

The BROADSIDER

January & February 2018



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

Dear Friends,

I hope that 2018 has begun well for you. Despite some rather miserable weather, our Advent and Christmas services were very well supported and people's goodwill and generosity came to the fore. Our 'Christmas in a Box' service was a celebration of creativity and willingness to share the things that might help others have a better Christmas. Monday Munch brought together many from our villages and the hardworking volunteers of the Salvation Army and Foodbank. And that was just the start.

As Christmas draws to its end and the decorations and lights go back into the loft, it's important that we don't let the light that we have shared grow dim. Jesus came to earth to be its light. At Epiphany, we celebrate the sharing of that light with the Wise Men, the first people outside Israel to greet him. The light continues all the way to Candlemas at the end of January, when we blow our candles out together. But the inner light shines on in our hearts. It will shine through the long season of Lent, which we will enter in mid-February. Here are some things we can do to help kindle the flame, for ourselves and others:

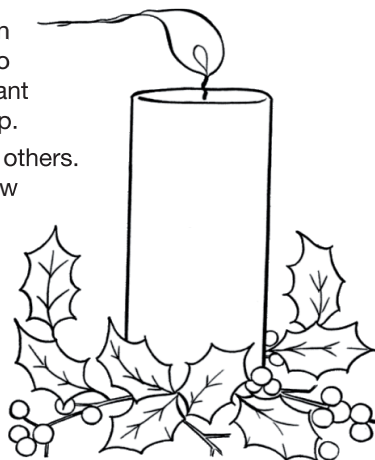
Be generous: our giving at Christmas didn't hurt – if anything, it made us feel more connected with others. Giving happens at other times, too. In our Lent Monday Munches, we're supporting the rebuilding of a church in Papua New Guinea, its youth work, and a couple from Norfolk who minister there. Please help us.

Be faithful: this New Year, why not take a new step in faith? Perhaps you, or a family member, would like to be baptised. Or if you've already been baptised and want to move forward, you could join our confirmation group.

Be aware: help to enrich community life by thinking of others. In the uncertain times we find ourselves in, think of how we can, help, how we can pray.

In all these ways, and many more, the light of Christmas will continue to shine in our lives.

Wishing you a
Happy and Hopeful New Year,
Nick Garrard



May Peace and Happiness be with us all throughout this year

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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.

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, Embrace the Middle East, Norfolk Children's Services, Great Yarmouth Foodbank and all the other good causes.

Ranworth Staithe Carols

On a clear, chilly Thursday evening in mid-December over 60 people gathered for the annual Carol Singing at Ranworth Staithe. The singing was supported by Jo Richards, organist at both Ranworth and South Walsham churches. Although playing a modern keyboard and using a modern amplifier, the music played used the tones of a recently built organ, made for the Convent Church in Azzio in Italy by local firm Mascioni. Jo had downloaded the sound of this instrument and as well as hearing the organ pipes, you could also just hear the hum of the organ blower and the pulling of the stops.

After the singing everyone enjoyed the superb hospitality that Steve and Penny provided in the Granary Tea Rooms. Their mulled wine complimented the mince pies superbly – as usual. A very big thank you to all those involved with the organisation of the service. Thank you to all those who attended and gave £170 in aid of the "Nelson's Journey", a Norfolk charity supporting children and young people following the death of a significant person in their lives.

Prayer and Praise

Our meetings are continuing every Thursday in St Lawrence's at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along for an evening of 'guitar led' praise with relaxed Bible sharing and prayer. Any questions, or for further details, please contact Nick or Elaine 07788 505923.

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.

Amazing Opportunity for Youth Orchestra

Elaine Brown and the Acle St Edmunds Youth Orchestra, were invited by the BBC to receive a special bespoke coaching day with the BBC Symphony Orchestra on Saturday 2nd December, at BBC Maida Vale Studios in London. The day was a follow-up for some of the young musicians who impressed the BBC when they took part last May in the Ten Pieces Coaching Scheme, when members of the BBCSO visited Acle to lead a day of workshops and orchestra rehearsals for Acle SEYO and 80 young musicians from all the schools in the Acle Catchment Area.

