge quiz of ten rounds
- Make up a team of eight with your friends for a very enjoyable evening
- No embarrassing individual questions, each table competes as a team
- Choice of cod, plaice or vegetarian pizza and chips served in the interval
- Please bring your own wine, beer, glasses cutlery and condiments etc
- Tickets £9.50 per person
- Raffle and 50p game proceeds to: Breakthrough Breast Cancer Charity

For further details or to book in your team
contact Sue Hitchcock on
01603 270212
or email sue_benets@talktalk.net

Ranworth Post Office CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

During the winter months why not join us for coffee/ cake/ and a mardle EVERY TUESDAY in Ranworth Post Office 9.30am to 12.30pm for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH).

While there, all your Post Office needs are on hand along with non-perishable essentials and many lovely gifts and books. The Post Office/Shop is also open every Thursday same time.

Olympic Torch Diary Date

On 5th July 2012 the Olympic Torch will be carried through the Blofield Deanery on its way between Norwich & Acle. The route has yet to be decided but will avoid the A47 deviating to the North and South - could we be part of it? Broadsider will keep you posted.

Do you know about the Flexibus Service?

This services the villages between
Wroxham and Acle which include
Upton, Pilson Green, South
Walsham, Ranworth, Panxworth and
Woodbastwick.

You can book a journey by ringing
01493 752223 by 5pm the day before
and concessionary bus passes can be
used on this service.

For more information ring
0344 800 8020
or go to
www.norfolk.gov.uk/travelchoices



Event Organisers — Please Note

The next issue of Broadsider covers January & February.
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BENEFICE PRAYERS

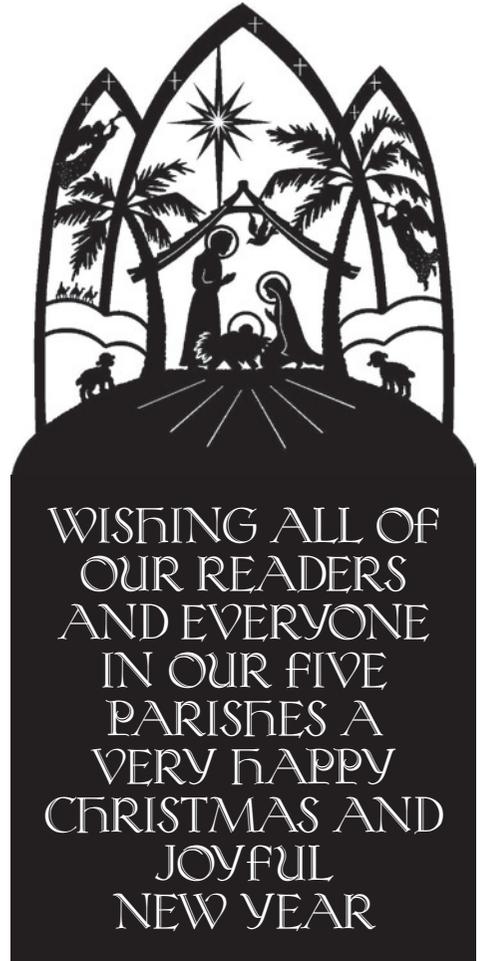
FOR DECEMBER

At the crib

Lord Jesus Christ,
your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at
heaven touching earth:
accept our heartfelt praise
as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God.

— Amen —

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Sunday by Sunday Prayers

December 4th

Pray for our Churchwardens, Mark Cator and John Ley (Ranworth), Margaret Mallett (South Walsham), James Chaplin and Bill Monument (Upton), Alby Cator and Tony Potter (Woodbastwick) and their Deputy Wardens.

December 11th

Pray for our local health centres, doctors' surgeries and dental practices; for all who provide health and community care in our area.

December 18th

Pray for peace in the world.

December 25th

Give thanks to God for the precious gift of his Son, Jesus.

January 1st

Pray for God's guidance in the year ahead. Pray for Rowan our Archbishop, our Bishops Graham, Jonathan and Alan.



The December Calendar

= Children's Activities

BC = Benefice Choir

1	Thur	6.30pm	Acle District Guides Carol Service	St Margaret's, Upton	
4	Sun	9.30am	Christingle Service (supporting the Children's Society)	Ranworth	<i>1st Sunday Advent 2</i>
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Upton	
		11am	Morning Prayer	South Walsham	
		11am	Holy Communion with Christingles	Woodbastwick	
		6pm	Churches Together on the Broads Carol Service at Cottishall Parish Church		
6	Tue	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship	Upton Village Hall	
		7.30pm	Woodbastwick Ladies Club. Christmas Dinner.		
		7.45pm	Advent Group - Being Family	The Rectory, South Walsham	
7	Wed	7.30pm	South Walsham WI	South Walsham Village Hall	
		7.45pm	Friends of St Margaret's	St Margaret's, Upton	
8	Thur	8.30pm	Compline BC	Ranworth	
10	Sat	7.30pm	'A Medieval Christmas' Concert by Minstrel's Gallery at St Lawrence's		
11	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ranworth	<i>2nd Sunday Advent 3</i>
		11am	Holy Communion #	South Walsham	
		11am	Morning Prayer	Woodbastwick	
		3.30pm	Candlelit Carol Service BC	Upton	
13	Tue	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Club. Christmas Party. Please contact Sue Hitchcock on 01603 270212		
		7.45pm	Advent Group - Receiving the Light	Old Hall Farm, South Walsham	
14	Wed	10.30am	Carol Singing at Broadlands Park, Upton		
		12.30pm	South Walsham Ladies Luncheon Club. Filby Bridge Hotel		
15	Thur	7.30pm	Christmas Concert by the Benefice Choir. Supporting Upton's Organ Appeal. At St Lawrence's, South Walsham (see advert)		
18	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	Upton	<i>3rd Sunday Advent 4</i>
		11am	Carol Service BC	South Walsham	
		3.30pm	Carol Service BC	Woodbastwick	
		6.30pm	Carols & Nine Lessons BC	Ranworth	
20	Tue	6pm	Carol Singing in Woodbastwick. Assemble on the Green at 6pm. All welcome.		
22	Thur	6.30pm	Carol Singing on Ranworth Staithe (see advert)		
24	Sat	Christmas Eve			
		4pm	Crib Service	Ranworth	
		6pm	Crib & Christingle (supporting the Children's Society)	South Walsham	
		11.30pm	Midnight Service BC	Ranworth	
25	Sun	Christmas Day			<i>4th Sunday Christmas Day</i>
		9.30am	Holy Communion	Upton	
		10am	Family Service	Ranworth	
		11am	Holy Communion	South Walsham	
January 2012					
1	Sun	11am	Benefice Communion	Woodbastwick	<i>1st Sunday Christmas 1</i>