

The BROADSIDER

March & April 2018



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

Dear Friends,

On crisp, clear, frosty mornings, I enjoy walking Rufus on Upton Boat Dyke, where I can experience one of the great sights of winter. I can watch birds feeding and roosting in the waterlogged fields, swirling and twisting in flocks, making incredible aerobatic displays. Geese are among my favourites. Every year large numbers of Greylag, White fronted and Pink footed Geese migrate to Breydon Water and the surrounding land from Scandinavia and Russia.

Wild geese were a source of great wonder for our Celtic ancestors. Every autumn they would arrive in this country in big groups, returning to the same places around the same time. No one knew where they had come from, or where they raised their young. The Barnacle Goose gets its name from the medieval belief that it was formed in a barnacle, rather than hatched from an egg. Then, as Spring approached, they would fly away to an unknown destination, only to return when they chose to, months later.

The lives of wild geese were a mystery to our ancestors. For the Celts, they came to represent the Holy Spirit. In the Gospels, we are told that the Holy Spirit came down upon Jesus when he was baptised in the form of a dove. Representing the Holy Spirit as a goose, however, gives us a different perspective. Like God's Spirit, wild geese seemed to be as free as the wind. When they were close by, no one could miss their sight and sound. No one knew where they came from or could tame them. 'A wild goose chase' means a hopeless quest.

Today, ringing birds and satellite tracking have taught us how geese travel around the world, and that they really do hatch out of eggs. Soon they will leave us again to begin the long journey to their nesting grounds. Even now, I still share my forebears' sense of wonder as I watch geese leading their very different lives alongside ours. In their freedom, strength and beauty I am reminded of God's Spirit, moving across the face of the waters, bringing life and light to the world. Perhaps there are other things that we can find in nature that remind us of our Creator, his goodness and his ongoing life among us.

As Spring returns and Easter comes closer, my prayer is that the wonder and hope that Holy Spirit brings be yours and mine.

Wishing you a holy and happy Easter,

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.

Joint Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Benefice AGM)

This year's Broadside Benefice Annual Meeting takes place on April 18th 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, plus cheese and wine!

Monday Munches

In March we chase off the end of the Winter with no less than three Monday Munches! Our ever-popular free lunch and afternoon tea will take place on the first three Mondays, with speakers at 1.45pm and children's crafts and colouring in the afternoon. All are welcome, and any proceeds will support the Diocesan Lent Project for the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea plus other good causes.

We're having one Munch in April, on the 30th in order to avoid the May bank holiday. See you there!

Pick your favourite Easter hymn?

Would you like to pick a hymn for our Easter Songs of Praise on April 8th (Ranworth, Upton and South Walsham)? Would you be happy to introduce it with a few well-chosen words? If so, please speak to our clergy, organists or churchwardens over the next few weeks. Many thanks.

Clearing out your wardrobes?

St Martin's Housing Trust in Norwich will gladly take second-hand clothes for the homeless that are still wearable, even if not up to charity shop standards. This includes all clothing and socks (but no underwear unless it's new). They particularly need warm items this time of year including footwear. The trust is based at 45 William Kett Close, Norwich NR1 4FD but phone 01603 666563 beforehand for parking instructions.

Ranworth Visitors' Centre Tea Room

Ranworth Visitors' Centre started life in the converted Vicarage cart shed 25 years ago, back in 1993, and a few of our volunteers have been involved right from the start. However, although we have welcomed many new volunteers over the years our bank of helpers has gradually fallen away – we all get older! In the last couple of years there have been occasions when we have not been able to open for the lack of them and that is not good news for our image or our visitors – both holidaymakers, who are visiting one of the most iconic locations in the Broads and our more local, often regular, visitors.

