

The BROADSIDER

November 2014



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

Dear Friends,

Fifty years ago, Philip Larkin wrote a poem, MCMXIV, ending with these words:

***Never such innocence,
Never before or since,
As changed itself to past
Without a word – the men
Leaving the gardens tidy,
The thousands of marriages,
Lasting a little while longer:
Never such innocence again.***

Larkin wrote this poem in 1964, half way between the outbreak of World War 1 and today. Fifty years on from those words, how do we look back now, to a time almost beyond living memory? Do we still share Larkin's yearning for a lost age of innocence? Nothing stands still, even the past, continually receding but also coming back in new ways to us. Over the next few years we will continue to re-visit events and lives from a war that began and ended a century ago, and will no doubt find that the past isn't quite what we thought it was.

In our service at Ranworth in August that marked the centenary of the war's outbreak, we came full circle, back to the origins of remembrance. During the war, Remembrance Day recalled the day war began, and it wasn't until the 1920s that its focus shifted to the fallen of each community, its date moving from the August beginning to its November end. Remembrance Sunday is close to Armistice Day but also the Christian festivals of All Saints and All Souls, as war's casualties, buried in faraway places, at the bottom of the sea or forever missing were remembered in churches, chapels and on village greens.

The significance of moving Remembrance Sunday would have been widely understood at the time, because Britain in 1914 was a Christian country in a way we would find harder to describe ourselves now. Apart from a growing Jewish minority, other faiths were little represented and only 1% of the population described themselves as 'Atheist'. Around a quarter of the population, (mainly women and children) attended church or chapel regularly, and 90% of children attended Sunday School. This gave society a common pool of Biblical knowledge, a large repertoire of hymns and experience of worship that many today lack, a faith that sustained them through tough years of war and the hard years of peace that followed.

One of the enduring myths of World War 1 is that faith in God died on the first day of the Somme battle. Many no doubt lost their faith, but many more found it. In 1918, the Bishop of Colchester went to the Western Front as an ordinary chaplain to help with the great backlog of men awaiting confirmation. Despite many would-be clergy being killed, injured or experiencing a crisis of faith, theological colleges overflowed at the end of the war, so that Knutsford Prison had to be turned into one for a while. Church attendance grew, not fell, in the decade after the war.

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The first world war is largely seen today in terms of its tragic losses, and perhaps its greatest tragedy is that it gave birth to future wars. We call the great war of 1914-18 the First World War, because it bought only 20 years of uneasy peace until the world was plunged into a second, more decisive conflict. Its ripples continue to reverberate today, most recently in the Middle East. In 1919 a patchwork of tribes and religions were divided up around a conference table by neat lines on map, into new countries like Iraq, Syria, now currently unravelling through bloody civil wars. Remembrance today is also about them, and our prayers are with those suffering in the present, as much as those of the past.

It's also important for us to recall with thanksgiving the poppies that bloomed amid the carnage of war. There were significant Christian moments, like the Christmas truce in 1914, when what enemies held in common through Christ proved greater than the hatreds that divided them, or Edith Cavell's words of forgiveness and acceptance. And there were the hopes and dreams of a better world, rising from the ashes of the old, that did so much to shape the country we live in. Christians worked with others to bring in reforms over the coming decades in education and social housing, to form a national health service, to abolish capital punishment, to work for disaster relief, peace and disarmament, create a more just and humane society. We have much to learn from their determination and sense of community, their idealism that proved stronger than the forces of destruction and death. We need to recover a sense of empowerment to transform suffering, injustice and need. With God's help, we can make a difference. We should make a difference.

With all good 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 Revd. Nick Garrard, Revd. Helen Garrard or one of your churchwardens listed below.



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Ranworth Visitors' Centre End of Season Get-Together Saturday November 1st

The End of Season Get-together for volunteers will be on Saturday 1st 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 & Sunday afternoon during the winter then please bring your diaries. New volunteers will be especially welcome or call Lee on 01603 270340 for more information.

Sunday Plus

A great opportunity to get together at Upton Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday (November 9th) afternoon between 3-5pm and enjoy a "Peace" Tea whilst also remembering those times not only 100 years ago but all occasions since when our armed services have fought to defend the rights of our people and people in other countries who have been oppressed and to remember and pray for those service people and their family and friends who have been severely affected by these events.

We offer a very warm welcome to all ages to join us for not only this event but our Sunday Plus regular meetings for activities and crafts on biblical themes and worship, or why not join us for coffee and pastries or enjoy the Sunday Papers?

**The December Sunday Plus is on
Sunday, December 14th at 10am
with the theme:**

"Instant Nativity" at St. Lawrence's

For more information please contact Helen Garrard (01603 270769) or Julia Nelson (01603 270547) or for more details find us on:

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Thank you . . .

..... to Elaine Brown and the Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra for helping to lead our harvest worship at Ranworth.

... and a very big thank you to Suzanne Harbottell and Caroline Cator for their years of dedicated service on the Visitors' Centre Management Committee. Their contribution has been immense and their cheerful efficiency has helped to keep our large team of volunteers together and build up a warm community spirit that so many visitors have appreciated.

Nick Garrard

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖
September 7th

Ruby Louise Helen Willett

FUNERAL

❖ at SS. Fabian & Sebastian, Woodbastwick ❖
September 8th

Diane Christine Cooper

ADMISSION OF AUTHORISED WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

❖ at St Lawrence's, South Walsham ❖
October 5th

Matthew Arrowsmith-Brown

Sue Kemp

John Ley

Margaret Mallett

Tony Moore

Julia Nelson

Dorothy Simpson

. . . formerly of Ranworth, passed away on 27th September. She and her husband Bill, lived in Ranworth for over fifty years. Dorothy was a very active member of the Village Hall Committee. They had many friends here and she will be sadly missed.

Carol Colman

Ranworth Village Hall Fundraising

The annual fete was held on the Staithe at Ranworth on Sunday 27th July. Jonathan Wills (ITV Anglia) opened the fete and with good weather the event was well attended. The event made a healthy £902.42.

This year's Ranworth Beer Festival ran over the weekend 8th-10th August. We had a large attendance with people enjoying bands *Hangover Square* on Friday and *Headspace* on Saturday. 20 beers, 4 ciders and a perry were on offer for our discerning drinkers and lovers of real ale, with very little left over by Sunday. The event made a fantastic £1812. It is anticipated that the event will run again next year from 7th-9th August 2015, so we hope to see you all again then!

The money from both events will go straight towards the maintenance and running of Ranworth Village Hall and funding our future events. The hall costs approximately £3000-4000 per annum to run so the money raised represents a significant proportion of this. Thank you very much to all of our volunteers and donors who gave up their spare time and resources, for free, to host and run the event, as well as our visitors and patrons who we hope had a good time.

Exploring the meaning of Advent

We will soon be in the season of Advent — leaving only 4 Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent is the period building up to Christmas, culminating in the nativity or birth of Christ. The word is an anglicised development of the Latin word “*adventus*”. The word “*ventus*” in Latin is strictly translated as “coming” so Christians not only look back to Jesus’ birth but also to His second coming being revealed to us. So as a birth is a beginning, Advent too is a beginning — the beginning of the church year.

We cannot fail to notice that “advent” also appears in the word “adventurous” a word defined by words such as “risk”, “danger”, “daring”, “fearlessness”, “heroicism”, and “excitement”. The French student will also know that “*vent*” means “wind” and indeed,

FAIRHAVEN C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a busy start to the school year at Fairhaven. We are pleased to have welcomed lots of new children to Fairhaven, not only in our Reception year but to other classes throughout the school. Everyone seems to have settled into routine really quickly.

Our Key Stage 2 children visited the circus when Circus Ferrel came to Cantley. There were workshops for them to learn new skills such as juggling and diabolo. Some of them even managed to get wet when they were squirted with water by the clown. In the evening some of the children were allowed to demonstrate their skills in the circus ring before the audience.

In September we ran a bottle tombola as part of the MacMillan Coffee Morning at South Walsham Village Hall, raising £75. We also took part in the Jeans for Genes Day, sending this charity a cheque for £110.

Last week six of our older children took part in a Malawi conference at Framingham Earl School. They met some visiting head teachers from schools in the Dedza area of Malawi where our partner school is situated, learned a little bit about everyday life and found about the ways in which we are linked to Malawi.

We have a number of sporting fixtures coming up. For the first time we will be hosting the Acle Area Cross Country Race. Our children have been busy training and we should have over 30 children taking part from our school alone. Our football teams will soon be in action in friendly matches against other local schools. We have a new after school dance club this term which is running alongside our other popular after school clubs.

The whole school will be visiting the cathedral for different activities during the next few weeks and Beech Class will also be visiting the Castle to learn about the Stone Age.

in our own language a vent provides the means to allow a passage of air. I like to think that Advent is an adventure — something being blown to us by God. And, finally, no one can argue that Jesus’ life on earth was anything less than the adventure that was intended for him. **David Benham**

SPECIAL SERVICES IN OUR SERVICES THIS NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday Service

On Sunday, November 9th there will be Royal British Legion services of Remembrance at SS. Fabian and Sebastian's Church, Woodbastwick, 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.

In the afternoon, there will be a Remembrance Sunday Plus Peace Tea held at Upton Village Hall from 3-5pm, for all ages. This will be afternoon tea with a difference, as we think about peace and how we can help to make peace.

Taizé Service with Healing Prayer

This tranquil, candlelit service offers an oasis of reflection and stillness, combining the music of Taizé with an opportunity to receive prayer for healing, for yourself, or a loved one. The service on Sunday, November 16th begins at 6.30pm in St. Lawrence's, with an opportunity to learn the music from 6.15pm onwards. For further information please contact Nick or Helen (01603 270769).

Samaritan's "Shoebbox Service"

On Sunday, November 30th we will be joined by staff and families from Fairhaven School at our annual service in support of the Samaritan's Purse charity and its Operation Christmas Child project. This 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. The Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra will be helping to lead our music. 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.

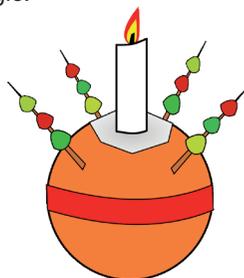
Tree of Light Service

As Christmas approaches, we often remember loved ones who are no longer have with us. The Tree of Light Service on Sunday, November 30th at 3.30pm 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. The service will be held in St Lawrence's, a warm, welcoming and accessible building with toilet facilities. We will be serving refreshments after the service and people of all ages are welcome to join us on this occasion.

... and looking forward into December

Christingle Service

At Ranworth church on Sunday, December 7th at 9.30am the Christingle service will be supported by Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra. During the service there will be a collection of new, unwrapped toys which will be given to Norfolk County Council Children's Services Child Protection Team and they will distribute the toys to children who might otherwise have very little this Christmas. In return everyone will receive a Christingle.



Each part of the Christingle is symbolic. The orange represents the world. The red ribbon around it indicates the love and blood of Christ. The skewers of dried fruits or sweets are symbols of God's creation; for many people, they also represent the four seasons. Finally, the lit candle symbolises Jesus, the light of the world, who brings hope to people living in darkness.

BENEFICE PRAYERS

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 Samaritan's 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.

1st World War Transportable Altar

Ranworth church's wartime altar was the centrepiece during the Benefice Service for the WW1 Centenary Commemoration at St. Helen's, Ranworth on Sunday August 3rd and the subsequent service of quietness and prayers on the centennial anniversary itself the day after.



This travelling altar usually stands, humbly, on the left, under the war memorial board, as you enter the church through the south porch. Humble — because it was used close to battlefield action, probably during hurried services, as and when a few could assemble together for fellowship with each other and with God. And humble because it does not even get a mention in the current Ranworth Church guide possibly because it is not a magnificent creation but was simply made to serve a purpose — and serve it did.

Nothing is known about the locations where the altar was actually used but it was given to the church by Rev'd. Teddy Everard who was a chaplain to troops on the frontline during the First World War and was the vicar of Ranworth church between 1926 — 1972.

Gifts of new or unused toileteries would be very welcome

As the festive season approaches we have several opportunities for you to donate unused toileteries. In mid-December Sunday Plus children and Brownies will be singing Christmas Carols at Broadlands Park Residential Home. Last year at this very succesful event we handed out gift wrapped bath or shower gel, shampoo or deoderant, to the residents. This was enjoyed greatly by the children who presented them and the residents who received them and we hope to do the same this year.

The Great Yarmouth Food bank are also happy to receive soap, shower gel, shampoo etc for distribution in their food boxes. If you are able to contribute any items your donation would be welcome. Items for the food bank can be lef tin the boxes in each Church, items for Broadlands Park could be placed in marked bags near the food bank boxes.

With very many thanks and festive greetings, Helen Garrard.

CHURCH SERVICES

BC = Benefice Choir
= Children's Activities

Sunday, November 2nd *All Saints' Sunday*

Ranworth _____	9.30am	___ Morning Prayer
Upton _____	9.30am	___ Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	___ Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	___ Holy Communion
Norwich Cathedral _____	3.30pm	___ Installation of Revd. Nick Garrard as Honorary Canon

Sunday, November 9th *Remembrance Sunday (Third Sunday before Advent)*

Woodbastwick _____	10.45am	___ Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service BC
Upton _____	10.45am	___ Remembrance Sunday Service
Upton Village Hall _____	3-5pm	___ Remembrance Sunday Plus Peace Tea #

Sunday, November 16th *Second Sunday before Advent*

Ranworth _____	8.00am	___ Holy Communion
Fishley _____	9.30am	___ Family Service
Ranworth _____	9.30am	___ Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	___ Holy Communion
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	___ Morning Prayer
St Lawrence's, South Walsham _____	TBA	___ Taizé Service with Healing Prayer BC

Sunday, November 23rd *Christ the King*

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

Sunday, November 30th *Advent 1*

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

Sunday, December 7th *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
South Walsham _____	6.00pm	___ Churches Together on the Broads Carol Service

The Christmas Hamper Raffle

The Christmas hamper raffle is in aid of maintaining our benefice website, and will be held at St. Lawrence's Christmas Fayre on Saturday 8th November 10am - 4pm. If you have any in-date items you would like to donate for the hamper(s) we would be very grateful.

Please contact Sue on 01603 270642 or Lee on 01603 270340 who will be happy to collect. Do please come along on the day to support the fayre and to try your luck at winning the hamper! Thank you.

Ranworth Staithe Carol Singing

A note for your diaries: this year will be our 6th annual "Carol Singing on the Staithe", and we are pleased to have Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra playing for us. As usual the event is on the Thursday before Christmas - 18th December at 6.30pm with mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. Monetary donations will be taken for a local charity and donations of mince pies will be very welcome please, 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. Tel: 01603 270566

MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

November

1 st Saturday	10.30am	Ranworth Visitors' Centre End of Season Get-together at the Visitors' Centre
3 rd Monday	7.45pm	Ministry Team - The Rectory
4 th Tuesday	10.30am	Holy Communion - Broadlands Park, Upton
	2.30pm	Upton Womens' Fellowship - Upton Village Hall
	7.45pm	Healing Ministry Course - Ranworth Visitors' Centre
5 th Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. - South Walsham Village Hall
8 th Saturday	10am-4pm	St Lawrence's Christmas Craft Market - St Lawrence's Centre
9 th Sunday	3-5pm	Remembrance Sunday Plus Peace Tea - Upton Village Hall
11 th Tuesday	7.45pm	Healing Ministry Course - Ranworth Visitors' Centre
12 th Wednesday	7.00pm	Licensing of Revd. Darleen Plattin as Rector of the Gt Plumstead Benefice - St David's, Thorpe End
13 th Thursday	7.30pm	Blofield Deanery Synod - St David's, Thorpe End
17 th Monday	7.30pm	Ranworth PCC - Ranworth Visitors' Centre
18 th Tuesday	11.00am	Holy Communion - Burlingham House
	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group - "Festive Flowers" with Rachel Barnard. For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212
	7.45pm	Healing Ministry Course - Ranworth Visitors' Centre
24 th Monday	7.30pm	South Walsham & Upton PCC - St Lawrence's Centre
25 th Tuesday	7.45pm	Advent Group - The Rectory

December

2 nd Tuesday	10.30am	Hymns and Carols - Broadlands Park, Upton
	2.30pm	Upton Womens' Fellowship - Upton Village Hall
	7.45pm	Advent Group - The Rectory
3 rd Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. - South Walsham Village Hall

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PLEASE NOTE**

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