The Ten Pieces Coaching Scheme has enabled Elaine to start a beginner training orchestra: Mini SEYO, which runs parallel to the older SEYO group. The London visit encouraged both sections of SEYO to work together on classical scores and their own compositions. It was a very long day, with workshops and coaching from 10am-4.30pm followed by a concert performance.

SEYO were one of two youth orchestras from the country to be invited – the other being the Devon Youth Symphony Orchestra. SEYO has professionally produced two CDs: 'Raise the Roof' and 'Love's Always Here', both raising awareness and funds for East Coast Hospice. SEYO have thanked the Rotary Club of Broadlands for supporting this visit, and for their 'generous' donation towards the cost of the coach travel.

**Ann Chantry-Price
Broadlands Rotary Group**

FROM THE REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

November 6th

Isla Amanda Benfield

FUNERAL

❖ at St Faith's Crematorium ❖

November 29th

Betty Irene Earl



2018 QUIZ AND CHIPS in Upton Village Hall



with all proceeds to The Big C and The Salvation Army Toys & Tins Appeal

The 2018 Preliminary Rounds are . .

Friday, February 2nd

Friday, February 16th

Friday, March 2nd

and the Grand Final . . .

Friday, March 16th

For further details
or to book in your team
contact Sue Hitchcock on

01603 270212

or email suehitchcock6@gmail.com

- 7.00pm 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 £10.00 per person
- All proceeds to be divided between the 2 charities

44,000 thanks and fresh news from



The Hospice Ethiopia UK Committee wish to offer huge thanks to you and all the churches of Norwich Diocese for your tremendous response for the 2017 Lent Appeal. A staggering £44,000 has been raised so far, exceeding our best expectations.

This has enabled Hospice Ethiopia to order a brand-new Toyota Landcruiser to be purchased in January 2018. It will operate alongside their current rented 4x4, effectively doubling the medical team's outreach work.

Sue and Jamie Mumford from Hospice Ethiopia UK have recently returned from a teaching and fact-finding visit with exciting news about the Hospice's developing work. Ephrem, the Hospice Director has built a good team that has supported 167 patients since the start of the year. As well as medicines, 21 have received food help (£10 to £17 per month), clothes and mattresses for patients sleeping on bare floors.

The Mumfords were particularly happy to meet up with one patient, known as K. K has inoperable breast cancer and is a 24 year-old single mother with twin sons. When Sue and Jamie first met her in March, she was too ill to support her children and relied on neighbours for food. Since then, her situation has improved significantly with Hospice Ethiopia's support. Her symptoms

and pain are being controlled, her walking has improved and she is able to care for her children. She receives the Comfort Fund monthly and they also found her a small grant to start up her own business making injera (traditional Ethiopian bread) to sell to local shops and cafes. She also works as a Community Volunteer Worker identifying other people with life-limiting illness who would benefit from Hospice Ethiopia's care. Her mood has changed and she draws great strength from her faith.

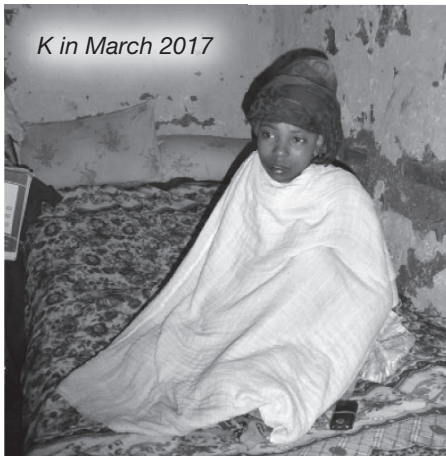
K's story shows how much palliative care can achieve, even with modest resources.

