

May Happiness & Peace be with us all during this year

# The BROADSIDER

January & February 2016



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

Dear Friends,

This issue of our Benefice magazine covers a time that begins with the Christmas decorations still up in home and church and ends with the simple austerity of Lent. A lot of changes in two months, even in an East Anglian winter.

I nearly added in 'the depths of an East Anglian winter', but that implies something that may not happen. There may well be readers who can recall snow drifts coming over the tops of wellies, skating on frozen Broads and milk delivered by tractors. We may yet have such a winter, but if we do it will be in great contrast to the mild, damp grey seasons that those under the age of 40 can remember. As our climate continues to change and become less predictable, we need to reflect on our own actions, how we use energy, how we can live more sustainably to create a hopeful future for those who come after us. Given that climate change is blighting so many lives, including in other parts of our country, I sometimes wonder why the Church's response seems so muted. Then I remember that I am part of the Church, and must take personal responsibility for sharing its message and helping to shape its policies.

This is true for all Christians. As you read through the pages of this issue of 'The Broadsider', you will notice other forms of responsibility we accept. One is accountability. When Bishop Alan visits us, we recognize that our group of parishes belong to something much bigger and we are subject to a higher authority. Another is fellowship. Our offering of food and friendship through Monday Munch must be generous and open-ended, like God's offering to us. Thirdly, we take responsibility for other people's welfare as much as our own, whether nearby, through supporting the Great Yarmouth foodbank, or the pupils and staff of Christ the King School in Orobada, Papua New Guinea. They are also our neighbours.

Accepting responsibility can seem a daunting task. Sometimes we fall painfully short, but it isn't something we do alone. We do it in company with others who share a sense of vision, and in the presence of God who strengthens, encourages and inspires us. Through Jesus, He is with us – that is the message of Christmas that we carry forward into 2016. We then take up our cross of responsibility and follow him into Lent and the glory of Easter beyond. But that's a story for our next issue.

Wishing you a  
Happy, Responsible 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 above.

### Hamper raffle raises record amount

Many thanks to everyone who donated items and bought tickets for the Christmas Hamper Raffle. We had enough for 7 prizes this year and raised a record amount of £226 which will go towards the maintenance of the Benefice website. **Lee Smith**

### Thank you . . .

. . . to everyone who helped to organise and 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, Great Yarmouth Foodbank and all the other good causes.

### If you enjoy Monday Munch, why not fry Sunday Brunch?

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we're serving bacon rolls in St. Lawrence's with tea, coffee and soft drinks from 9.45am onwards. This will overlap with Epiphany Sunday Plus which begins there at 10am, and runs into the 11am Communion Service in St. Mary's if you'd like to make a morning of it!

The service will be led by Alan, Bishop of Thetford, who comes to our group of parishes every four years on an official visitation. Bishop Alan is a lively and engaging preacher with a relaxed, down to earth approach. We look forward to welcoming him again.

### Monday Munch is coming back!

After a Bank holiday break in January, Monday Munch is returning in February on no less than three occasions. In addition to our regular first Monday of the month, we're going back to its roots by having extra Munches during Lent to help people in our area see off the tail end of the winter. There will also be opportunities to support this year's Diocesan Lent project (see page 3).

**EVENT  
ORGANISERS  
PLEASE NOTE**

The next issue of Broadsider covers **MARCH & APRIL**

Deadline: **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please send your copy to **David Benham**

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## Building a Better Future in Orobadā: This year's Diocesan Lent Appeal

This year's Lent Appeal is for Christ the King School in Orobadā, Papua New Guinea.



Education for children is critical and each year the school of 350 pupils continues to grow, fast outpacing the classrooms and facilities they have. Some existing classrooms are made from shipping containers; books and teaching resources are very few and far between.

Most of the teachers are volunteers or paid significantly lower than the average salary in other schools.

The parents know education is critical for the development of their children and they struggle to find money for the annual school fee of 150 kina (£37.50) and a school uniform.

The money you raise will help:

- Build and equip a block of two classrooms (total cost £7,000)
- Provide educational materials
- Set up a bursary scheme allowing more children to attend school (target: £1,000)
- Contribute to fairer conditions for the teachers

A little money goes a long way in a country like Papua New Guinea. Let's help them to make a difference to young lives there.



## South Walsham Village Hall & The Salvation Army (Norwich Branch)

## 2016 QUIZ & CHIPS Competition



The 2016 Preliminary Rounds are:

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

and the Grand Final . . .

Friday, March 11<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  
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# FAIRHAVEN C OF E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

With Christmas fast approaching it is a good time to reflect on the past term. Our reception children are fully integrated and no longer feel new at all. In fact we have already had our first meetings with some of the parents of next year's intake.

We began the term competing successfully in Cluster and Partnership sporting events but more recently the wet weather has led to the cancellation of some events including the County Cross Country, an event for which eight of our children had qualified.

The children have enjoyed trips to the Cathedral, the Castle Museum and Norfolk Fire Service. At the same time numerous road safety activities have taken place in school and our Year 6 pupils have completed their cycling proficiency courses.

Throughout the term we have collected for the Great Yarmouth foodbank and were pleased that a representative was able to join us for our Harvest Celebration and take away a large pile of donations. Just a few weeks later our school families' generosity was shown again in the amount of money the children brought in for our Children in Need collection.

In November we were visited by our Educational Challenge Partner, an independent advisor employed by the Local Authority. We were pleased that he reinforced the Ofsted judgement of Good with outstanding features that we achieved in June.

Currently teachers are working very hard to maintain normal lessons, carry out termly assessments and prepare for our Christmas events. Before the term ends we will have had our Christmas Fair (organised by The Friends but with all the children involved in running stalls), held our Nativity in St. Mary's, our musicians will have played in our concert and everyone will have enjoyed our school Christmas lunch and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas.

We have been very fortunate in having a number of volunteers who come into school every week to help support our children in their learning whether it is listening to readers or encouraging the children to learn their tables. We are grateful to all of them and all of our staff, parents and governors who work hard to make Fairhaven a happy and successful school.

## **A Christmas get-together enjoyed by all**

Well over 100 people came to Ranworth Staithe on the evening of Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup> to take part in the annual Carol Singing Concert. The children of the St. Edmund Youth Orchestra, under the leadership of Elaine Brown, played superbly on what proved to be a rather damp evening, weather-wise. However, the Christmas spirit had been raised by the singing and afterwards everyone enjoyed the hospitality that Steve and Penny provided in the Granary Tea Rooms. Their mulled wine complimented the mince pies superbly – as usual. Carol Hymus, who organised the event, wants to thank everyone who played a part in making the evening so successful and especially to all those who attended and gave £312 in aid of the East Anglian Children's Hospices (EACH).

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO HELP THE  
GREAT YARMOUTH  
FOODBANK -  
THERE ARE  
CONTAINERS FOR  
YOUR GIFTS  
IN ALL OF OUR  
CHURCHES**



## And all that . . . LOVE

The year 2016 is a leap year and once again this brings an interesting opportunity for women. Tradition has it that on February 29<sup>th</sup> a woman can propose marriage to her partner! In this day and age it may sound a bit sexist to say that a woman does not have this opportunity at any other time but we are talking about tradition here. So where does this tradition come from? Supposedly because February 29<sup>th</sup> used not to be recognised by English law. Under this theory, if the day had no legal status, it was acceptable to break with the convention of a man proposing. However this sound's a rather bland explanation to me.

Something a bit more vivid centres on St Bridget in the 5<sup>th</sup> Century. She is said to have complained to St Patrick that women had to wait too long for their suitors to propose. St Patrick then supposedly gave women a single day in a leap year to pop the question – the last day of the shortest month. Yet another popular story is that Queen Margaret of Scotland brought in a law setting fines for men who turned down marriage proposals put by women on a leap year. Sceptics have pointed out that Margaret was only five years old at the time and living far away in Norway!

With all of these stories you can see how folk songs derived – passing down the stories from generation to generation.

Interestingly, coming back to more recent times in 2012, the year of the last leap year, a survey found that over a third of women waiting for “that question” were strongly considering their options!

February also gives us the celebration of St. Valentinus and the day we now know as Valentines Day. This day is no exception when it comes to Christian days of celebration and tradition; the story goes back a long way.

The day gets its name from a famous saint, but who was St Valentinus anyway? There are various stories but the most popular is that he was a priest from Rome in the third century AD. Emperor Claudius II had banned marriage because he thought married men were bad

soldiers. Valentinus felt this was unfair, so he broke the rules and arranged marriages in secret. When Claudius found out, Valentinus was thrown in jail and was sentenced to death. There, he fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he was taken to be killed on February 14<sup>th</sup> he sent her a love letter – a farewell letter – signed “from your Valentinus”.

Valentine's Day followed on from a very old tradition, thought to have originated from a Roman festival called *Lupercalia* celebrated in the middle of February, which officially was the start of their springtime. It's thought that as part of the celebrations, boys drew names of girls from a box. They'd be boyfriend and girlfriend during the festival and sometimes they would end up in love and got married. Later on, the church wanted to turn this festival into a Christian celebration and decided to use it to remember St Valentinus.

Gradually, St Valentinus's name started to be used by people to express their feelings to those they loved. Geoffrey Chaucer back in the 1370s, when the tradition of courtly love flourished, had something to do with it in writing *“The parliament of fowls”*. Loosely translated he wrote: *“There sat a queen who was more lovely by far than any other creature, just as the summer sun outshines the stars. This noble goddess, Nature, sat enthroned in a pavilion she had wrought of branches upon a flowered hill, atop a meadow. And there was not any bird born of love that was not ready in her presence to hear her and receive her judgment. For this was Saint Valentinus's Day, when all the birds of every kind that men can imagine come to choose their mates.”*

In 18<sup>th</sup>-century England, it evolved into an occasion in which lovers presented flowers, offered confectionery, and sent greeting cards (known as “valentines”). In Europe, Saint Valentinus's Keys are given to lovers “as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart”. Small keys were also given to children in order to ward off epilepsy — formerly called Saint Valentinus's Malady. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.

David Benham

# BENEFICE PRAYERS

## JANUARY : Covenant Prayer

I am no longer my own but yours.  
Put me to what you will,  
rank me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering;  
let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,  
exalted for you, or brought low for you;  
let me be full, let me be empty,  
let me have all things, let me have nothing:  
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things  
to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours.

And the covenant now made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. — **Amen**

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## FEBRUARY : The start of Lent

Dear Lord,  
I know you receive what is in my heart.  
Let me be inspired by your words  
and by the actions of your son, Jesus.  
Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent  
in the spirit of self-denial  
and with greater attention to you  
and to those around me.  
Help me to believe that you will grant me this  
because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.

— **Amen**

*From Praying Lent:  
an online ministry of Creighton University*

## SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

### January 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

### January 10<sup>th</sup>

Give thanks for the involvement of older people in our parish life. For our links with Broadlands Park, Upton. For all the recently baptised and those preparing for baptism and confirmation.

### January 17<sup>th</sup>

Pray for all who visit the sick, troubled or housebound, sharing Christ's love through action. For those taking communion to residential homes and the housebound.

### January 24<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Bishop Alan as he visits today. For our ministry to visitors, the Committee and helpers at the Visitor Centre and the Broads Chaplaincy.

### January 31<sup>st</sup>

Give thanks for the season of light in Church that began in Advent and ends today. Pray for bellringers at South Walsham and Ranworth.

### February 7<sup>th</sup>

Pray for sidespersons, welcomers and all who help keep the church and grounds clean and in good repair. For our fabric and churchyard Committees, Friends of St. Margaret's, patrons and benefactors.

### February 14<sup>th</sup>

Pray for Village Halls and their committees, and for the groups who use them.

### February 21<sup>st</sup>

Pray for those who are homeless or living in poverty and for any who sleep rough in this area. For The Bridge and The Well projects in Gorleston and the Great Yarmouth Food Bank.

### February 28<sup>th</sup>

Pray for St. Lawrence's Centre, its Committee, supporters and Friends. For the promotion of the arts, spirituality and community events.

### March 6<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the work of Woodbastwick, South Walsham and Upton and Ranworth PCCs; their Secretaries, Treasurers, Vice-Chairs and Electoral Roll Officers. The Benefice Advisory Council.



# CHURCH SERVICES

BC = Benefice Choir  
# = Children's Activities

## Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> *Christmas 2*

Ranworth	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Upton	9.30am	Family Service
South Walsham	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Family Service
Fishley	3.00pm	Evensong

## Wednesday, January 6<sup>th</sup> *The Epiphany*

Fishley	10.30am	Holy Communion
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## Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> *Feast of the Baptism of Christ*

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

## Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup> *Epiphany 2*

Ranworth	8.00am	Holy Communion
Ranworth	9.30am	Family Service
Fishley	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion

*with Woodbastwick congregation*

## January 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

### Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> *Epiphany 3 – Bishop Alan's Visitation to the Broadside Benefice*

South Walsham – St Lawrence's	9.45am	Sunday Brunch
South Walsham – St Lawrence's	10.00am	Sunday Plus #
South Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion

### Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> *Candlemas Sunday*

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

### Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> *Sunday next before Lent*

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

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

Woodbastwick	7.30pm	Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes
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### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> *Lent 1*

Ranworth	9.30am	Family Service
Upton	9.30am	Family Service
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Family Service <i>with South Walsham congregation</i>

### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> *Lent 2*

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

### Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> *Lent 3*

Ranworth	9.30am	Holy Communion
Upton	9.30am	Morning Prayer
South Walsham – St. Lawrence's	11.00am	Family Service
Woodbastwick	11.00am	Holy Communion

### Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> *Mothering Sunday Lent 4*

Ranworth	9.30am	Family Service
Upton	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham	11.00am	Family Service <i>with Woodbastwick congregation</i>
Fishley	3.00pm	Evensong

# MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

## January

6 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7.30pm	<b>South Walsham W.I.</b> – South Walsham Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7.45pm	<b>St. Lawrence's Committee</b> – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
19 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7.30pm	<b>Ranworth Ladies Group</b> – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth "My Guiding Light" with Chris Bond. For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212
21 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	7.45pm	<b>Benefice Choir Meeting</b> – The Rectory, South Walsham
27 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	2.30pm	<b>Foodbank Meeting</b> – St Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.45pm	<b>Healing Ministry Course</b> – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
28 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7.45pm	<b>Open Benefice Advisory Council</b> – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
29 <sup>th</sup> Friday	7.15 for 7.30pm	<b>Quiz &amp; Chips</b> – South Walsham Village Hall. <i>See advert on page 3</i>

## February

1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	12.30-4.30pm	<b>Monday Munch</b> – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	2.30pm	<b>Womens' Fellowship</b> – Upton Village Hall
	7.45pm	<b>Ministry Team</b> – The Rectory, South Walsham
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7.30pm	<b>South Walsham W.I.</b> – South Walsham Village Hall
7 <sup>th</sup> Monday	12.30-4.30pm	<b>Monday Munch</b> – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
9 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7.45pm	<b>South Walsham &amp; Upton PCC</b> – St Lawrence's, South Walsham
12 <sup>th</sup> Friday	7.15 for 7.30pm	<b>Quiz &amp; Chips</b> – South Walsham Village Hall. <i>See advert on page 3</i>
16 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	7.30pm	<b>Ranworth Ladies Group</b> – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth. "The History of Colman's Mustard" with Adrian Simpson For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212
22 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	12.30-4.30pm	<b>Monday Munch</b> – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.45pm	<b>Ministry Team</b> – The Rectory, South Walsham
25 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	12 noon	<b>Lent Lunch</b> – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
27 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	7.15 for 7.30pm	<b>Quiz &amp; Chips</b> – South Walsham Village Hall. <i>See advert on page 3</i>
29 <sup>th</sup> Monday	12.30-4.30pm	<b>Monday Munch</b> – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

## Situations Vacant in the Broadside Benefice

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Broadside Benefice is looking for someone with good secretarial and interpersonal skills to assist the Rector in administrative tasks including communications, producing publications, compiling grant applications and dealing with routine enquiries. Initially the post will be 5 hours per week at £8.00 per hour.

### ORGANIST AT RANWORTH & SOUTH WALSHAM

We are looking for an organist to play weekly at St. Helen's Church, Ranworth and for two or three services per month at St Mary's Church, South Walsham on Sunday mornings and other occasions. It is hoped that the post holder will also occasionally work with the Benefice Choir that participates in some Benefice services.

**For further information about either of these posts please contact the Rector, Revd. Nick Garrard (01603) 270769 / NickGarr39@aol.com**

*Both of these posts are subject to enhanced DBS disclosure*