

The BROADSIDER

November 2016



Covering the Broadside Benefice parishes of
Ranworth with Panxworth, South Walsham, Upton & Fishley, and Woodbastwick

Dear Friends,

For almost a century, November 11th has been an important date in the calendar. At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of the year 1918, an armistice began that brought to an end over four years of heavy fighting. Many people will mark that time with silence and poppies. But for our medieval ancestors, November 11th had another significance.

November 11th was, and is still, St. Martin's day. For our ancestors it marked the beginning of a forty day fast leading up to Christmas, a time of spiritual preparation we now call Advent. But who exactly was St. Martin? Appropriately for Armistice Day, he was a soldier. His father had been an officer in the Roman Imperial Horse Guard, so Martin was always destined for a military career. He was born in A.D. 316, three years after Christianity had been legalised in the Roman Empire. Against his parents' wishes, Martin began attending church aged ten. At fifteen he was drafted into an elite cavalry unit stationed near the modern city of Amiens. As he rode up to the city gates one day, he noticed a beggar shivering in rags. Martin cut his cavalry cloak in half and shared it with the beggar. As he dreamed that night, he saw Jesus dressed in his half cloak. This confirmed his faith and he chose to be baptised aged eighteen.

His Christian faith ended his military career. Shortly before a battle against barbarian forces in Germany, he declared to his superiors, 'I am a soldier of Christ. I cannot fight.' He was arrested and charged with cowardice. In response, he volunteered to stand unarmed at the front of the unit in battle. His commanders wanted to take up his offer, but the barbarians sued for peace instead and Martin was discharged. He was probably the first recorded Christian conscientious objector.

Martin became a monk and due to his reputation as a holy teacher, was tricked into coming to the city of Tours. He was invited to visit a sick person, but the real reason was to acclaim him as their bishop. Martin was unwilling and hid in a barn filled with geese, whose honking gave his location away. Nevertheless, he became their patron saint, as well as beggars, soldiers, tailors and because his feast falls near the end of the grape harvest, vintners too. He served as Bishop of Tours until his death on November 11th, A.D. 397. Later, his half-cloak became a treasured relic at the royal court. The Latin word for cloak is cappa, and the priest charged with looking after his cloak was dubbed the cappellanu. This word is the origin of 'chaplain.'

So as we remember the past century of conflicts on November 11th, let us also remember St. Martin, the soldier who became a soldier for Christ, monk and bishop. As we recall the courage of those who fought and died in war, let us also remember men who possessed a different form of bravery - the courage to stand alone for the sake of their conscience. Let us also remember his 'cloak wardens', the chaplains in our armed forces, in prisons, hospitals and schools. May they too see Christ in those they serve.

With best wishes, 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 Rev. Nick Garrard, Rev. Helen Garrard or one of your churchwardens listed above.

Ranworth Visitors' Centre End of Season Get-Together

Saturday November 5th

This year's End of Season Get-together for volunteers will be on Saturday 5th November 10.30 - noon at the Visitors' Centre. Please do come along for a coffee and chat.

A big "Thank You" to all our volunteers for your help and support again this year. If you feel you could help on a Saturday and Sunday afternoon during the winter then please bring your diaries. New volunteers will be especially welcome or call John Ley on 01603 270158 for more information.

Prayer and Praise Meetings

Following the very successful introduction of Prayer and Praise meetings, we are pleased to announce these will continue every Thursday at 7.30pm in St Lawrence's Centre. Everyone is welcome to come along to join the 'guitar led' praise, and enjoy an hour of relaxed prayer with Bible sharing. Any questions, or further details, please contact Nick or Elaine 07788 505923

Tree of Light Service

Sunday November 27th 3.30pm:

St Mary's Church, South Walsham

As Christmas approaches, we often remember loved ones who are no longer with us. The Tree of Light Service on November 27th will be an informal act of worship, in which you are welcome to light a candle and place a star on the Christmas tree in memory of someone you have lost. We will be serving refreshments after the service and people of all ages are welcome to join us on this occasion.

New EMAIL address for the Broadsider

The next issue of Broadsider covers
DECEMBER

Deadline: Thursday, November 10th
Please send your copy to David Benham
send2broadsider@gmail.com

Taizé Service with Healing Prayer

Sunday November 6th

We welcome our friends from across the Deanery and the Norwich area to join us in the unique atmosphere of a candlelit St. Lawrence's for a time of reflection and stillness, Taizé music and an opportunity to receive prayer for healing, for yourself, or a loved one. This takes the form of laying on of hands and anointing with holy oil. The service begins at 5.00pm, with an opportunity to learn the music from 4.45pm onwards. For further information please contact Nick or Helen (01603 270769).

Remembrance Sunday Services

On November 13th there will be Services of Remembrance at St. Margaret's Upton and St. Andrew's, North Burlingham (also for the villages of South Walsham, Panxworth, Ranworth, and Woodbastwick) at 10.45am. As we come to the end of a year in which we have remembered the many casualties of 1916, the names of all who gave their lives from these communities will be remembered by name. The collection will go to the Royal British Legion Poppy Fund, helping in the vital work of supporting ex-service personnel and their families in our own age.



Ranworth Staithe Carol Singing

A note for your diaries: This year "Carol Singing on the Staithe", will be on Thursday 15th December at 6.30pm. We are pleased to have Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra playing for us. Donations received will be for a local charity and if anyone can help with making some mince pies they would be very gratefully received, either to myself or to The Granary by noon on the day. Hope to see loads of you on the night.

Carol Hymus, The Maltings
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FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

❖ at SS Fabian & Sebastian, Woodbastwick ❖

October 2nd

Ava Grace Genery

Jacob Lewis Love

WEDDINGS

❖ at St Mary's, Fishley ❖

August 20th

Luke Warren & Julie Harrold

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

August 27th

Jonathan Holmes & Charlotte Hadden

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

September 3rd

Thomas Campbell & Jessica Cator

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

September 10th

Keith Coke & Louise Pointer

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

September 17th

William Mills & Stacey Page

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

September 24th

Andrew Bayes & Katherine Balls

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

October 6th

Richard Baker & Samantha Armes

FUNERALS

❖ at St Faith's Crematorium ❖

September 9th

Molly Bell

❖ at St Margaret's, Upton ❖

September 16th

John Forde

INTERMENT OF ASHES

❖ at St Mary's, Fishley ❖

September 23rd

Ronald James Bryant

FAIRHAVEN C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

We ended the Summer Term on a high note with successes on the sports field leading to Fairhaven Primary retaining the Cluster Athletics Cup at the UEA and the Cluster Sports Shield for being the most successful school during the whole year. At the same time we heard that we had, once again, won The Schools Partnership Shield for small schools. This is awarded for a high level of participation and success in a range of partnership sporting competitions during the year.

The summer weather appeared in time for our school Sport's Day and, more importantly, for our whole school trip to Barton Turf. Whilst our youngest pupils enjoyed woodcraft activities, making charcoal and, more importantly, cooking marshmallows on the finished product, the older children had great fun geo-caching, taking a boat trip and pond dipping. The feedback from parents and children was that it was a fantastic day out.

Just before the end of term we were delighted to receive our year 6 Key Stage 2 SATs results which showed our Year 6 pupils had performed really well, with 86% achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics compared to 53% nationally. This is an achievement of which they should be proud. The school's

success has recently been acknowledged by Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner for East of England and North-East London

The Autumn Term has begun calmly with our new reception children settling quickly into the routines of school and all of our pupils making a good start in their new year group.

We have had pupils at both ends of the school undertaking road safety training. Our younger pupils have been learning how to be safe as pedestrians while our Year 6 pupils have begun their cycling proficiency training.

In the weeks leading up to half term we had trips to Ranworth Broad, Norwich Cathedral and the UEA. At the same time we were busy practising for our Harvest Celebration.

Our after school clubs are well attended and our running club is particularly popular with more than half of our pupils training as we approach the Cluster and County cross country competitions which take place in October and November.

Our successes last year are due to the enthusiasm and commitment of our staff and the children and the unfailing support of parents and families.

Samaritan's "Shoebbox Service"— Sunday November 27th

The Annual Shoebbox Service is one of the highlights of the year, marking the beginning of Advent and our preparations for Christmas. It's an opportunity to think of others in greater need than we are.

The service will be held at 11am in St Margaret's Church, Upton. Once again, we look forward to welcoming staff and families from Fairhaven School at our annual service in support of Samaritan's Purse and its Operation Christmas Child project. The Acle St. Edmund's Youth Orchestra will be helping to lead our music.

If you'd like to find out how to make up a shoebbox, please look at the leaflet available at the back of our churches. Otherwise you can find information on their website www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk You can also track your gift online to see where it goes!

Join us as we give thanks for the donated gifts and send the shoeboxes on their way to transform a child's Christmas.

HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.

*One day I saw a sign that read,
"Heaven's Grocery Store"*

*As I got a little closer
the door came open wide
And when I came to myself
I was standing inside.*

*I saw a host of angels.
They were standing everywhere.
One handed me a basket and said,
"My Child, shop with care".*

*Everything a Christian needed
was in that grocery store.
And all you couldn't carry,
you could come back the next day for more.*

*First, I got some PATIENCE:
LOVE was in the same row.
Further down was UNDERSTANDING:
You need that everywhere you go.*

*I got a box or two of WISDOM,
a bag or two of FAITH.
I just couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST,
For it was all over the place.*

*I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE
To help me run this race.*

*By then my basket was getting full,
But I remembered I needed some GRACE.*

*I didn't forget SALVATION,
For SALVATION was free,
So I tried to get enough of that
To save both You and Me.*

*Then I started up to the counter
To pay my grocery bill,
For I thought I had everything
To do the MASTER'S Will.*

*As I went up the aisle, I saw PRAYER:
And I just had to put that in,
For I knew when I stepped outside,
I would run into Sin.*

*PEACE AND JOY were plenty
They were last on the shelf.
SONG and PRAISE were hanging near,
So I just helped myself.*

*Then I said to the angel,
"Now, how much do I owe?"
He smiled and said,
"Just take them everywhere you go."*

*Again, I smiled and said,
"How much do I really owe?"
He smiled again and said,
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL
A LONG, LONG TIME AGO."*

Christmas Hamper Raffle . . .

The annual Christmas Market at St Lawrence's, South Walsham, will be held on Saturday 12th November 10am to 4pm. If you are able to donate any non-perishable, in-date items for the hampers we would be very grateful. Please contact Lee on 01603 270340 or Sue on 01603 270642 who will be please to collect these from you, and do come along on the day to try your luck at winning one of the prizes. Thank you.



The Poppy Appeal 2016

The first Poppy Appeal was held in 1921, the founding year of The Royal British Legion. Red silk poppies, inspired by the famous First World War poem In Flanders Fields, sold out instantly and raised more than £106,000. The funds helped WW1 veterans find employment and housing after the war.

The following year, the Poppy Factory was set up, employing disabled ex-Servicemen to create the poppies to sell during the appeal. The factory still produces millions of the iconic poppies each year for our army of volunteers to distribute throughout the nation, collecting donations in return, to help support the vital work the Royal British Legion does for the Armed Forces community.

Members of the public wear the paper poppy on their chest as a symbol of Remembrance: to remember the fallen Service men and women killed in conflict.

A number of Remembrance events, such as Remembrance Sunday, are held during the Poppy Appeal to commemorate the fallen and those servicemen whose lives have been affected by their service to the nation.

BENEFICE PRAYERS

NOVEMBER

A PRAYER FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ,
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity — Amen.

Church of England (adapted)

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

November 6th

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.

November 13th

Pray for the work of the Royal British Legion, and for the victims of today's conflicts.

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

November 20th

Pray for the recently-baptized and their families. For all who have recently moved into the Benefice or have begun worshipping here. Give thanks that Christ is our universal Lord and King.

November 27th

Pray for Samaritan's Purse, and for the children supported by our gifts. For open hearts and minds as Advent begins.

December 4th

Pray for our Churchwardens, Chloe Ecclestone and Ivan Barnard (Fishley), David Benham and John Ley (Ranworth), Gill Hood and Trevor Nelson (South Walsham), James Chaplin and Tony Moore (Upton), Alby Cator and Kit Cator (Woodbastwick) and their Deputy Wardens. For Churches Together on the Broads and the work of the Broads Chaplaincy.



SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, November 6th *Third Sunday before Advent*

Ranworth _____	9.30am	___ Morning Prayer
Upton _____	9.30am	___ Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	___ Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	___ Holy Communion
Fishley _____	3.00pm	___ Evensong
St Lawrence's, South Walsham _____	5.00pm	___ Deanery Taizé Service with Healing Prayer

Sunday November 13th *Remembrance Sunday - Second Sunday before Advent*

St Andrew's, North Burlingham _____	10.45am	___ Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday
Upton _____	10.45am	___ Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday, November 20th *Christ the King*

Ranworth _____	8.00am	___ Holy Communion
Ranworth _____	9.30am	___ Family Service
Fishley _____	9.30am	___ Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	___ Holy Communion
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	___ Morning Prayer

Sunday, November 27th *Advent 1*

Upton _____	11.00am	___ Samaritan's Purse Service
South Walsham _____	3.30pm	___ Tree of Light Service

Sunday, December 4th *Advent 2*

Ranworth _____	9.30am	___ Christingle Service
Upton _____	9.30am	___ Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	___ Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	___ Holy Communion
Fishley _____	3.00pm	___ Evensong

The Quick Fix

The surgery car park was pretty full as I awaited my wife's return from her appointment and there seemed to be lots of coming and goings that distracted me from my book. Who were all of these people, going into and coming away from their ten-minute consultations? Would they be happy with the news the doctor was about to give them; fearful of the outcome; hopeful for a treatment that had not been possible five years ago? Did they get the pills or the injection that they wanted? Was the nurse successful in syringing out their ears?

I settled back to my book but after a while there was further distraction due to an incredibly long period of starter-motor-engaging-engine noise, with no ultimate roar. The whirrings gradually faltered as the battery ran out of 'steam'. The final outcome seemed obvious — there was no hope of starting the big, 4-person, pick-up truck. The driver's door opened and out stepped a man who looked a few days short of his 75th birthday on his very first visit to the doctor in adult life - a sort of healthy, well-being look for his age. He was dressed as if he'd spent a lifetime logging trees - you know, the rigger boots, the Alaska, long-sleeved, check shirt and all that. Now fully hooked into developments, I watched as he calmly walked round to the front of the vehicle, lifted the bonnet and spent literally two seconds flicking at something attached to the engine. He stepped back, closed the bonnet with care and looking up to the sky, as if offering a quick-fix prayer, he got back into the pick-up. Well, I don't really have to tell you that the engine started first time, do I? While the rest of us might pray that the breakdown service would not be too overburdened at the time of our phone call, here was a man who had taught himself not to be foxed by life's little frustrations when they came his way!

David Benham

MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

November

1 st Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship – Upton Village Hall
2 nd Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. – South Walsham Village Hall
3 rd Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St.Lawrence's, South Walsham
5 th Saturday	10.30-12 noon	Visitors' Centre Volunteers Coffee Morning – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
7 th Monday	12.30-4.30pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.45pm	Ministry Team – The Rectory, South Walsham
8 th Tuesday	7.45pm	South Walsham & Upton PCC – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
10 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St.Lawrence's
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod – St David's, Thorpe End
12 th Saturday	10am-4pm	St Lawrence's Christmas Craft Market – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.30pm	Student Concert: Richard Whiley – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
14 th Monday	7.30pm	Ranworth PCC – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
15 th Tuesday	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group – “Dream Big” We are never too old to achieve our dreams! with Tracy Clark. For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212.
17 th Thursday	10.30am	Upton Organ Committee – The Rectory, South Walsham
	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St.Lawrence's
19 th Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Annette & Susie - Songs from the Music Halls – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
24 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St.Lawrence's

December

1 st Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St.Lawrence's
5 th Monday	12.30-4.30pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

Is 2017 the year to start your own business?

Have you always dreamed about starting your own business but not sure where to start? Maybe you want to turn your hobby into a business or just want to be your own boss?

A free programme is offered by Broadland District Council for all Broadland residents who want to find out more about self-employment. The three hour Business Start-Up Workshop is designed to introduce you to the basic principles of starting a business, where you are also provided with a Business Start-Up Toolkit. After attending, the follow-on Business Essentials Programme delves deeper into what to expect in starting and running your own business. The course shares knowledge and signposts you to additional resources. Throughout and after each course, you will receive on-going support and advice from the Council's Business Advisors as you decide whether running a business is right for you. After completing the programme, you may have the option to take a series of further free courses as discussed with the Business Advisor. A new programme begins every month and courses take place at the Council's training facility in Hellesdon.

For further information please contact the Council's Business Support team – Tel: 01603 430449, email: business@broadland.gov.uk or visit their website: www.broadland.gov.uk/training to find out course dates and the range of other courses available.