

# The Broadsider

The bi-monthly magazine of the Broadside Parishes of

Ranworth with Panxworth, South Walsham, Upton and Woodbastwick



January & February 2013

Dear Friends,

**Is Norwich really the most Godless city in the UK?** According to the recently published 2011 National Census figures, a remarkable 42.5% of its residents described themselves as having 'no religion.' In one sense, this isn't news. Norwich was already Britain's least religious city in 2001, and the increase simply reflects the rise of just over 10% of non-religionists nationally.

However, for anyone who knows Norwich, it remains a puzzling statistic. Certainly Jan McFarlane, the Archdeacon of Norwich, appeared bemused when asked to comment on the TV news. The figures didn't represent her impression of Norwich churches and the congregations that throng Cathedral carol services night after night before Christmas. Norwich Cathedral is the city's most iconic building, and signs of its spiritual heritage can be seen all over the city centre. No one seems to want to tear them down, even if they are constant reminders that in medieval times Britain's most secular city was once its holiest.

What then, can we expect to find in this 'most Godless city?' It has its fair share of social problems, but it certainly isn't a sink of iniquity. There are strong secular traditions in education and local government, but in no sense does it resemble Communist Albania. The old road signs at the city boundaries used to proclaim 'Norwich – A Fine City.' Their claim was too modest. I would say that Norwich is England's finest. Although Helen and I enjoy working in villages where the Church has a much more natural affinity and role in community life, I cannot look back on the years our family spent in Norwich and say it was a hard place to live as Christians.

Perhaps it would be helpful to return to the Census form. The question asked 'What is your religion?' 18% less of the respondents wrote 'Christian' compared with ten years previously, 65% more replied 'No religion', most religious minorities saw increases but remain relatively small (Islam, the largest is up to 4.8%). Interestingly, 29,267 described their religion as 'Atheist', compared with

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**The New Year** - The story of the wise men begins with a journey, or a pilgrimage. Inspired by their study of the night sky, the visitors were moved by signs they had seen to uproot themselves from their familiar surroundings and to make a long trip into unfamiliar territory – a journey of discovery.

Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th – the 12th day after Christmas – the day when Christmas decorations are traditionally taken down. It celebrates the day when Jesus was revealed to the people of the world through the arrival of three kings. These 'Wise Men' and their gifts invokes the idea that the message of Jesus' birth was heard and celebrated by people other than the Jews.

In medieval times 12th Night was the day gifts were exchanged. Christmas day was a solemn religious holy day. It wasn't until relatively recent times that gifts were exchanged on Christmas day. As Jesus was revealed to the world the word epiphany has come to mean an Ah-Ha Moment! A revelation - when things become clear to you.

**A MOMENT OF DISCOVERY**

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6,242 who put down 'Heavy Metal.' Those who don't profess a religion may be a much more diverse group than the Census question suggests. I've been amazed at the number of people who've said to me 'I'm not religious, but...' and then reveal something about themselves that indicates that they are spiritually-minded and devout in ways they don't recognise. They have set the bar of belief too high and put themselves underneath it. I'm beginning to think that being non-religious may mean anything from a fully-worked out personal philosophy of life to simply not being a regular church attender.

This presents the Church with an exciting challenge, to explain itself and our faith in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit in ways that those who feel outside can engage with it. We believe that the Gospel Jesus lived out among us 2,000 years ago is surprising, demanding and ultimately liberating. We really do have a Gospel to proclaim.

Finally, as a Christian I believe that describing Norwich or any other place in the Universe as Godless is nonsense. To suggest that God is only present where people believe in him is to deny that he has any existence beyond human imagination. In other words, if we die out, God dies with us. This is the exact opposite of the Biblical tradition. In Genesis 1, it is God who creates us in his image, rather than the other way around. He loves us but does not depend upon us, except to fulfil our task of caring for this planet and its inhabitants. In the middle of a bustling city, or in a place that cannot sustain human life, God is equally present. Over 2,500 years ago, the writer of Psalm 139 expressed his awe, asking God

*'Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.  
If I take the wings of the morning, or dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there your hand shall lead me, your right hand hold me fast.'*

*(Psalm 139.7-9)*

Wishing you a happy and hopeful new year,  
Nick Garrard

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### 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.



### CHURCHWARDENS

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# Sunday Plus

We hope you've enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the first Sunday Plus of 2013, which will begin at 10am on January 27<sup>th</sup> in St. Lawrence's. with plenty of fun stuff to do and coffee and cakes for grownups!

We offer a very warm welcome to children of all ages and accompanying adults are welcome to take part in activities or join us for coffee and pastries and Sunday papers from 10 am to 12 noon.

## The Bridge Foodbank

There's been a tremendous response to the Bridge Foodbank collection through the Broadside churches. I'm pleased to report that 179 items have been given up to December 13<sup>th</sup>! These include some Christmas goodies as well as the all-important basics, so thank you all for your generosity.

## New For 2013!

In response to requests from families who are busy on Sunday mornings, Sunday Plus Afternoons are about to begin. We're having a Sunday Plus Pancake Party at Upton Village Hall on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm-4.30pm. Upton's Village Hall has easy parking and good facilities inside and out, so come along and join the fun! For more information please contact Helen Garrard (01603 270769) or Julia Nelson (01603 270547).

## Confirmation

If you're interested in being confirmed or have been confirmed and would like to explore your faith, please contact Nick or Helen on 01603 270769 or speak to them at church. We're hoping to form a group soon.

## Thank you . . .

. . . to everyone who helped to organise and those who supported our Benefice events and services over Advent and Christmas and to all who generously contributed to our appeals for the Children's Society, Norfolk Social Services, East Anglian Children's Hospice, The Bridge Foodbank and all the other good causes.

Our thanks to Tim and the Benefice Choir for all the festive music and singing. Finally to all those who work tirelessly to raise the funds for our ministry and to keep our churches maintained and open.

## Lent Lunches

On Ash Wednesday (February 13<sup>th</sup>) and every Wednesday from February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread and cheese followed by fruit salad, at Ranworth Visitors' Centre beginning at 12 noon. After lunch, there will be a discussion on Mark's gospel, based on the 'Mapping John' packs, ending before 2pm. Please sign the list in the back of church or ring Veronica Dewing (01603 270271) if you wish to attend or help in any way.

All profits will go to the Diocesan Lent Project, 'Building hope in Uganda'. The Bishop of Norwich has chosen to support two charities based in Uganda for the 2013 project. The Oasis of Life charity is hoping to build a clinic in the North of Uganda where communities have been devastated by the Lord's Resistance Army. World Shine Ministries are building a school dormitory in the West of Uganda, for children who have to travel long distances to get to their nearest school.

On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 11 am, the project will be launched at Granary Court by Bishop Graham, with presentations and information about the charities and the Lent Project.

All are welcome, but please contact Graham Steel, Diocesan Lent Project Coordinator at [grahamsteel@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:grahamsteel@tiscali.co.uk) if you are planning to attend.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### WEDDING

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

November 17<sup>th</sup>

**Benjamin Turner**

&

**Isobel Groat**

### FUNERALS

❖ at St Faith's Crematorium ❖

December 5<sup>th</sup>

**Elizabeth Audrey Hawker**

# The January Calendar

# = Children's Activities

BC = Benefice Choir

2	Wed	7.30pm	South Walsham WI	South Walsham Village Hall	
5	Sat	10am-12noon	Coffee Morning for Farm for Africa at Old Hall Farm, Newport Road, South Walsham		
6	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Feast of Epiphany</i>
		9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
8	Tue	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship	Upton Village Hall	
		7.30pm	Woodbastwick Ladies Club. "Snowdrops".	Woodbastwick Village Hall	
9	Wed	7.45pm	Sunday Plus leaders meeting	The Rectory, South Walsham	
13	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Baptism of Christ</i>
		9.30am	Family Service	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Family Service	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
14	Mon	7.30pm	Ranworth PCC meeting	Ranworth Visitors' Centre	
15	Tue	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Club this month meeting at The Coffee Shop at The Granary. "Bags of Love", with Julie Porter. Please contact Sue Hitchcock on 01603 270212		
20	Sun	8am	Holy Communion	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Epiphany 2</i>
		9.30am	Family Service	<b>Ranworth</b>	
		9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Family Service & Baptism	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
21	Mon	7.45pm	Ministry Team meeting	The Rectory, South Walsham	
22	Tue	7.45pm	Tuesday Group	The Rectory, South Walsham	
23	Wed	7.45pm	Benefice Advisory Council	Visitors' Centre, Ranworth	
27	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Epiphany 3</i>
		9.30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Upton</b>	
		10am-12noon	Sunday Plus	<b>St Lawrence's</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Morning Prayer	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
28	Mon	7.45pm	St Larence's Committee	St Lawrence's	
29	Tue	7.45pm	Tuesday Group	The Rectory, South Walsham	
30	Wed	7.45pm	Woodbastwick PCC	Copperhole	



## Event Organisers — Please Note

The next issue of *Broadsider* covers March and April.  
Strict copy deadlines are on the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month before each issue.

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# The February Calendar

# = Children's Activities

BC = Benefice Choir

1	Fri	7.15pm	Quiz & Chips	Ranworth Village Hall	
3	Sun	9.30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</i> <i>Candlemas Sunday</i>
		11am	Morning Prayer	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
		4pm	Candlemass Evening Service & Procession	<b>Upton</b>	
4	Mon	7.45pm	Ranworth Fabric meeting	The Rectory, South Walsham	
5	Tue	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship	Upton Village Hall	
		7.30pm	Woodbastwick Ladies Club.	Woodbastwick Village Hall	
		7.45pm	Tuesday Group	The Rectory, South Walsham	
6	Wed	10.30am	Hymn Singing at Broadlands Park, Upton.		
		2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship	Upton Village Hall	
10	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</i> <i>Next before Lent</i>
		9.30am	Family Service	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Family Service	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
		2.30-4pm	Sunday Plus Pancake Party	Upton Village Hall	
11	Mon	7.45pm	South Walsham & Upton PCC	St Lawrence's	
12	Tue	7.45pm	Lent Group	The Rectory, South Walsham	
13	Wed		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
		12 noon	Lent Lunch	Ranworth Visitor' Centre	
		7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes	<b>Upton</b>	
14	Thur	8.30pm	Compline	<b>Ranworth</b>	
15	Fri	7.15pm	Quiz & Chips	Ranworth Village Hall	
17	Sun	9.30am	Family Service	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</i> <i>Lent 1</i>
		9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Family Service & Baptism	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
19	Tue	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Club. "Living History at Bickling Hall" with Liz Scott. Please contact Sue Hitchcock on 01603 270212		
			NO Lent Group this week		
20	Wed		No Lent Lunch this week		
21	Thur	8.45pm	Compline	<b>Ranworth</b>	
24	Sun	9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</i> <i>Lent 2</i>
		9.30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Morning Prayer	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
26	Tue	7.45pm	Lent Group	The Rectory, South Walsham	
27	Wed	12noon	Lent Lunch	Ranworth Visitors' Centre	
28	Thur	8.45pm	Compline	<b>Ranworth</b>	
<b>March</b>					
1	Fri	7.15pm	Quiz & Chips	Ranworth Village Hall	
3	Sun	9.30am	Morning Prayer	<b>Ranworth</b>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</i> <i>Lent 3</i>
		9.30am	Holy Communion	<b>Upton</b>	
		11am	Morning Prayer	<b>South Walsham</b>	
		11am	Holy Communion	<b>Woodbastwick</b>	
			Woodbastwick Vestry Meeting (after service)		

# BENEFICE PRAYERS

FOR JANUARY

## A Prayer for Christian Unity

Let there be no gap between us and Christ.  
For if there is any gap, immediately we perish.  
For the building stands because it is cemented together.  
Let us not then merely keep hold of Christ,  
but let us be cemented to him.  
Let us cleave to him by our works.  
He is the head, we are the body.  
He is the foundation, we the building.  
He is the vine, we the branches.  
He is the bridegroom, we the bride.  
He is the shepherd, we the sheep.  
He is the way, we walk in it.  
Again, we are the temple, he the indweller.  
He is the only begotten, we the brothers and sisters.  
He is the heir, we the heirs together with him.  
He is the life, we the living.  
He is the resurrection, we those who rise again.  
He is the light, we the enlightened.

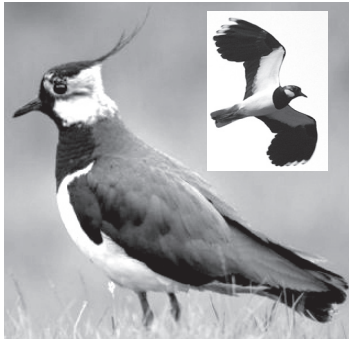
St. John Chrysostom

FOR FEBRUARY

## On Entering Lent

Eternal God,  
through the self-offering of your Son  
you have filled our lives with your presence.  
Help us in our sufferings and trials  
and strengthen us in our weakness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. — Amen

The Methodist Worship Book



## The beautiful Lapwing

The pictures above, show the Lapwing, also known as the Peewit in imitation of its display calls, it's proper name describes it's wavering flight. They are often seen in fast moving wheeling flocks - a truly wonderful site. It is most commonly seen during the winter months as the resident population increases fourfold due to overwintering birds from further north. However, like many birds it is now on the endangered list.



Please come to a  
**Coffee  
Morning**  
On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>  
January

At  
**Old Hall Farm**  
3 Newport Road  
South Walsham

**10 o'clock**

**Bring & Buy,**  
**Cakes & Marmalade**  
**And a stall for**  
**“ those small presents you don't**  
**know what to do with”**

**For Farm Africa**

## Sunday by Sunday Prayers

### January 6<sup>th</sup>

We ask for God's blessing and guidance for the year ahead. Pray for the work of Woodbastwick, South Walsham and Upton and Ranworth PCCs; their Secretaries, Treasurers, Vice-Chairs and Electoral Roll Officers. For the Benefice Advisory Council.

### January 13<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Fairhaven VA and Salhouse VC Schools, Acle High and Broadland High Schools and First Steps Pre-School. Their teachers, staff, governors and pupils. For Fairhaven's link with Mtendre primary school in Dedza, Malawi.

### January 20<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the recently-baptized and their families. For all who have recently moved into the Benefice or have begun worshipping here. Pray for greater co-operation and unity among Christians. For Churches Together on the Broads.

### January 27<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Children in Church and their leaders. For the Sunday Plus, Benefice Children's Events, Fairhaven Bible Club.

### February 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pray for Nick Garrard, Rector, Helen Garrard, Curate and their family.

### February 10<sup>th</sup>

Give thanks for the involvement of older people in the life of our parishes. For our links with Broadlands Park, Upton.

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

Pray for spiritual discipline and growth during Lent. For the Pastoral Group and all who visit the sick, troubled or housebound, sharing Christ's love through action. For those taking communion to residential homes and the housebound.

### February 24<sup>th</sup>

Pray for our ministry to visitors. For the Ranworth Boat Rota, the Committee and helpers at the Visitor Centre, the Broads Chaplaincy. For our Lent Group and Lent Lunches.

### March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Pray for Justin, our Archbishop, and our Bishops, Graham, Alan and Jonathan.

**Ranworth  
Village Hall  
&  
The Salvation Army  
(Norwich Branch)  
2013  
QUIZ & CHIPS  
Competition**



**The 2013 Preliminary Rounds are . . .  
Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>  
and the Grand Final . . .  
Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>**

- 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**

## Woodbastwick Ladies

We are an informal, friendly group who meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Woodbastwick Village Hall.

Our programme for 2013 is exciting, varied with extra outings, visits to theatre, garden party and much more. Come along and be assured of a warm welcome. There is no charge for your first visit and our annual subscription is £25.

For further details contact Patricia Steven on 01603 270314 or Margaret Ong on 01603 712691 or just turn up and we will be pleased to see you.

## “Read all about it”

Read about Queen Victoria’s two jubilees and how the Blofield Deanery group of parishes marked her Golden and Diamond anniversaries. This new book tells the story.

There were sports, tugs of war, beef and plum pudding for hundreds of parishioners; flags, games, donkey rides and mechanical pianos; jubilee mugs and newly minted pennies for the children. Feast, frolic, fun and fireworks.

Also in the 1880s and 1890s our villages saw Signor Gambliano’s conjuring tricks and ventriloquism, Mrs Jarley’s “waxworks company”, outings and celebrations, births, marriages and deaths, fires and accidents, soup kitchens in a bitterly cold winter.

There are reports of events in Acle, Blofield, Brundall, Cantley, Freethorpe, Hemblington, Lingwood (and the Workhouse), Moulton, North Burlingham, Plumstead Magna, Plumstead Parva, South Walsham, Southwood with Limpenhoe, Strumpshaw, Thorpe Hamlet, Upton and Witton.

Read all about it in “Queen Victoria’s Jubilees” collated by Barbara Pilch for sale at £3.50p in aid of church funds in Blofield Church at 11am Sunday services and at Poppies Café in church on Wednesday mornings 10.15—12 noon or from The Rectory, Oak Wood, Blofield 01603 713160.

*A Happy New Year  
to all of our readers*