

The BROADSIDER

November 2019



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

Dear Friends,

Following his enthronement in Norwich Cathedral, Bishop Graham is coming to spend time getting to know this part of his Diocese. On Wednesday November 13th he is spending the day in Blofield Deanery. He will have lunch with local clergy at St Lawrence's before spending the afternoon meeting the staff and pupils at Fairhaven School. In the evening there will be the chance to meet him at Lingwood Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Bishop Graham is also coming to Great Yarmouth Minster for a special service of welcome on Monday November 18th. It will be an opportunity to welcome him to East Norfolk and to hear more from him about his first impressions and hopes for the Diocese.

The service begins at 7pm. I hope there will be a good Broadside contingent there. Please let me know if you need advice about transport.

You are also warmly invited to join us on Remembrance Sunday at our services in Upton and South Walsham, as we support the Poppy Appeal once again to help the ex-servicewomen and men and their families and give thanks for the peace we enjoy, and the world desperately needs.



Photo: mommama

With all good wishes Nick Garrard

The Garrards are moving

After thirteen happy years in the Broadside Parishes, the Garrards are moving to a new ministry in the Diocese. Nick has been appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Rockland Benefice in the Bramerton Group and Bishop's Officer for Christian Spirituality through the Creative Arts. Helen will be licensed as Associate Priest in the Rockland Benefice whilst continuing her full-time role as Lead Chaplain in the Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust.

Their final service in the Broadside Benefice will be at St Mary's, South Walsham on Sunday, January 5th at 11am. Nick and Helen will be licensed at St Mary's, Surlingham on Wednesday, January 22nd, 7pm. Please pray for them and their family as they prepare for this new stage in their ministry. There will be further information and details about future arrangements in the next two editions of the Broadside.

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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.

Some big Thank yous ...

...to everyone who supported our Harvest festivals and also to our hardworking volunteers at the Visitors' Centre and Monday Munch.

Remember, Remember the animals in November

Please keep your pets indoors around Halloween and Bonfire night to keep them safe. Also cover up hutch animals with a thick blanket to muffle the noise and bright lights. The RSPCA also ask people not to let fireworks off near horses and farm animals at any time of year.

Help needed...can you put a smile on Mariam's face?

Can you make room for an international student to experience true British Festive hospitality?



Hosting an international student will bring a whole new dimension to your Christmas, with a chance to learn about another country's traditions and enjoy the connection and friendship that such sharing brings.

HOST UK arranges for international students to enjoy brief visits—one day, a weekend or, over the festive period, a three-day visit, with UK hosts.

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ApplyToBecomeAHost](http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost)

Two talks at Ranworth

Following the completion of Nick's PhD thesis, he will give a pair of talks in Ranworth Church to present some of his research. Nick investigated four sixteenth-century objects from St Helen's in order to explore how the Church of England gradually emerged from the Protestant Reformation. On November 24th he will talk about his investigation methods and in particular on the 1567 communion cup and 1548 printed book, Erasmus's *Paraphrases*. The second talk, on December 8th, will focus on the wall monument to Thomas Holdiche and the parish register. Both talks begin at 2.30pm and are free of charge, with a retiring collection for Ranworth Church.

Vote for St Lawrence's!

Acle Co-op have very kindly agreed that St Lawrence's is one of three local good causes that they wish to support. A total of £1,000 will be shared between them, so whenever you shop there, please ask for a green token at the checkout to put into the St Lawrence's voting box between now and December 16th. You can do this more than once!

CONCERTS AT ST LAWRENCE'S 2019

Saturday, November 16th — 7.30pm

THE TOM HARRIS JAZZ TRIO

Tickets £10, Friends of St Lawrence's £8
Under 18s £4

For tickets please contact
Sue Hitchcock on 01603 270212
or email suehitchcock6@gmail.com

or

St George's Music Shop on 01603 626414

or online at

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/
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FROM THE REGISTERS