Today volunteers are not so easy to recruit so those we have are very special. As we approach a new season at the Visitors' Centre we would like to encourage everyone who would like to join the ranks; you do not have to arrive with experience of running a tearoom. We just want people who can learn, who can be pleasant and chat with customers. We always have 2 volunteers on at a time, so you won't be left on your own, and you don't need to commit to any regular slot (or be a church-goer!). It's not hard work, just serving drinks & cakes, but it is fun and heart-warming meeting people. Our greatest need is to find volunteers who can help on Saturday and Sunday afternoons between 2-5pm but we also need help during the week.

If you would like to help or to know more please ring John Ley on 01603 270158 or come along to the get-together on 10th March. See details below.

Volunteers Get-together . . .

Our early season Get-together will be on Saturday, 10th March at 10.30am in the Visitors' Centre. The summer rota will be on display so bring your diaries.

If you know of anyone who might like to help us please bring them along for coffee and a chat. We do hope that as many of you can join us on the morning so we can look forward to the season ahead and shake off winter!

+Sunday Plus

Two, all-age activities and services are happening in Lent and in Holy Week.

March 11th sees special services in our churches and **Mothering Sunday Plus** in St. Lawrence's at 10am, followed by Family Service at 11am, with music from the Acle St. Edmund Youth Orchestra.

At **Good Friday Plus** on March 30th we will follow the story of the day through St. Lawrence's and its garden and share hot cross buns afterwards. Please contact Julia (01603 270547) or Nick and Helen (01603 270769) for more information.

The Bitternes

Easter sees the welcome return of the Bitternes sailing holiday to South Walsham. Every year a large, enthusiastic flotilla of young people and their leaders arrive to enjoy our waterways, each others' company and sharing their faith.

The Bitternes will join our 11am service at St. Mary's on Easter Sunday (April 1st).

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

❖ at St Faith's Crematorium ❖

January 2nd

Arthur Brough

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

& South Walsham Parish Cemetery

January 3rd

Peter George Ford

INTERMENT OF ASHES

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

January 7th

Betty Irene Earl

What's on in Holy Week and Easter:

March 25th – April 1st

- ❖ Holy Week begins on **Palm Sunday (March 25th)**. As we recall Jesus' entry to Jerusalem in triumph, before his arrest and trial, the Benefice churches are joining with Fairhaven School families for a special **Palm Sunday Family Service** at St. Mary's, South Walsham at 11am.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ At the **Passover Meal** at St. Lawrence's on Maundy Thursday (March 29th 6.30pm) we recall the Last Supper through food and words from the Jewish Passover and Christian Communion services. There is a small charge for the meal. Please contact Nick or Helen if you wish to attend (01603) 270769.
- ❖ Good Friday's **Family Service** on March 30th at St. Lawrence's, 11am is an all-age 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.
- ❖ At 2pm the **Watch by the Cross** in St. Margaret's, Upton, Revd. Nick Garrard will lead an hour of reflections, silence, prayers and music, as we gather to remember the time of Jesus' death. Nick will be looking at the question of what exactly did God achieve by Jesus' death on the cross? How do we understand what is meant by atonement and redemption?
- ❖ Holy Saturday (March 31st) 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 in his light we have an opportunity to renew our baptism vows.
- ❖ On Easter morning (April 1st) we join Acle Churches Together for the **Sunrise Service** at St. Mary's Fishley at 6.00am. After last year's service half an hour earlier, this feels like having a lie in! 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 11am at Woodbastwick and South Walsham, where we will welcome back the Bitternes for their sailing week here.

We hope that you will be able join in this spiritual journey that we make towards the pain of the cross and joy of the empty tomb that lies beyond it.

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.

Rotary support for Leeway

The Rotary Club of Broadlands New Year dinner was a really happy occasion with members, partners and friends from other Rotary Clubs all coming together to celebrate. After the lunch, Pat Hinkin from our club, presented Jacqui Fiddy, our President, with gifts of towels and a cutlery set for Leeway, Jacqui's chosen charity for the year. During the celebrations £100 was also raised for Leeway.

