

# The BROADSIDER

March & April 2015



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

Dear Friends,

## What is Lent?

In the Christian calendar Lent is a period of 40 days running from Ash Wednesday, this year 18<sup>th</sup> February, until Easter Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Compared with the merrymaking of Christmas, Lent is a solemn season in which we remember Christ's time in the Wilderness, as he resisted the temptation to take the easy way out. Instead, he depended solely on faith in his father God. This time in the wilderness happened for Jesus straight after his Baptism in the River Jordan and has therefore come to be seen as a preparation for his adult ministry.

Christians mark this time by fasting, or giving something up, or by taking on an extra discipline or challenge. This could be learning something new about our faith, studying or praying in a different way, thinking prayerfully about an area of need in the world or making time to attend special Church Services in Lent. Sometimes people have a book to read in Lent or look for a new title - many Christian authors write books of meditations for each day of Lent.

In our group of Villages we have traditionally welcomed people to lunch and a themed talk or study group once a week throughout Lent. This year, as they say in Norfolk, we are going to "do different." We have an exciting plan and we hope you will all be part of it in some way.

On each of the first four Mondays in March, St Lawrence's Centre will be open, warm and very welcoming and a group of church members will be offering a simple soup lunch and hot and cold drinks with yummy homemade cakes from 12.30-4.30pm. As well as hospitality there will also be the opportunity to make new friends, enjoy conversation, puzzles, crafts or a spot of knitting. A small area will be devoted to

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## Monday Munch in March...

You are invited to drop into  
St Lawrence's, South Walsham  
between 12.30 and 4.30pm  
on March 2, 9, 16 and 23.

Simple lunch, drinks and cakes.

Activities for all ages.

We extend a very  
warm welcome to you.

Organised by the Broadside Churches Lent Project.

Free of charge.

Contact Helen 01603 270679 for more info

pausing and leaving any thoughts or prayer requests you may have, or lighting a candle and being still with music. We hope that families may come on the way to or from school and that young people may drop in when the school buses bring them back from our local high schools or colleges.

It may be that you are new to the area and looking for ways to meet people, or maybe you are recently retired or at home with young children. Perhaps you find yourself alone for the first time or you have something to celebrate with your community.

When Christ came out of the Wilderness he began his work of helping people, healing their pain and welcoming those who felt excluded or on the edge. As a Christian community in these Broadside Villages we would like to offer that love and fellowship to you. By way of reassurance there is no cost for these events and you will not be asked to join or attend anything else. This is simply a gift.

In addition to this, if you would like to delve a little deeper into the themes of the season there will be three Tuesday evening sessions looking at the particular temptations of Christ. These meetings will be lively and interactive, using music, art and imagination to bring the heart of the message of Lent into our lives today.

As we move on through Lent the focus changes from the Wilderness to Holy Week as we prepare to walk the way of the cross, through the sadness of Good Friday to the joy of Easter. There will be lots happening and details of all services, lunches and evening groups can be found on page 5.

On behalf of all who minister in the Broadside parishes, I would like to wish you a Holy Lent and Happy Easter. If you would like to talk about any of the things I have described, or have questions about faith in general please feel very free to contact Nick or myself at the Rectory.

With all good wishes,  
Helen 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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## Welcome back Bitternes

On April 5<sup>th</sup> we welcome back the Bitternes who are on their annual Christian sailing holiday to South Walsham as they join us at 11am for the Communion service in St. Mary's. We wish them a good week's sailing and fair weather as well.

### Building Works at Ranworth

From the beginning of March onwards a major programme of work to renew the roof of the nave and improve the rainwater drainage of St. Helen's Church is being undertaken. This has been made possible by enthusiastic and generous local fundraising and a large Heritage Lottery Fund Grant that will help us preserve the building and its contents for future generations.

**The church will be scaffolded externally and the medieval rood screen will be placed under a protective cover from March until early June. This means that access to the church and churchyard will be limited at certain times. Please observe any guidance notices regarding safety when you are wishing to visit. Services will continue as normal during this period.**

On behalf of Ranworth PCC may I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. After the scaffolding has been removed in June, the final phase of the work will be vital improvements to drainage, which are likely to be completed during August 2015. The sensitive nature of the church and churchyard are fully recognised and every precaution will be taken to preserve the dignity and safety of memorials within the affected area.

Please contact me or the Churchwardens if you have any worries or concerns arising from this.

**Nick Garrard**

## Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Benefice AGM

On April 14<sup>th</sup> the Broadside Benefice will hold its shared Annual Meeting at Fairhaven School, beginning at 7.30pm. Please come along as we review the past year, elect members to our church councils and look forward to the future - complete with cheese and wine!

## Sunday Plus

After last year's popular **Mothering Sunday Plus**, we're returning to St. Lawrence's for our special Mothering Sunday event on March 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10am, **with music at the 11am Family Service led by the Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra.**

**GOOD FRIDAY PLUS** on April 3<sup>rd</sup> will be an opportunity to share in the story of the day and to help create the Family Service.

We offer a very warm welcome to all ages to join us from 10.00 to 12 Noon with coffee and hot cross buns and coffee for grown ups wishing to stay a while or attend the service.

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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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

January 26<sup>th</sup>

**Tony Gooch**

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

& St Faith's Crematorium

February 12<sup>th</sup>

**Winifred Joan (Carol) Griffiths**

# FAIRHAVEN C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Last term ended as all Autumn terms end with a flurry of activities. The two main events were a very successful Christmas Fayre organised by The Friends which involved all of the children and raised a large sum of money for the school and our nativity in South Walsham Church which was enjoyed by everyone. It was lovely to see the church filled to capacity with family and friends.

By contrast the start of this term has been much quieter. We have suffered rather more absence than usual as children have been laid low with Chicken Pox and a nasty flu like bug but everyone seems to be on the road to recovery.

Alongside lots of hard work in the classroom the main events of this half term have been Tag Rugby, Art and the Cluster Poetry and Prose Festival.

Our Key Stage 2 children have been undertaking Tag Rugby training with a coach from The Norwich School. They have played in an Eastern Partnership Competition when they came third and also in a Cluster competition just before half term.

Oak Class (our year 5 and 6 pupils) have been working alongside a local artist to learn how to

improve their drawing and painting skills.

The school has deliberated on the six stained glass window designs produced by another local artist working with Beech Class (our Year 3 and 4 pupils) and has chosen a window depicting a bittern and other symbols of The Broads. This is now being made and should be installed later this term.

All of the children in Years 1 – 6 have been busy learning poems to perform at the Cluster Festival to be held at Southwood Hall. This annual event is a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform in front of their parents, their school friends and pupils from other schools.

Now that we are approaching the half way mark of the school year we are already looking forward to next September. We are always pleased to show parents of prospective pupils around our lovely school. As a relatively small village school we only have a limited number of Reception spaces each year so if you are looking for a caring, friendly and successful school for your child please come and visit us

You can contact the School Office to make an appointment 01603 270224

## Ranworth Christmas Fayre

In addition to the monies raised by the Church Stall, £170 was raised for the village hall fund. Our thanks go to the Church and the stallholders and visitors who make the event a success. The event will be held again on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015. We have a new website [www.ranworthvillage.com](http://www.ranworthvillage.com) where more details can be found about our events and general village hall news.

## Carols raised a record gift

The 2014 Christmas Carols on Ranworth Staithe and at The Maltster's afterwards, raised a record amount. A total of £300 was sent off to East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH). Well done to everyone involved in making this occasion such a success.

## Bingo!

Come and enjoy getting together and enjoying an evening of Bingo. All the proceeds will be in aid of the Friends of St Margaret's Church, Upton. The evening starts at 7.30pm in Upton Village Hall on Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY / JUNE ISSUE OF THE BROADSIDER

The next issue of Broadsider covers  
**MAY & JUNE**

**Deadline: Friday, April 10th**

Please send your copy to **David Benham**

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## What's on in Holy Week and Easter:

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March 29th – April 5th

- ❖ On **Palm Sunday** (March 29<sup>th</sup>) we recall Jesus' entry to Jerusalem in triumph, before his arrest and trial. This year, the Benefice churches are joining with Fairhaven School families for a special **Palm Sunday Family Service**. We're starting with a procession carrying palms from the School at 10.45am, led by a horse, for a service starting around 11am in St. Mary's, South Walsham, with music provide by the Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra.
- ❖ For the next three evenings we will hold **Night Prayer** at 7.30pm at St. Mary's South Walsham, Upton and Woodbastwick churches in turn. This short, simple but moving service will include a series of reflections.
- ❖ The **Passover Meal** at St. Lawrence's on **Maundy Thursday** (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) recalls the Last Supper through food and words from the Jewish Passover and Christian Communion services. There is a small charge for the meal, which begins at 6.30pm. Please contact Nick or Helen if you wish to attend (01603) 270769.
- ❖ On **Good Friday** (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) the **Family Service** at St. Lawrence's at 11am will give people of all ages the opportunity to hear and respond to the story of Jesus' crucifixion. **Good Friday Plus** activity morning for children and young people also takes place at St. Lawrence's from 10.00 to 12 Noon with coffee and hot cross buns and coffee for grown ups wishing to stay a while or attend the service. Please contact Nick or Helen (01603) 270769 or Julia (01603) 270547 for more information.
- ❖ At 2pm the **Watch by the Cross** devotions, a time when we gather to remember the time of Jesus' death, take place at St. Margaret's, Upton.
- ❖ **Holy Saturday** (April 4<sup>th</sup>) marks the beginning of the Easter celebrations with the **Lighting of the New Fire** at St. Helen's Ranworth at 7.30pm. This candlelit service welcomes back the light of Christ, and offers an opportunity to renew our baptism vows.
- ❖ On **Easter morning** (April 5<sup>th</sup>) the Broadside Benefice will join for the first time with Acle Churches Together for the **Sunrise Service** at St. Mary's Fishley at 6.00am. Join us then to welcome the new dawn! There is also an invitation for worshippers to make their way to Acle Methodist Church for breakfast afterwards. **Communion** will be celebrated at Upton and Ranworth at 9.30am, and South Walsham and Woodbastwick at 11am.

We hope that you will join us at these powerful and moving events.

# A BENEFICE PRAYER

A Prayer  
for providing us with  
Appreciation

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,  
the spiritual blindness that prevents us  
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,  
the endless cycle of nature,  
of life and death and rebirth.  
Forgive us for taking without giving  
reaping without sowing.  
Open our eyes to see  
our lips to praise  
our hands to share  
and may our feet tread lightly on the road.

— Amen

[www.faithandworship.com](http://www.faithandworship.com)  
Wales

## SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

### March 1st

Pray for Steven Betts, Archdeacon of Norfolk, and Nick Garrard our Rural Dean. For Keith Gerrard, Lay Chairman and our Deanery Synod representatives.

### March 8th

Pray for Our links with Norwich Cathedral and other churches, and the Magogo Foundation in Uganda.

### March 15th

Give thanks for mothers. For the work of the Mothers' Union and all who support family life in this area. For Edward Bouckley, Choir Director, and the Benefice Choir. For our Organists. For Elaine Brown and the Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra.

### March 22nd

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

### March 29th

For God's guidance and our faithfulness in our journey through Holy Week. For Keith Simpson, M.P and our M.E.Ps. For Woodbastwick and Ranworth, Upton and Fishley and South Walsham Parish Councils, our parish and county councillors.

### April 5th

Give thanks that Jesus Christ is our risen Lord. For Richard Dewing, Reader. For the Ministry Team and all who read, lead prayers and assist in our worship, eucharistic ministers and servers. For more people to grow in service and offer themselves for Reader or Ordained ministry.

### April 12th

Pray for the work of Christian Aid, and a fairer sharing of the earth's resources among its people. For our environmental policies.

### April 19th

Pray for our local hospitals, their staff, chaplains and patients. For Helen Garrard in her role as Hospital Chaplain.

### April 26th

Pray for all in our parishes who are lonely, or troubled in mind or body, or bereaved. For all who have difficulties in their relationships, or struggle to find faith.

### May 3rd

Pray for Nick Garrard, Rector, his wife Helen, Assistant Priest, and their family.



# SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

BC = Benefice Choir  
# = Children's Activities

## March 1<sup>st</sup> *Second Sunday of Lent*

Ranworth	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Upton	9.30am	Holy Communion followed by Vestry Meeting
South Walsham	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Holy Communion
Fishley	3pm	Evensong

## March 8<sup>th</sup> *Third Sunday of Lent*

Ranworth	9.30am	Holy Communion followed by Vestry Meeting
Upton	9.30am	Family Service
South Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion followed by Vestry Meeting
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Family Service

## March 15<sup>th</sup> *Mothering Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent*

Ranworth	8.00am	Holy Communion
Ranworth	9.30am	Family Service
Upton	9.30am	Joint Family Service with Fishley
South Walsham, St Lawrence's	10am	Mothering Sunday Plus #
South Walsham	11.00am	Joint Family Service with Woodbastwick <i>and with the St Edmunds Youth Orchestra</i>

## March 22<sup>nd</sup> *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Ranworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
Upton	9.30am	Morning Prayer
South Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Holy Communion

## March 29<sup>th</sup> *Palm Sunday*

Ranworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham	11.00am	Benefice/Fairhaven School Family Service 11am <i>with the St Edmunds Youth Orchestra</i>

*Procession departs 10.45am from South Walsham Village Hall Car Park.*

## April 5<sup>th</sup> *Easter Day - First Sunday of Easter*

Fishley	6am	Sunrise Service
Ranworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
Upton	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion with the Bitternes
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Holy Communion

## April 12<sup>th</sup> *Second Sunday of Easter*

Ranworth	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Upton	9.30am	Family Service
South Walsham	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Family Service
Ranworth	6pm	Broads Society Evensong

## April 19<sup>th</sup> *Third Sunday of Easter*

Ranworth	8.00am	Holy Communion
Ranworth	9.30am	Family Service
Fishley	9.30am	Baptism
South Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Upton	6.30pm	Evensong

## April 26<sup>th</sup> *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

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

## May 3<sup>rd</sup> *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Ranworth	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Upton	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Holy Communion

# OTHER CHURCH SERVICES DURING LENT AND EASTER

## March 25<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – The Annunciation

Fishley \_\_\_\_\_ 10.30am \_\_\_ Holy Communion

## March 30<sup>th</sup> Monday in Holy Week

South Walsham \_\_\_\_\_ 7.30pm \_\_\_ Night Prayer

## March 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Holy Week

Upton Church \_\_\_\_\_ 7.30pm \_\_\_ Night Prayer

## April 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday, Holy Week

Woodbastwick Church \_\_\_\_\_ 7.30pm \_\_\_ Night Prayer

## April 2<sup>nd</sup> Maundy Thursday, Holy Week

St Lawrence's Centre \_\_\_\_\_ 6.30pm \_\_\_ Passover Meal

## April 3<sup>rd</sup> Good Friday

St Lawrence's Centre \_\_\_\_\_ 10am \_\_\_ Good Friday Plus #

St Lawrence's Centre \_\_\_\_\_ 11am \_\_\_ Family Service

Upton Church \_\_\_\_\_ 2pm \_\_\_ Watch by the Cross

## April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Eve

Ranworth Church \_\_\_\_\_ 7.30pm \_\_\_ Lighting of the New Fire



# MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

## March

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday 12.30-4.30pm

7.45pm

**Monday Munch in March** – St.Lawrence's, South Walsham

**Ministry Team** – The Rectory

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm

7.45pm

**Womens' Fellowship** – Upton Village Hall

**Lent Group** – The Rectory

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm

**South Walsham W.I.** – South Walsham Village Hall

5<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.45pm

**Woodbastwick PCC** – Copperhole, Woodbastwick

7<sup>th</sup> Saturday 10.30am

**Ranworth Visitors' Centre Volunteers Coffee Morning** at V.C.

9<sup>th</sup> Monday 12.30-4.30pm

7.30pm

**Monday Munch in March** – St.Lawrence's, South Walsham

**Holy Communion at Burlingham House**

10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 10.30am

7.45pm

**Friends of St Margaret's** – St Margaret's Church, Upton

11<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.45pm

7.30pm

**Deanery Synod** – Reedham Church

12<sup>th</sup> Thursday 7.30pm

7.30pm

**Monday Munch in March** – St.Lawrence's, South Walsham

**St Lawrence's AGM and Social Evening** – St.Lawrence's

16<sup>th</sup> Monday 12.30-4.30pm

7.30pm

**Ranworth Ladies Group** – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth

17<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm

7.45pm

"BBC Radio Norfolk" with David Clayton  
For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212

**Lent Group** – The Rectory

23<sup>rd</sup> Monday 12.30-4.30pm

7.45pm

**Monday Munch in March** – St.Lawrence's, South Walsham

24<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.45pm

7.30pm

**Lent Group** – The Rectory

27<sup>th</sup> Friday 7.30pm

Bingo – Upton Village Hall. Proceeds: Friends of St Margaret's Church

## April

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 7.30pm

**South Walsham W.I.** – South Walsham Village Hall

6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2.30pm

**Womens' Fellowship** – Upton Village Hall

11<sup>th</sup> Saturday 7.30pm

**Concert** : Medieval Uprising – St Lawrence's, South Walsham

13<sup>th</sup> Monday 7.45pm

**Ministry Team** – The Rectory

14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm

**Benefice AGM** – Fairhaven School, South Walsham

21<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm

**Ranworth Ladies Group** – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth

"Once upon a time in Ghana" with Anna Cottrell

For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212