CONFIRMATIONS

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

September 5th

by the Bishop of Thetford

Natalie Chuter

Mark Hilditch

WEDDINGS

❖ at St Mary's, Fishley ❖

August 17th

James Rodney Press &

Nina Marie Watson

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

September 28th

Jamie Mark Thomas &

Naomi Jean Shirley

FUNERALS

❖ at St Faith's Crematorium ❖

followed by Thanksgiving Service

at St Helen's, Ranworth

September 16th

William Lawrence Rowe

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

October 2nd

Elizabeth Monique Mobbs

INTERMENT OF ASHES

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

August 27th

Barbara Anne Ranson

❖ at St Mary's, South Walsham ❖

September 14th

Michael Andrew Hubbard

❖ at St Helen's, Ranworth ❖

September 26th

Grace Kent

REFLECTIONS ON REMEMBRANCE

The light was fading that summer evening in July 2016 when a small group gathered around a Commonwealth War Grave at St Helen's, Ranworth. Already the tenor bell had echoed across the countryside in honour of a soldier's sacrifice; now through the words of John McCrea's poem, "In Flanders Fields the poppies blow..." and a shared prayer, Private 22445 Robert Saunders of the 8th Battalion Norfolk Regiment, was remembered once more in the place he'd once called home.



Some readers will recollect Robert from an earlier item in this publication, but recently more information has been made available to us by his descendants.

Robert Saunders was born in June 1895, to Jonathan Saunders and his wife Amy (nee Harvey). He was baptised in September that year, along with his sister, Florence, two years his senior. The family lived at Hulver Cottage, a 4-room dwelling almost certainly located on Hulver Road, which links the B1140 and the village of Woodbastwick. Details from the 1911 Census show the couple had been married for twenty years, Jonathan, originally from Panxworth, was then aged 55, his wife, from Salhouse, was 40; this was his second marriage. Robert was the eldest of five brothers, ranging in age from 7 to 15 years; whilst the younger four were at school, Robert was working as a bricklayer labourer; his father a farm labourer.

He enlisted on 6th December 1915, and when he died, aged 21, a grieving brother calculated that he had served just 237 days. During the Battle of the Somme, when "the Norfolks" were attempting to stem a German counter attack in Delville Wood, he sustained injuries to his left side and back, by the time he could be brought out of no-man's land, tetanus had set in. Repatriated, he died on 26th July 2016. Following his funeral at Ranworth, he was laid alongside the unmarked grave of his mother, who had died the previous year.

In calling to mind the life of this local lad, it is unsurprising, particularly at this time of year, that symbols of remembrance and significant dates take on a greater meaning.

The poem was composed by a Canadian, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrea M.D. who at the time he penned those memorable words, was serving in Ypres. He had seen the poppies growing in profusion as the soil was torn apart by the weaponry and savagery of war. Little could he have realised that he had unintentionally identified a poignant symbol for future generations.

Over five million people made their way to the Tower of London in 2014 to gaze in awe at the scene before them; the Tower moat awash with 888,246 ceramic poppies, each representing the life of a British or Commonwealth fatality.

In Flanders in a tribute enacted, to this day, every evening at 8pm precisely, the "Last Post" is sounded beneath the imposing arches of the Menin Gate in Ypres, a memorial which displays the names of 54,896 soldiers of the then British empire, who went missing in action in the two years following the outbreak of War and for whom there is no known grave.

The significance of dates, and a compulsion to honour them, has been a theme of recent years; a need to remember, to recall, maintaining links, however tenuous, with what has gone before. The late 1960s saw a movement for the discontinuation of national remembrance, driven by a perception that there was no need to keep looking back. Today it seems more meaningful than ever. Are we seeing in this trend a search for stability, for a sense of identity, of belonging, in what may be perceived as more troubled and unstable times?

This year has seen the Anniversaries of D-Day and Arnhem (75 years); Kinder Transport (80 years); outbreak of World War II; Battle of Kohima (75 years). Of course one hundred years

ago The Treaty of Versailles was signed; yet with its redefining of state boundaries, and its punitive reparations on Germany, the outbreak of a fresh conflict just 20 years later is now seen by historians as almost inevitable.

The National Memorial Arboretum was established in 1997, set in 150 acres near Lichfield in Staffordshire, 30,000 trees have already been planted there creating a peaceful woodland setting. Whilst it acts as a focus for military sacrifice, it is emphasised this is not its sole purpose, and many and varied are the small memorial gardens. To visit is a calming and uplifting experience. Conceivably, in its formation, the need for ongoing national and individual remembrance is being met.

Kay Jefford

South Walsham Church – Fundraising

On Saturday 13th July over 150 people attended a Summer Fete in the delightful garden of The Old Rectory in South Walsham. A variety of traditional games and stalls were enjoyed, as well as cream teas (ingredients kindly donated by Roys of Wroxham and Brundall Co-op). A total of £1,217 was raised towards repairs to St Mary's Church, South Walsham. The funds are a vital contribution to the c.£30,000 which is required for necessary ongoing repairs and maintenance in the short term. Many individuals and groups worked together tirelessly on this event and sincere gratitude is extended to all and to everyone who attended and donated.



CHRISTMAS IN A BOX



In this issue we're launching this year's 'Christmas in a Box' appeal throughout the Broadside villages. Over the past two years we've been overwhelmed by your generosity and imagination in putting together a mini-Christmas for people in the Great Yarmouth and Gorleston area who would have nothing to give their families or receive themselves if we didn't help.

Major Katrina Lennox will come to receive our gifts on behalf of the Salvation Army and Gorleston churches and will speak at our special **Christmas in a Box Service at Upton on November 24th, 11am**. Fairhaven School pupils and staff will join us then as they bring their contributions of children's toys and 'mini-hampers' of Christmas food, decorations and small gifts. If you're unable to come to the service, Helen and I are happy to make other arrangements with you.

We can help by producing one of the following:

- ♥ **Christmas in a Box:** what sort of things would help someone feel like it's Christmas? Festive food? Nice toiletries? Some tinsel? Be imaginative! (Please don't put in sharp objects or alcohol). What sort of box would we put it in? A shoebox wrapped in Christmas paper would be a good shape and size.
- ♥ **A toy:** please keep them in their original packaging, but don't wrap them! Putting them in an open gift bag would be an attractive way to give them. The Salvation Army will give them to appropriately aged children alongside hampers for families.

Some of the gifts will be taken back to Great Yarmouth on the day and the rest will be presented to the Foodbank volunteers at our **Christmas Monday Munch** on December 3rd. It's our way of providing support at Christmas and saying 'thank you' to all of the volunteers for all they do throughout the year. I hope you can be at this special service, too.

LET'S GET CRACKING!

BENEFICE PRAYERS

THE BENEFICE PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER

A Prayer for Abiding in God

O Lord our God, let us hope from under the shelter of your wings.

Guard us from all danger and carry us to yourself.

And you will be our strong support from childhood to old age;

for when our strength is yours, then we are strong indeed.

But when our strength is ours, we are feeble and weak.

We need not fear we have no home to which we can return.

Long ago we left it — for what is our home

but your eternity which does not disappear

because we have deserted it.

— Amen

St Augustine.

SUNDAY BY SUNDAY PRAYERS

November 3rd

Pray for Nick Garrard, Rector, his wife Helen, Associate Priest, and their family. Pray for our ministry to visitors. For the Committee and helpers at the Visitor Centre.

November 10th

Pray for the work of the Royal British Legion. Give thanks for the involvement of older people in our parish life. For our links with Broadlands Park, Upton.

November 17th

Give thanks for Bishop Graham's new ministry in this diocese. Pray for all who visit the sick, troubled or housebound, sharing Christ's love through action. For those taking communion to the housebound.

November 24th

Pray for the Great Yarmouth Foodbank and all the families and individuals they will support over the winter. For Norwich Cathedral, its Dean and Chapter, staff and volunteers.

December 1st

Pray that we may keep Advent faithfully, watching and waiting. For all preparing for Christmas following a bereavement. For Archbishop Justin and our Bishops Graham, Alan and Jonathan.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday, November 3rd All Saints' Sunday

Ranworth _____	9.30am	_____	Morning Prayer
Upton _____	9.30am	_____	Holy Communion
South Walsham _____	11.00am	_____	Family Service and Baptism
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	_____	Holy Communion
Fishley _____	3.00pm	_____	Evensong

Sunday, November 10th Remembrance Sunday - 3rd Sunday before Advent

South Walsham _____	10.45am	_____	RBL Remembrance Sunday Service
Upton _____	10.45am	_____	Remembrance Sunday Service
Norwich Cathedral _____	3.30pm	_____	Evensong - Nick Garrard preaching

Sunday, November 17th 2nd Sunday before Advent

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, November 24th Christ the King

Upton _____	11.00am	_____	'Christmas in a Box' Service
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Sunday, December 1st Advent 1

Ranworth _____	9.30am	_____	Christingle Service
Upton _____	9.30am	_____	Holy Communion
Woodbastwick _____	11.00am	_____	Holy Communion
Fishley _____	3.00pm	_____	Evensong
South Walsham _____	3.30pm	_____	Tree of Light Service

Looking ahead:

Sunday December 1st at 3.30pm

Tree of Light Service

St Mary's Church, South Walsham.

As the new season of Advent begins and Christmas moves closer, we often think of our loved ones who are no longer with us. The Tree of Light Service is an informal act of worship in which you're invited to light a candle and place a star on the Christmas tree in memory of someone you have lost. The stars will remain there until the New Year. You are welcome to visit and spend time in the church whenever it's open.

Stars will be available in St. Mary's Church beforehand and at the service itself. We will be serving refreshments afterwards. You are most welcome to join us on this occasion.

Ranworth Christingle

December 1st also sees our first Christingle service, at Ranworth Church, starting at 9.30am. We're supporting the Children's Society through our collection, and there will also be an opportunity to give new toys for children who are being supported by Norfolk County Council this Christmas.

Carols on Ranworth Staithe

This year's Carol Service will be held on Ranworth Staithe at 6.30pm on Thursday, December 12th with mince pies and mulled wine in the Granary Coffee Shop afterwards. Our thanks to Steve and Penny for their hospitality and providing the mulled wine. Steve has asked that the collection made following the service should go to NANSAs (Norfolk and Norwich Spastic Association).

Your help in providing mince pies would be gratefully received. Please speak to John Ley (01603 270158) who will co-ordinate requirements.

MEETINGS & VILLAGE ACTIVITIES

November

2 nd Saturday	10.30am	Visitors' Centre Volunteers Coffee Morning – Ranworth Visitors' Centre
4 th Monday	9.00am 12.30-4.30pm 7.30pm	St Lawrence's Trustees Meeting – Forge Cottage, South Walsham Monday Munch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham Ministry Team & Churchwardens' meeting – Note change of venue: St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
5 th Tuesday	2.30pm	Womens' Fellowship – Upton Village Hall
6 th Wednesday	7.30pm	South Walsham W.I. – South Walsham Village Hall
9 th Saturday	10am-4pm	St Lawrence's Christmas Craft Market – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
13 th Wednesday		Bishop Graham's visit to Blofield Deanery
	7.30pm	Meet Bishop Graham – Lingwood Village Hall
16 th Saturday	7.30pm	Concert: Tom Harris Trio – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham
18 th Monday	7.00pm	Welcome Service for Bishop Graham – Gt Yarmouth Minster
19 th Tuesday	7.30pm	Ranworth Ladies Group – The Coffee Shop, The Staithe, Ranworth "Christmas is Coming - Flower Arrangements by Ginny Pitches For further information contact Sue Hitchcock. Tel 01603 270212
20 th Wednesday	2.30pm	Hymn Singing – Broadlands Park, Upton
24 th Sunday	2.30pm	Reforming Ranworth pt 1 : Talk by Nick Garrard – St Helen's Church, Ranworth
25 th Monday	7.30pm	Ranworth PCC – Ranworth Visitors' Centre

December

2 nd Monday	12.30-4.30pm	Monday Munch Christmas Lunch – St. Lawrence's, South Walsham (inc. Great Yarmouth Food Bank Support Group meeting 1pm)
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Prayer & Praise on Thursdays

Our weekly, Thursday meetings of 'guitar led' praise with relaxed Bible sharing and prayer.
Every Thursday starting at 7.30pm in the St Lawrence's Centre, South Walsham
Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

We are hoping to make up a Christmas Hamper again to raffle at St. Lawrence's Christmas Craft Market on Saturday 9th November and would be very grateful for any donations of in-date items to fill it. If you are able to donate something please contact Lee on 01493 750764 or Sue on 01603 270642 who will be pleased to collect. Thank you, and do come along on the day to try your luck at winning it!

The proceeds from the raffle will go towards maintaining the Benefice website
www.broadsideparishes.org.uk

ITEMS FOR THE DECEMBER BROADSIDER

Deadline: Monday, November 11th

Please send your copy to **David Benham**
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