The Norfolk charity, Leeway is involved with domestic violence and abuse services. One in three women and one in five men will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime, and 750,000 incidents of domestic abuse involving children are reported in the UK every year.

Leeway provides free and confidential advice to anyone experiencing such abuse. They have a 24 hour helpline, 6 safe houses across Norfolk, a separate service with specialist male victim workers and an Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy service offering a single point of contact, liaison with all parties and a safety plan.

<https://www.leewaysupport.org>

If you would like to know more about joining The Rotary Club of Broadlands contact

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Ann Chantry-Price

Summer Concert

Please make a note in your diaries for Saturday, June 16th. The Norwich City Concert Band are returning to play another concert in Ranworth Church. This popular event will almost certainly include the ever popular "Last Night of the Proms" section and high spirits and flag waving will no doubt be encouraged. More details will appear in the next issue of the Broadsider.

The results of the 2017 British Legion Poppy Appeal

"The results of the 2017 British Legion Poppy Appeal resulted in a grand total of £2,613.22. We are £500 up on last year's total. Well done everyone. Very many thanks to all churches, shops and businesses which had collecting boxes, and to everyone who contributed in helping us achieve this magnificent result.

God bless you all, and again many thanks"

Mirri J Colk

Local area Organiser

Christmas Carol Singing

This year we sang at Copperhole rather than round the village, particularly welcome as it was a cold night. There was a good attendance and £120 was raised for the Magogo Foundation which we have been supporting for the last five years or so.

Magogo is a UK registered charity which supports a primary school of the same name in Tanzania and was set up by a group of Broadland High School students who visited each summer holiday through school and university to help it develop and modernise. Many thanks to all.

Richard Colman

**ITEMS FOR
THE NEXT
BROADSIDER**

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

Deadline: Tuesday, April 10th

Please send your copy to **David Benham**

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BENEFICE PRAYERS

MARCH

A Lent Appeal prayer for Papua New Guinea

Father of All, as we celebrate 50 years of shared partnership with the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, we thank you for all who have made our link vibrant; we pray that you will give us today your empowering grace that we may listen attentively to each other; that we may imagine new possibilities in our life together, so may your Kingdom grow and may we all be drawn deeper into the fullness of your loving purposes, revealed to us in Jesus your Son

— Amen

APRIL

Prayer from Embrace the Middle East

Lord Jesus, prepare me to walk through your story again with a heart more surrendered to you. I want to follow you more truly and become more like you as I trace your holy steps resisting temptation in the desert; giving up security to serve the least; celebrating the worth of the marginalised; risking the challenging injustice; facing opposition, mockery and even betrayal of friends and suffering through the garden, the cross and the grave – all to live a life of love and defeat darkness with light.

— Amen

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

March 4th

Pray for the Lent Appeal for Papua New Guinea and the Monday Munch Team in this busy period. Pray for our Churchwardens and their Deputy Wardens.

March 11th

Give thanks for mothers. For the work of the Mothers' Union and all who support family life in this area. Pray for our local health centres, doctors' surgeries and dental practices; for all who provide health and social care in our area.

March 18th

Pray for Peace in the World. For inspiration and encouragement as we seek to meet our financial challenges.

March 25th

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

April 1st

Give thanks that Jesus Christ is our risen Lord. Pray for Justin our Archbishop, Graham, Alan and Jonathan our Bishops. For the Bitternes sailing week.

April 8th

Pray for our Uniformed Groups: South Walsham Guides and Brownies and for their leaders and helpers.

April 15th

Pray for Police, fire, ambulance, coastguard and lifeboat services. For the Great Yarmouth Food Bank, giving thanks for the support we provide locally.

April 22nd

Pray for couples preparing for marriage. For all who work to support marriage and family life in this area and those whose marriages are experiencing difficulties.

April 29th

Pray 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.

