

The Broadsider

The bi-monthly magazine of the Broadside Parishes of

Ranworth with Panxworth, South Walsham, Upton and Woodbastwick



November 2013

Dear Friends,

Last February, as the afternoon sun set over the backdrop of Ypres, our family visited Tyne Cot, the largest Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery in the world. My grandfather had served during the battle of Passchaendale in 1917, but apart from the cemetery, it would be hard to relate the peaceful landscape to the way my grandfather had described its transformation into cratered, seemingly bottomless mud.

Although the battle ended almost a century ago, we were struck how much was being done to renew the cemetery and extend its interpretation. The gravestones were in the middle of being renewed, a massive undertaking in itself, and since our last visit a new visitor centre had been built. The approach to the centre was made through an enclosed garden where a woman's voice read out a roll-call of those buried at Tyne Cot, played through loudspeakers set into the lawn. For a moment it seemed like a melancholy version of 'Teletubbies', but the sheer, overwhelming seriousness of the place dispelled that thought. It is the paradox of our time that although there is virtually no one alive in the world who could remember the events of 1914-19, remembrance itself seems to grow ever stronger.

Over the coming year, a whole range of organisations, including parish churches, will make preparations for the centenary of the First World War, from August 4th 2014 until 2019. One of my Diocesan roles is to chair a team that will provide resources and a network for these commemorations. In a sense, the Church has been preparing for this anniversary for nearly a century through annual Remembrance Sunday services, but this period will see a wider range of events and projects. There will be commemoration services and projects involving schools, youth and local history groups. Some will be international, like the Edith Cavell project centred on Swardeston, Norwich Cathedral and Brussels, others will be purely local, recalling a particular incident or individual. There is still a lot of research to be done on our war memorials and rolls of honour, but it will be equally important to find out about those who remained at home. Norfolk was garrisoned as a prime invasion area and suffered bombardment from enemy warships and the first bombing raids in Britain. The county experienced the kind of 'Home Front' life that would cover the rest of the country during the Second World War. A long shadow was cast over the lives of many Norfolk families for decades to follow.

It feels important to mark these anniversaries, even though much about the war remains controversial, and at a hundred years' distance it would be hard for us to get everything 'right.' As we research and learn more, we find that the past is seldom how we imagined it, but our discoveries may shine new light on the issues of war, peace and reconciliation in the present day. For me as a Christian, underlying all these issues are these questions, where is God in this situation, what would be his will and what would he expect us to do about it? Our forebears faced these questions in the stark atmosphere of global war. Let us not shrink from them now, in our generally more comfortable and fortunate lives.

With all good wishes
Nick Garrard



Thank you . . .

. . . to Elaine Brown and the Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra for a lively and enjoyable concert at St. Margaret's Upton, raising £197 for the Organ Appeal.

. . . and to Daphne and Yvonne, whose garden party generated a profit of £402.50 towards the Nave Roof fund. Grateful thanks go to all who supported their talent challenge.

Samaritan's "Shoebox Service"

Sunday November 24th

Our annual service in support of the Samaritan's Purse charity and its Operation Christmas Child project will be held at 11am at St Margaret's Church, Upton. At this service we collect shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts for children in other countries. More than 100 million boys and girls in 150 countries have received these gifts since 1990. Please donate a shoebox if you can, filled with appropriate gifts for a child - you will find details of what to include in leaflets at the back of our churches. Or visit the website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk Join us at this special service as we give thanks for the donated gifts and send the shoeboxes on their way to reach a child this Christmas.

Remembrance Sunday, November 10th

There will be Royal British Legion services of Remembrance at St Helen's Church, Ranworth, starting at 10.45am (also for the villages of North Burlingham, South Walsham, Panxworth, and Woodbastwick), and at St Margaret's Church in Upton, also at 10.45am.

Instead of the Sunday Morning, Remembrance Sunday Plus held in previous years, there will be a Remembrance Sunday Plus, Peace Tea held at St. Lawrence's South Walsham from 2.30pm-4.30pm. This will be afternoon tea with a difference, as we think about peace and how we can help to make peace.



The Royal British Legion

Woodbastwick Village Hall

The Autumn Quiz & Chips will be held on Friday November 15th at the Village Hall 7pm for a 7.30 start.

We are looking for ten teams of 8 with tickets priced at £8 each to include fish and chips on a first come first served basis. As we need as much revenue as possible, please make an effort to come as the questions are never too difficult! Contact Kit Cator 01603 720276 for more detail.

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End of season get together

The Visitors' Centre will have its End of Season Get Together on Saturday, November 2nd between 10.30 and 12 noon. If you have a friend who might like to join us as a volunteer please do bring them along.

Caroline Cator

Visitors Centre 20th anniversary

Ranworth Visitors' Centre 20th anniversary was celebrated on Monday, September 2nd It was a wonderfully mild evening, which was as well because the event was well attended and many spilled out to the patio. The atmosphere within was wonderfully convivial within as well as without. Nick Garrard said some words as to the background to the Visitors' Centre and Phillip McFadyen, who with his late wife Brenda, set up the centre and the welcoming ethos that has since been it's keystone. Finally, Henry Dent, who was on the PCC when the Centre was set up, thanked Phillip and his wife for all the hard work they had put in to make it a success.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

It's that time of year again - when we are asking for donations for the Christmas Hamper Raffle, which will take place at the Christmas Craft Fayre in St., Lawrences', South Walsham on Sat 9th November.

If you have any non-perishable, in-date items to make up a hamper (or 2) please contact Lee on 01603 270340 or Sue on 01603 270642 who will be pleased to receive or collect these. The proceeds of the raffle will go to support the four churches in our benefice. Thank You.

PS. Also, do come along and see if you can win the hamper this year.

Ranworth Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Sunday, November 24th but there has been a slight change to the previously advertised times. The Fayre now starts at 11am and finishes at 4pm. There will be stalls selling gifts, produce and items such as cards and gift wrap especially for Christmas, refreshments, and a raffle at 3pm. We hope to provide some seasonal Christmas atmosphere and fun for everyone. Entry is free and all are welcome. Proceeds will go to the Village Hall Fund and St Helen's Nave Roof appeal. We hope to see you there!

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖
August 31st

Priscilla Endsleigh Jones

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖
September 8th

Alfie Paul Rayner

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖
September 22nd

Josh Riley Toll

WEDDINGS

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖
September 6th

**Marcus Breeze &
Jaycee Collier**

FUNERALS

❖ at St Faith's Crematorium ❖
September 19th

Barry Douglas Daghli

❖ at Earlham Crematorium ❖
September 20th

Marjory Hubbicks

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖
September 30th

Myra Evelyn Jenner

❖ at St Margaret's, Upton ❖
October 3rd

Jennifer Irene Arnold

INTERMENT OF ASHES

❖ at SS. Fabian & Sebastian, Woodbastwick ❖
September 5th

Joan Mary Buxton



In Flanders Fields

by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

The Petals of the Poppy

Paradoxically the poppy grows best on disturbed land yet now represents peace and is the symbol of remembrance for those killed during the disturbance of war and troubled times. This is a short story of two literary *creations* produced in desperate times where hope was hard to find and death and destruction were paramount in peoples lives. The poem 'In Flanders Fields', by John McCrae, is now universally known.

During the Second Battle of Ypres in April and May 1915, John McCrae, was serving as a major and a military doctor and was second in command of the 1st Brigade Canadian Field Artillery. The field guns of his brigade's batteries were in position on the west bank of the Ypres-Yser canal, about two kilometres to the north of Ypres and had arrived there in the early hours of 23rd April.

It is thought that he began the draft for his famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' on the evening of the May 2nd, 1915 following the death of his friend, Alexis Helmer. The exact details of how the first draft was written may never be known because there are various accounts by those who were with McCrae at that time.



Major John McCrae
November 30th 1872 — January 28th 1918

One account says that he was seen writing the poem sitting on the rear step of an ambulance while looking at Helmer's grave the day after he died and wondered at the vivid red poppies that were springing up amongst the graves in the burial ground.

Another account says that McCrae was so upset after Helmer's burial that he wrote the poem in twenty minutes in an attempt to compose himself.

A third account by his commanding officer, Lieutenant Colonel Morrison, states that John told him he drafted the poem partly to pass the time between the arrival of two groups of wounded at the first aid post and partly to experiment with different variations of the poem's metre.

Like many aspects of war we will never know the truth but Major John McCrae's poem was the first step in how the poppy became immortally linked to those who fell, whilst serving their country.



The Torch, be yours to hold it high

The poem 'In Flanders Fields', was brought to fame by the London magazine, Punch, which published it in the issue of December 8th 1915.

Now the story evolves. In 1918, Moina Michael, a 49 year old, American professor, born near Good Hope, Walton County in Georgia had taken war leave from the University of Georgia and was working at the YMCA Overseas War Secretaries headquarters in New York. During it's annual conference the idea for a Flanders Fields Memorial Poppy came to her. It was a Saturday morning in November 1918 just two days before the Armistice was declared at 11 o'clock on 11th November. During the morning, when everyone was on duty elsewhere, Moina found a few moments to read the Ladies Home Journal. In it she came across a page that carried a vivid colour illustration for the poem "We Shall Not Sleep", later named "In Flanders Fields".

Reading the poem, Moina was transfixed by the last verse — *"To you from failing hands we throw the Torch; **be yours to hold it high.** If ye break faith with us who die, we shall not sleep, though poppies grow in Flanders Fields."*

At that moment Moina Michael made a personal pledge to 'keep the faith' and vowed always to wear a red poppy of Flanders Fields as a sign of remembrance and as an emblem for "keeping the faith with all who died." Compelled to make a note of this pledge she hastily scribbled down a response to MacCrae's poem on the back of a used envelope, entitled **"We Shall Keep the Faith"**.

That same day she was given \$10 by the conference delegates in thanks for her hard work, which she spent on 25 silk poppies. Returning to the office with one pinned to her coat, she distributed the rest amongst the delegates and told them her reasons.

After the war was over, Michael returned to the University of Georgia and taught a class of disabled servicemen. Realising the need to provide financial and occupational support for these servicemen, she pursued the idea of selling silk poppies as a means of raising funds to assist disabled veterans. In 1921 the National American Legion's conference proclaimed the poppy as such. Among those at the conference was Madame E. Guerin, from France, who saw poppy sales as a way to raise money for children in war-ravaged areas of France. Having organised the sale of millions

of poppies made by French widows in the United States, in 1921 she sent her poppy sellers to London.

Field Marshall Douglas Haig, a senior commander during WWI and a founder of the Royal British Legion, was sold on the idea as were veterans' groups in Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Known as the "Poppy Lady" for her humanitarian efforts, Moina received numerous awards during her lifetime. In 1948, four years after her death, the U.S. Postal Service issued a commemorative stamp honouring her life's achievements.



We Shall Keep the Faith

by Moina Michael, November 1918

Oh! you who sleep in Flanders Fields
Sleep sweet — to rise anew!
We caught the torch you threw
And holding high, we keep the Faith
With All who died.

We cherish, too, the poppy red
That grows on fields where valour led;
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies.
But lends a luster to the red
Of the flower that blooms above the dead
In Flanders Fields

And now the Torch and Poppy Red
We wear in honour of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought
In Flanders Fields.

Ranworth Village Hall Results

Ranworth Village Fete was held on the Staithe on Sunday 28th July. Jonathan Wills (ITV Anglia) opened the fete at 1pm and conducted the raffle and prize giving at 3.30pm. The weather was good which encouraged a good crowd to attend. The event made £652.85. Thank you very much to all of our volunteers and donors and we hope all those who came had a good time.

The **Ranworth Beer Festival** ran once again 9th-11th August. We had a large attendance Friday night to see the band Hangover Square and Saturday night for bands Black River Falls and The Humbugs. 20 beers, 3 ciders and a perry were on offer for our discerning drinkers and lovers of real ale, with all cider and perry selling out Saturday night and only 8 beers left on by Sunday. The event made £929.77 (about £400 down from last year). However, we are very pleased to make a profit on the event once again. A massive thank you goes out to all of our volunteers and donors who worked very hard giving their time for free, as well as donating items to ensure the smooth running of the event. Thanks also go to our visitors and patrons and we hope they enjoyed themselves. It is anticipated that the event should run again next year 8-10 August 2014, so we hope to see you all again then!

The profits from these events will go straight towards Village Hall maintenance and funding future events.

The “invisible” only I “saw” her.

Last month a visitor emailed this picture together with the following:

Rev. N. Garrard,

While visiting one of the parishes in the Broads, I picked up a copy of the Broadsider for Sept. & Oct. I was challenged by the article you wrote regarding our real purpose in life which will require change and (I might add) sometimes ‘cost’ us in some way.

The other day while visiting Norwich Cathedral I was reminded again of why Christ came to earth and the example He set and described in His teachings.

Marge Garrett, USA

We pray “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. If this is the desire of my heart, in asking God to make the world a better place, then I not only open myself up to God’s changes in my life, but understand He will give me strength for the task He has assigned.



Calling all girls aged 5 and 6 years old

Are you interested in joining 1st Salhouse Rainbows? The unit meet here each week.

What do Rainbows do? Rainbows follow a programme called the Rainbow Jigsaw, which involves a wide range of activities and games. Being a Rainbow is all about learning, developing self-confidence, building friendships and, of course, having lots of fun!

Rainbows ‘Look’ at their part in the world; ‘Laugh’ playing games, learning new songs, having fun and making choices; ‘Learn’ by visiting people and places, by being creative and by playing with others and ‘Love’ exploring the concept of spirituality.

Please register your daughter on www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

Share Christmas with a student

Could you make the world a friendlier place by offering an invitation to an international student at a UK university, for just a day, a weekend, or 3 days at Christmas? Young adults from many countries would love to have a homely break and discover the real life of this country. HOST is a well-established charity which takes care in linking students with volunteer hosts. www.hostuk.org or call David Patey 01508 483838.



FAIRHAVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

AUTUMN TERM AT FAIRHAVEN C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our new Reception children have all settled in to school routines very quickly. They had a slightly disrupted start to the term in that we still had builders in their classroom. The building work was completed quickly and we are very pleased that we now have new toilets installed adjacent to Class 1.

We have a new archery club running on a Friday after school. This has been a very popular club and so we will be running a second group after half term.

Our running club has also restarted, training children to take part in the Cluster Cross Country Race which will be held at Lingwood Primary School on 22nd November.

Class 3 have taken delivery of 30 ukuleles. All of the class including Mr Branch and Mrs Cooper will be learning to play them over the coming year. We look forward to hearing them all perform later in the year. We are very grateful to The Ranworth Trust for making this possible.

We would also like to thank The Ship Inn for allowing our parents to use their car park so that pupils can park and stride to school, part of our Walk to School programme.

And finally.....Children who were born between 1st September 2009 and 31st August 2010 will be due to start school in September 2014. Applications need to be made before 15th January. For more information or to make your application online go to <https://www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk/Enrol>

BENEFACTIVE PRAYERS

FOR NOVEMBER:

A REMEMBRANCE PRAYER

Almighty God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, by death or by life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for those whom we remember.

Fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. — Amen.

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

November 3rd

Pray for the Great Yarmouth Food Bank, the Bridge and Contact 2000 drop-in centres in Gorleston. Also for Nick Garrard, Rector, Helen Garrard, Curate and their family.

November 10th

Pray for the work of the Royal British Legion and all who support service personnel and their families. For all who work for peace. Give thanks for the involvement of older people in the life of our parishes. For our links with Broadlands Park, Upton.

November 17th

Pray 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.

November 24th

Pray for our ministry to visitors. For the Ranworth Boat Rota volunteers, the Committee and helpers at the Visitor Centre, the Broads Chaplaincy. For the work of Samaritans Purse, and the children who will receive shoebox gifts for Christmas. For children who have joined Salhouse and Fairhaven Schools this term.

December 1st

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



The November Calendar

= Children's Activities

BC = Benefice Choir

2	Sat	10.30am 7.30pm	End of Season Volunteers Party Concert: David Morgan & Anna Hopkins	Ranworth Visitors' Centre St Lawrence's, South Walsham	
3	Sun	9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Ranworth Upton South Walsham Woodbastwick	<i>1st Sunday</i> <i>All Saints Sunday</i>
5	Tue	2.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Womens' Fellowship Woodbastwick Ladies Club. AGM & American Thanksgiving Supper & Quiz at Woodbastwick Village Hall Tuesday Group & Confirmation Group Meeting at The Rectory, South Walsham	Upton Village Hall	
6	Wed	7.30pm 7.30pm	PCC Resources Exhibition South Walsham WI	Broadland High School South Walsham Village Hall	
9	Sat	10am-4pm 11am	St. Lawrence's Christmas Craft Market Confirmation Service	St. Lawrence's, South Walsham Norwich Cathedral	
10	Sun	10.45am 10.45am 2.30-4.30pm	Royal British Legion Remembrance Service BC Royal British Legion Remembrance Service Remembrance Sunday Plus Peace Tea #	Ranworth Upton St Lawrence's	<i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>Remembrance</i> <i>Sunday</i>
14	Thur	7.30pm	Blofield Deanery Synod	SS. Andrew & Peter, Blofield	
15	Fri	7 for 7.30pm	Woodbastwick Village Hall Quiz & Chips	Woodbastwick Village Hall	
16	Sat	7pm	Student Concert	St Lawrence's, South Walsham	
17	Sun	9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am	Holy Communion Holy Communion Family Service & Baptism Holy Communion	Ranworth Upton South Walsham Woodbastwick	<i>3rd Sunday</i> <i>2nd Sunday</i> <i>before Advent</i>
19	Tue	6.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Deanery Taizé Service with healing prayer Ranworth Ladies Club at The Granary. "The Royal, Then & Now" - with Val Knights Please contact Sue Hitchcock on 01603 270212 Tuesday Group	St Lawrence's, South Walsham The Rectory, South Walsham	
24	Sun	11am	Samaritan's Purse Service BC	Upton	<i>4th Sunday</i> <i>Christ the King</i>
26	Tue	6.30pm 7.45pm	Evensong Advent Group	Ranworth The Rectory, S. Walsham	
December					
1	Sun	9.30am 9.30am 11am 11am	Christingle Service Holy Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion	Ranworth Upton South Walsham Woodbastwick	<i>1st Sunday</i> <i>Advent 1</i>



Event Organisers — Please Note

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