Hospice Ethiopia continues to train other healthcare professionals, including Dr. Habtamu, the first government-paid palliative specialist. He is now working hard to help his hospital in Addis Ababa to relieve distressing symptoms caused by terminal illness.

Thank you again for your great generosity. Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest countries but rich in faith. Your giving has helped some of their hopes to come true. We'd love to keep in touch with you – please contact us if you'd like to receive our Newsletter and updates.

You can phone Sue Mumford 01263 768699 or visit our website

www.hospiceethiopiauk.wordpress.com



K in March 2017



K in October 2017

Why have we taken down the Christmas lights?

Did you go through the 'Tunnel of Light' outside St. Peter Mancroft, alongside Norwich Market, over Christmas? The use of LED lights was spectacular; the tunnel was "light in motion"; it was quite an incredible experience. If you saw it, I am sure you will agree.

The use of lights at Christmas started when the Victorians lit up their Christmas trees with candles and these would be displayed for only a few days before Christmas, and the candles were only lit for a few minutes at night. People were aware of the fire dangers and kept buckets of water and sand nearby in case the tree caught fire - and many did.

We have American inventor Thomas Edison to thank for inventing the first successful practical light bulb and he created the very first strands of electric lights. During the 1880 Christmas season these strands were strung around the outside of his laboratory and passing train travellers got their first look at an electrical light display. In 1882 his colleague Edward H. Johnson strung a strand around a Christmas Tree. Not only was the tree illuminated but it also revolved!

However, due to cost - some say, over \$2,000 to light a tree in today's money - and a great mistrust of electricity, it would take another forty years for electric Christmas lights to become the tradition that we all know and love.

While Thomas Edison and Edward H. Johnson may have been the first to create electric strands of light in 1880/1882, it was Albert Sadacca who saw a future in selling electric Christmas lights. The Sadacca family owned a novelty lighting company and in 1917 Albert, a teenager at the time, suggested that their store offer brightly coloured strands of Christmas lights to the public. By the 1920's Albert and his brothers organised the National Outfit Manufacturers Association (NOMA), a trade association, with its members cornering the Christmas light market until the 1960's.

So we can be grateful to Thomas Edison, Edward H. Johnson and Albert Sadacca, as well as Jesus, for illuminating our Christmas. But it has been no easy journey, as many a



parent will testify - identifying the blown bulb, finding the replacement or worse - discovering the string of bulbs had given up hope simply wrapped up in a box in the loft and the shops had now sold out of new lights a week before Christmas.

Today's Christmas lights are very different. The LED light has moved the concept into the 21st century and some families and organisations erect massive outdoor displays often bringing out people's competitive spirit to see who can construct the most elaborate display on their street. Some displays attract visitors from miles away and many provide a good charitable cause to donate to.

The linking of light with the Christmas story is obvious. Jesus' birth was foretold by the prophets that a light would come into this world like no other and the use of light is highlighted in the story of the shepherds who follow the bright star to the stable in Bethlehem.

Forty days after Christmas Day, on February 2nd each year, a lesser-known holy day comes about. It is known as Candlemas and is when the infant Jesus was presented in the temple of Jerusalem and placed in the arms of the old man Simeon (Luke 2:22-40) who declared:

"Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised; For these eyes of mine have seen the Saviour, whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

*A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel."*

Now our technology is up to it, perhaps we should consider keeping our lights up for a few more weeks and putting them on again on February 2nd or if not the lights, at least light a candle?

BENEFICE PRAYERS

JANUARY A prayer for Peace

Eternal God,
in your perfect realm no sword is drawn
but the sword of righteousness,
and there is no strength but the strength of love.
So mightily spread abroad your Spirit,
that all peoples may be gathered
under the banner of the Prince of Peace,
as your children;
to you be dominion and glory,
now and forever.
— **Amen**

Brother Roger of Taizé

FEBRUARY Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
— **Amen**

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

January 7th

Give thanks for Jesus, revealed to the world by the coming of the Wise Men. 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.

January 14th

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

January 21st

Give thanks for the Broads and all who care for them. Pray for those who are homeless or living in poverty and for any who sleep rough in this area. For the Salvation Army in Great Yarmouth, The Bridge and The Well projects in Gorleston and the Great Yarmouth Food Bank.

January 28th

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

February 4th

Pray for the Churchwardens and Deputy wardens in our benefice.

February 11th

Pray for our local health centres, doctors' surgeries and dental practices; for all who provide health and social care in our area.

February 18th

Pray for grace and application to keep Lent faithfully. For Peace in the World. For inspiration and encouragement as we seek to meet our financial challenges.

February 25th

Pray for the work of the Church Mission Society. For Norwich Cathedral, its Dean and Chapter, staff and volunteers.

March 4th

Pray for the Monday Munch team and our lunchtime speakers. For the church in Simbai, Papua New Guinea, that our Lent project may provide support for their growth.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, January 7th *The Epiphany (transferred)*

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

Sunday, January 14th *Epiphany 2*

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

January 18th–25th *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

Sunday, January 21st *Epiphany 3*

Ranworth _____ 9.30am ___ Archdeacon's Visitation
Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, January 28th *Candlemas Sunday*

Ranworth _____ 9.30am ___ Holy Communion
South Walsham _____ 11.00am ___ Family Service
Woodbastwick _____ 11.00am ___ Holy Communion
Upton _____ 3.30pm ___ Candlemas Service and Procession

Sunday, February 4th *Second Sunday before Lent*

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

Sunday, February 11th *Sunday next before Lent*

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

Wednesday, February 14th *Ash Wednesday*

South Walsham _____ 10.00am ___ Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

Sunday, February 18th *Lent 1*

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, February 25th *Lent 2*

Ranworth _____ 9.30am ___ Holy Communion
Upton _____ 9.30am ___ Morning Prayer
St Lawrence's, South Walsham _____ 11.00am ___ Family Service
Woodbastwick _____ 11.00am ___ Holy Communion

Sunday, March 4th *Lent 3*

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

MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

January

3 rd Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. – South Walsham Village Hall
4 th Thursday	7.45pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
11 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
15 th Monday	2.00pm	Visitors' Centre Management Committee , Ranworth V.C.
	7.45pm	St Lawrence's Committee – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
16 th Tuesday	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth "A Brush with Nature" with David Pilch. For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212
18 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
22 nd Monday	2.30pm	Gt Yarmouth Foodbank Support Goup – Lawrence's, S. Walsham
	7.30pm	Ranworth PCC – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
25 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
29 th Monday	7.45pm	Monday Munch Planning Meeting – The Rectory, South Walsham
31 st Wednesday	2.30pm	Hymn Singing at Broadland Park, Upton

February

1 st Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
2 nd Friday	7.00 for 7.30pm	Quiz & Chips – Upton Village Hall. <i>See advert on page 4</i>
5 th Monday	12.30-4.00pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.45pm	Ministry Team – The Rectory, South Walsham
6 th Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship – Upton Village Hall
7 th Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. – South Walsham Village Hall
8 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
15 th Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
16 th Friday	7.00 for 7.30pm	Quiz & Chips – Upton Village Hall. <i>See advert on page 4</i>
19 th Monday	12.30-4.00pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.45pm	South Walsham & Upton PCC – St Lawrence's, South Walsham
20 th Tuesday	3.30pm	Woodbastwick PCC – Copperhole, Woodbastwick
	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth. "The Hotel Life of Brian" with Brian Wilson. For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212
22 nd Thursday	7.30pm	Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
26 th Monday	12.30-4.00pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham

March

1 st Thursday	7.30pm	Lent Prayer & Praise – Guitar led praise and prayer. St. Lawrence's
2 nd Friday	7.00 for 7.30pm	Quiz & Chips – Upton Village Hall. <i>See advert on page 4</i>

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