May 6th

Pray for our newly-elected church councils and their officers.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, March 4th Lent 3

Ranworth _____	9.30am	Morning Prayer
Upton _____	9.30am	Family Service followed by Vestry Meeting
South Walsham _____	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	Holy Communion
Fishley _____	3.00pm	Evensong followed by Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 11th Mothering Sunday, Lent 4

Ranworth _____	9.30am	Holy Communion
Upton _____	9.30am	Family Service
St Lawrence's, South Walsham _____	10.00am	Mothering Sunday Plus
South Walsham _____	11.00am	Family Service with St Edmund's Youth Orchestra
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	Family Service

Sunday, March 18th Lent 5

Ranworth _____	8.00am	Holy Communion
Ranworth _____	9.30am	Family Service
Fishley _____	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	Holy Communion followed by Vestry Meeting
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	Holy Communion followed by Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 25th Palm Sunday

Ranworth _____	9.30am	Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	Benefice/Fairhaven School Family Service

Sunday, April 1st Easter Sunday

Fishley _____	6.00am	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

Sunday, April 8th Second Sunday of Easter

Ranworth _____	9.30am	Easter Songs of Praise
Upton _____	9.30am	Easter Songs of Praise
South Walsham _____	11.00am	Easter Songs of Praise
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	Family Service

Sunday, April 15th Third Sunday of Easter

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, April 22nd 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

Sunday, April 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ranworth _____	9.30am	Holy Communion
Upton _____	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion

Sunday, May 6th Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

OTHER CHURCH SERVICES

DURING LENT, EASTER AND APRIL

Thursday, March 1st at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Lent Prayer and Praise
Thursday, March 8th at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Lent Prayer and Praise
Thursday, March 15th at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Lent Prayer and Praise
Thursday, March 22nd at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Lent Prayer and Praise
Monday, March 26th South Walsham Church _	7.30pm	Night Prayer
Tuesday, March 27th Upton Church _____	7.30pm	Night Prayer
Wednesday, March 28th Woodbastwick Church_	7.30pm	Night Prayer
Thursday, March 29th at St Lawrence's _____	6.30pm	Passover Meal
Friday, March 30th <i>Good Friday</i>		
St Lawrence's _____	10.00am	Good Friday Plus
St Lawrence's _____	11.00am	Family Service
Upton Church _____	2.00pm	Watch by the Cross
Saturday, March 31st <i>Easter Eve</i>		
Ranworth Church _____	7.30pm	Lighting of the New Fire
Thursday, April 5th at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise
Thursday, April 12th at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise
Thursday, April 19th at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise
Thursday, April 26th at St Lawrence's _____	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise



MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

March

2 nd Friday	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz & Chips Prelim. 4 – Upton Village Hall
5 th Monday	12.30-4.30pm	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
10 th Saturday	10.30am	Visitors' Centre Volunteers Coffee Morning – Ranworth VC
	7.00pm	Concert: A Medley of Magical Musical Moments – St. Lawrence's
12 th Monday	12.30-4.30pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.30pm	St Lawrence's AGM and Social Evening – St. Lawrence's
16 th Friday	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz & Chips Grand Final – Upton Village Hall
19 th Monday	12.30-4.30pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
	7.30pm	Ranworth PCC – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
20 th Tuesday	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth "Norfolk Wildlife Trust" with Roger Jones

April

3 rd Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship – Upton Village Hall
4 th Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. – South Walsham Village Hall
9 th Monday	7.45pm	Ministry Team – The Rectory, South Walsham
14 th Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: An Evening of Light Operetta – St. Lawrence's
17 th Tuesday	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth "History of the Order of St John" with Revd. Hugh Edgell
18 th Wednesday	7.30pm	Broadside Benefice AGM – Fairhaven School, South Walsham
23 rd Monday	1.45pm	Ranworth Visitors' Centre Management Meeting – Ranworth VC
30 th Monday	12.30-4.30pm	Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham