

MID LOES BENEFICE
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Charsfield with Debach
Cretingham, Dallinghoo, Earl Soham,
Hoo, Letheringham and Monewden
February 2020

From Your Curate

Dear friends

The lights, the tinsel and the decorations are packed away for another year. I seem to remember when I was younger that we celebrated the twelve days of Christmas, with most of the parties coming after Christmas. Now the build up to Christmas starts earlier each year, with all the hype in the shops and the excitement of the Christmas story climaxing on Christmas Day.

Life after Christmas can hit hard and low, statistics show that there are more cases of depression and suicide attempts at this time than at any other time of the year. Why does the joy, hope, peace and love of advent fade with the Christmas lights? We are still celebrating the birth of Jesus during Epiphany until February, with the arrival of the three kings. Because there is so much emphasis on the birth of Jesus at Christmas, do we allow him to grow up? We should be celebrating not only Jesus birth but also his life.

Let us hold fast to the carols we sang together as a church, let us hold fast to the fact that Christ is the light of the world that shines in the darkness, let us hold fast to the faith that we have in Jesus Christ as the Lord of all. Christmas is not just a day or even a time of year, Christmas happens every single time we gather together for a service or bible study, for community projects or helping a neighbour, and in many other ways.

Remember what Ebenezer Scrooge says in Charles Dicken's book A Christmas Carol 'I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.'

May 2020 bring joy, hope peace and love

Kathleen

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020
(A Women led, global, ecumenical movement)

Rise, take your mat and walk

Women, men and children of all ages are called to "Rise, take your mat and walk" to join this day of prayer. Women of Zimbabwe have prepared this year's service and they encourage us all to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future. They encourage us to "Rise, take your mat and walk" with them as they continue their often turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation, which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. This year the service will be taking place at St Mary's, Earl Soham at 7 pm on Friday March 6th.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and services are held throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 36 hours later.

I hope that representatives from most of the parishes in the benefice will take part in the service with readings and hope that you will all support them by coming along and hearing more about life in Zimbabwe.

I will be distributing readings and posters to the parishes during February.

Look forward to seeing you all on Friday 6th March at 7 pm.

Liz Brian
The Rectory
Earl Soham
01728 685308

LENT COURSE

We will be running a Lent course on Monday evenings at 7.30pm. The course will be held in Monewden Village Hall, and everyone is very welcome to any or all of the sessions. We will be using York Course material, with some interesting speakers on CD to spark the discussion. The title of the course is 'SUPERSTAR.' There will be five sessions as follows:

2nd March. Who is Jesus? *'Do you think you're what they say you are?'*

9th March. Miracles. *'Change my water into wine.'*

16th March. The Psalms. *'Take this cup away from me.'*

23rd March. The Church. *'I don't know how to love him.'*

30th March. Cross Purposes. *'Did you mean to die like that.'*

Hope to see you there, Kathleen

Weighed down by debt?

After the Christmas season, when we like to treat those whom we love (and even ourselves?) to that little bit extra, comes January and the credit card bill and bank statement. It's the same for us all but, for many, spending up to our credit limit is a really hard place to recover from and the debt built up at this time of the year can cause us real problems in the following months, with the interest payments consuming the odd bits of spare income that we might have used to pay off the debts. All it takes is a period of sickness, loss of overtime, a new child or some other life event and suddenly we're struggling financially. If that is you and you feel weighed down by debt, then help may be just a phone call away.

The **Suffolk Coastal Debt Centre** is based in Saxmundham and covers most of East Suffolk (IP12, 13 and 15 to 19 post code areas). We work with CAP (Christians Against Poverty), Britain's most effective debt advice charity. If you're struggling with debt and can see no way out, please call this free number **0800 328 0006**. After a few questions, an appointment will be set up with one of our local debt advisors who will be able to work with you to overcome your debt mountain, however long it takes – months or years. Many find that just having someone to talk to about a problem they are ashamed to admit to their family and friends is a lifeline. The service is completely free and totally confidential.

Want to help out?

If you are in a happier position financially but would like to support the work of the Debt Centre then do please get in touch with me, Rev Nic Stuchfield (contact details available through the church website) or me, Julia Rose, on 01728 861243 or through my church website. As churches in East Suffolk, we work together not just on debt but also on food poverty, emotional and bereavement issues and even homelessness. There may be an issue that is particularly close to your heart and also ours!

Rev. Nic Stuchfield St John's Church, Saxmundham
fao. Julia Rose framlinghambaptist.co.uk

EARL SOHAM NOTES

Rota for the Altar and Roll of Honour Flowers and Brasses-St. Mary's		
FEBRUARY	Mrs Tinkler	
MARCH	Mrs Peacher	Brasses only during Lent
BELATED THANKS FOR ALL THE CHRISTMAS FLOWERS Any problems phone Lyn—685278		

Earl Soham Christmas Crib Service 2019

We had a wonderful Christmas Eve Crib Service and would like to thank everyone who joined us and made it such a joyous and memorable occasion! We collected £338.06 to send to The Children's Society to help towards their work with vulnerable young people.

A very special thank you goes to all the team who helped with costumes, animals, sound and setting-up, your hard work is much appreciated. As usual, we would like to thank Stephen for leading the worship which marks the beginning of Christmas for so many people and also Naomi for playing the keyboard to accompany our singing.

However, without the children and their families' support, there would not be a Crib – so a major well-done and a huge CONGRATULATIONS to all the cast, their families and supporters!

Many thanks and looking forward to Crib 2020!

Jo Reed



From : Liz and Stephen Brian, Jenny and Clark Powell

A very big thank you from us to all of you who contributed in some way to Jenny and Clark's wedding on 28th December. From playing the organ, ringing the bells, adorning the Church with ribbons and candles and welcoming guests, to sweeping the paths, greeting us as we arrived and clearing the Church afterwards all your help and best wishes were much appreciated.

Jenny and Clark managed to get away for a short break in Cornwall and now life returns to normal.

BRIDGE HOUSE, EARL SOHAM, COMMUNION.

As some readers will know there has been a house communion held at Bridge House, Earl Soham on and off for a number of years. It has proven popular with people who for various reasons, perhaps accessibility, timing or find attending Sunday services difficult along with those who like to worship more than once a week. Transport can also be arranged for those that need it.

The services occur roughly once a month throughout the year on Tuesday afternoons, after worship tea, coffee and cake are served.

To find out the day and time of the next service please contact me either via email; bridgehouse@suffolkonline.net or telephone; [01728] 685473.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Jennifer Baker.

Bridge House,
Earl Soham.



EARL SOHAM TENNIS CLUB

Annual General Meeting

Monday 30th March 2020 7.30 p.m..

in Earl Soham Village Hall

All interested persons very welcome!

EARL SOHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Helping your child with maths

One of the questions teachers are often asked is "what can I do to help my child with maths?" So here are a few ideas that go beyond helping with homework. For young children developing a feel for number is really important so counting with concrete items is a great help, especially when extended to counting in pairs or tens.

A good grasp of multiplication tables underpins a great deal and practice is always useful; this can be simple chanting or singing especially where the multiplication facts are associated with multiples. Alternatively, giving the child the multiple and asking for the fact reinforces understanding i.e. giving the number 42 and expecting 6×7 as the reply (or helping to work it out).

Any practical activities that involve measurement, for example baking or making, really help to reinforce knowledge. This is especially useful when ingredients are weighed out using a spring balance (where a scale needs to be read) rather than an electronic scale. Similarly, any craft activities that involve measuring help a child relate to the measurement. Such activities give them an idea of the true size of different weights etc. I learnt to cook with my grandmother and I can still measure an ounce (OK 27g) of butter by eye.

If you are feeling brave then a trip to the supermarket is packed with opportunity. Many items are priced per 100g or litre etc. Questions can be asked - What would 1Kg cost? What is the price of half a kilo? Sometimes loose produce is price per kilo whilst prepacked is priced per 100g. Calculating the best value might also save you some money whilst also practising conversion between units.

Encourage your child to have a positive approach and accept the learning opportunities that an error or misunderstanding presents. As is attributed to Henry Ford 'failure is only the opportunity to more intelligently begin again'. Most importantly praise them and avoid phrases like 'I didn't like maths when I was at school' which can reinforce negativity.

Happy New Year to all.

Peter Lambillion-Jameson

Head Teacher

DATES:

Mon 17 Feb - Fri 21 Feb Half Term

Fri 27 March PTFA event Fashiqn and Fizz.

EARL SOHAM FILM NIGHT

7.30pm Saturday 8th February 2020

EARL SOHAM VILLAGE HALL



A PRIVATE WAR

Based on the true story of journalist Marie Colvin, "A Private War" features an electrifying performance by Rosamund Pike as the renowned and utterly fearless Marie Colvin. Her mission to show the true cost of conflict and war leads her and photographer Paul Conroy (played by Jaimie Dornan) to embark on the most dangerous assignment of their lives in the besieged Syrian city of Homs.

(Cert. 15, Run time 110 minutes . Contains some bloody detail and strong language)



Earl Soham WI

The WI provides women with educational opportunities, the chance to build new skills, take part in a wide variety of activities and campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities. This year our meetings, held at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month in Earl Soham village hall, will cover subjects as far ranging as medical detection dogs, and sculpture, to an insight into the Suffolk based 14th century, Lady Alice de Bryene. We'll enjoy lively discussions about WI campaigns, and be entertained by a ukulele group and puppeteers. New members are very welcome.

Why not come along, join in and make a lot of new friends?

Next Meeting

7.30pm Thursday 27th February

Speaker Helen Reeve 'For the love of cows'

WI Secretary: Mrs Daphne Dale 01728 621292





06 January 2020

I was honoured to be returned as Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich on December 13th and especially delighted to be re-elected for a fourth term, with the added bonus of securing an increased majority. It is a huge privilege and I would like to thank everyone for the confidence that they have shown in me and for the tremendous support I have received, for which I am enormously appreciative.

During the election campaign, my team and I visited every part of the constituency on at least one occasion – from Hoxne and Eye in the North, Kesgrave and North Ipswich in the South, Wickham Market in the East, Mendlesham in the West, Debenham, Framlingham and many more in between. I spent a considerable amount of time in North Ipswich and was especially pleased that the election period allowed me to give my undivided attention to residents, whilst also giving me the opportunity to listen to people’s views and have numerous conversations which will help me to better represent you over the next five years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported me during the last Parliament as well as during the weeks of the General Election campaign, and I have been humbled by the hundreds of messages of support and encouragement that I have received.

In the months and years ahead, my priority will always be to represent the people of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich to the very best of my ability. Living in a predominantly rural county like Suffolk, our road infrastructure is simply vital in connecting our rural communities and enabling those who live and work here to travel easily to and from school, our place of work, to visit friends and family and to access local services, such as hospital appointments or local facilities. With the announcement of the next Budget on March 11th, I will continue to do all that I can to support our County Council colleagues and my fellow MPs in lobbying Government for much needed cash to improve and maintain our road network.

It is an enormous honour and privilege to be elected to represent the residents of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich again in Parliament and I shall do my utmost to fulfil the trust that has been placed in me and continue to work hard and do my best for all my constituents.

For more information please visit www.drdanielpoulter.com

CRETINGHAM NOTES

Flower and Cleaning Rota

	Altar Flowers	Cleaning
February	As per rota	Mr & Mrs Runacres

A **big thankyou** to everyone who took part over the Christmas period. So lovely to see friends, neighbours and visitors at our Christmas Stall morning which raised £350.00 and a chance to get to see the expertly decorated windows in the Christmas colours of Green, White and Red - beautiful. Our Carol Service was packed to the rafters with voices singing, readings and snippets telling us about the carols we were singing – mulled wine and mince pies saw everyone staying for a chat and a definite Christmas feel abounded. Many thanks to The Bell for again hosting our Christmas Carol Singing in aid of The Children’s Society – we raised £121.50. Our service on Christmas Day heard us greeting each other in other languages and our Holy Communion brought us altogether to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Church Services in St. Peters during February are as follows –

2nd February 10 am Benefice Service in St. Peters with Holy Communion.

16th February 10am Morning Prayer

23rd February 4pm Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

The next PCC Social Evening will be held on the 21st March and will be a **???? A QUIZ NIGHT** with hot supper and bar in Monewden Village Hall. Get a team together or come along and make up a team – use all that knowledge that built up during 2019 !! Please let us know if you are coming so we can ensure plenty of food to go around. Email heather on heather.runacres@hotmail.co.uk or speak to Pauline 01473 737317.

Some dates for the 2019 diary –

21st March QUIZ – Monewden Village Hall

20th APRIL Annual Church Meeting 7.30 pm Monewden Village Hall.

11th April EASTER STALL 10am – 12noon in Cretingham Church.

19th MAY – Visitation at Dallinghoo Church.

28th June Patronal Festival at Cretingham Church.

11th July CRETINGHAM FETE on Oak Corner

12th September HARVEST SUPPER

12th December CHRISTMAS STALL 10am – 12 noon in Cretingham Church

Late news: I missed the deadline for the last magazine but feel it is important that the village knows the result of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in November. The Cretingham House-to-House collection raised £167.37 with a further £38.55 in the collection box at The Bell, £40.24 in the box at Kingfishers and £60 from the collection at the Remembrance service. A grand total of £306.16. Thank you to everyone.

A.G.

PRAYER FOR HEALING

A small group meets every month and if you would like prayer for yourself or someone close who is ill or in any kind of need please get in touch with any of the following:

Stephen Brian - 01728 685 308

Kathleen Martin - 01473 737 285

Pauline Cobley - 01473 737 317

Margaret Salter - 01473 737 182

Your call will be treated in the strictest confidence .

CRETINGHAM VILLAGE COMMITTEE

A Turkey Trot was the unlikely genesis of the third Cretingham organisation to come under our spotlight, the Village Committee. It was held in 1973 to celebrate the Queen's Silver Jubilee in the new, and as yet unused, barn at Corner Farm.

During the 1960s and early 1970s Cretingham had no real structure to organise social events, the only official organisations being the newly-formed joint Parish Council, the Parochial Church Council and the Townlands Trust..

In order to liven things up a bit and introduce something new a group of villagers started off with a harvest supper attended by 100 people in Monewden Village Hall. The Applebys, who had opened the New Bell Inn, started an OAPs' lunch and get-together at the pub and village fund-raising got going to hold a children's Christmas party and to fund a box of Christmas goodies for retired villagers. Guy Fawkes was not forgotten either and November 5th saw a bonfire and fireworks party.

To overcome this rather ad hoc approach to fund raising the organisers of these events pooled their resources and decided to have at least one major function to raise the monies needed to host the events and so locals were invited to attend barn dances, barbeques and live music social events.

In 1972/73 it was generally agreed that the Silver Jubilee warranted a special village celebration and so the Turkey Trot was conceived. A barbeque and dance were held in the new barn and cold turkey and salads were served. Some 160 tickets were sold and the event was an unqualified success.

So successful that it raised a considerable sum of money but at that point there was no formal organisation to administer the cash. It was then that the Cretingham Village Committee was formed.

The original committee included Mollie Corral, Reg Jarvis, Michael Pinner, Alan Ransome, David Thirkell and Alan Wells. A constitution was drawn up under which the committee was to be non-denominational and open to all. It would raise funds and organise the Retirees' Lunch, now the St George's Day Lunch,, the Harvest Supper, a Children's Party and Christmas presents for all retirees in the village. The Committee also took on the responsibility for the annual award of the Appleby Cup and was open to suggestions for the benefit of the parish and would raise, or help to raise, the necessary funds.

The committee is elected annually at an AGM and social event which is open to all.

News from High Suffolk Rotary *See Facebook for more!*


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Join Rotary
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Have fun
Help others

OVER £2,000 RAISED FOR LOCAL CHILDRENS CHARITIES

Once again, many thanks to all those in Debenham, Stradbroke and Eye who turned out to greet Santa Claus, and who gave so generously. The result was a record – we raised more than ever before in those 3 locations, so much so that the club decided to add a little more from its own reserves, to round it up to £2,000, to be donated to Suffolk Family Carers and Eye Opportunity Group.

Later in the year, we'll invite both charities to visit the club, tell us what they're doing at the moment, and hand over the funds for them to continue their good work.



On the 2nd January, many members and friends shook off the Christmas cobwebs by taking part in our annual New Year Walk, this year around Dunwich, lunching at The Ship. *We try to do 2 or 3 short walks a year – do you have any suggestions?*



Our annual trip to see Easter Angles Christmas production was unfortunately cancelled (due to a burst water main in Woodbridge), but our Burns Night celebration at The Old Mill House was good fun – even though none of us has any direct connection to Scotland...



... except perhaps our President, John, who has a great liking for one of Scotland's best exports, and by the time you read this will have hosted another Whisk(e)y tasting event on the 7th February at Kingfisher's restaurant, Cretingham Golf Club.



ROTARY IN ACTION – THE AUSTRALIAN BUSH FIRES

We have all seen the pictures of the disastrous fires that have erupted in Australia, taking lives as well as destroying hundreds of homes and properties across Australia. Of course, we're all very supportive of the Fire Service who have to deal with the immediate problem, but what happens afterwards?

Well, Rotary Australia is helping to assist the professional first response organisations with recovery and restoration and helping people who have been displaced. Rotary Australia have established a central fund to support victims of the devastation caused by the fires. If you'd like to contribute to Rotary's efforts, please get in touch with us, or go to the Bushfires Appeal website at <https://rawcs.org.au/>



DO YOU USE AMAZON?

If so, did you know that you can help raise funds for High Suffolk Rotary in the process? Just go to smile.amazon.co.uk and follow the instructions – search for **Rotary Club of High Suffolk Trust Fund**. Contact us if you need help.

CHARSFIELD WITH DEBACH NOTES Church Rotas

Date	Readers	Sides person
Feb 2nd 10am BHC	Benefice Holy Communion at Cretingham All Welcome	
Feb 16th 6.30pm Evening Prayer	Stephanie Pauline	Pauline
Feb 23rd 10am Holy Communion	Roger Margaret	Margaret

Cleaning Rota for February

1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
No Cleaning	Stephanie Margaret	Gill Beverley	Ros Lucy	No Cleaning

Flower Rota for February

Feb 1st & 8th	15th & 22nd	29th Feb & 7th Mar
Pauline Llewellyn	Angela Farmer	Lent - No Flowers

Coffee Rota

February - Sheila

March - Margaret

April - Pauline

An Evening of Festive Music and Carols with the Ipswich Hospital Band Wind Ensemble

Friday 6th December 2019 - Thank you to everyone who supported the concert at St. Peter's Church. It was a most uplifting evening with carols, fabulous music and a great deal of humour, all served with delicious mulled wine and seasonal refreshments. It was a fun evening for us all and after expenses we raised a very respectable £368.

So, a huge thank you to the organisers, those who donated food and wine and above all to everyone who came and gave so generously.

CHARSFIELD RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce our Fund Raising Calendar for 2020. We rely on the income from these events to keep the field maintained so please come along and support us.

THE BIG BREAKFAST Sunday 5th April 9am to 12 noon. Charsfield Village Hall: The best breakfast of the year is a little earlier this year to help you beat the winter blues.

ST GEORGE'S QUIZ Friday 24th April 7pm Charsfield Village Hall: Test your knowledge and enjoy a two course traditional supper

CHARSFEST 2020 Saturday 30th May – Charsfield Recreation Ground - Lunchtime to bedtime. We are looking for something different this year in addition to all the old favourites so let us have your ideas.

GOLF DAY IN JUNE: Date & venue to be announced

MUSIC QUIZ; Friday 18th September 7 pm Charsfield Village Hall: Something a little bit different with a Ploughman's supper

RACE NIGHT: Friday 16th October 7pm Charsfield Village Hall: Enjoy a flutter on the horses as you sup your favourite tippie.

Jan Pedgrift

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Janpedgrift@btinternet.com



Charsfield Baptist Chapel

Sunday services

11am each week

Coffee Pot

Every Tuesday from 10-12

At the chapel hall



There is a warm welcome for all. We hope you can join us.

Further information available from:

Mary Rowe on 01728 582243

Personal prayer The chapel is open each morning, Monday - Saturday for personal prayer between 9.30 and 10.30am.

Singalong Suppers

Friday 7th February 2020

Held once a month in the Chapel hall. We start each evening at 6.30pm with something of general interest for half an hour. We then enjoy a buffet meal together. This is followed by a 'singalong' of hymns and songs at 8pm, finishing at 9pm. Do come and join us - you will be most welcome.

St. Elizabeth Hospice 2019 Coffee Morning.

Thank you all so much for your very generous support for the Hospice. We're still breaking records, and we are very pleased to announce that the total including the change in the buckets was £1,101.92. So a big thank you to all, the cake makers, coffee servers, crafters, raffle runners and especially Jan for hosting it, not forgetting the donations received. So, after this success, our date for 2020 is Saturday, November 28th. Jan has kindly agreed to host again. So, start your copper collection and we' all fill those buckets! Thank you all so very much, what an achievement! Joyce and Dave Whitley.

Charsfield Amateur Dramatics Society

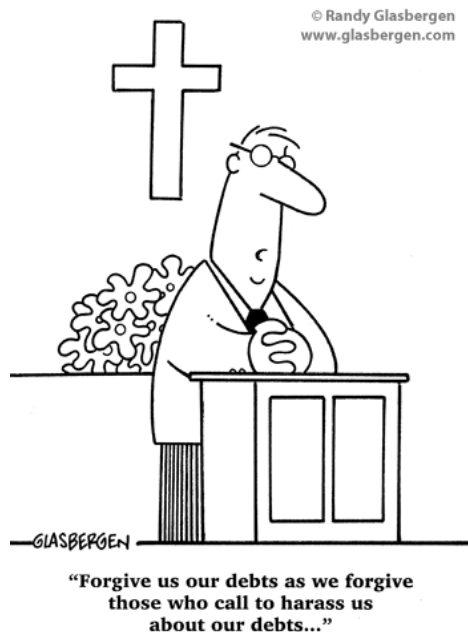
Proudly presents

‘CADS REVISITED’

You are invited to see our 2020 production on 26/27/28th March. We have delved into the archives of the past 43 years and picked out some real gems for you, together with additional sketches written by Peter Holloway and Martin Wallacott. With good music and much more an evening not to be missed.

Charsfield Village Hall
26/27/28th March 7.30pm

*All in aid of Local Charities
Further details in March magazine.*



DEBACH

DON EWINGS

1939-2019

It was with much sadness we learnt of the sudden passing of Don on 31st August.

Don purchased Apple Tree in 1984 in a semi derelict state and set about restoring it. At the end of that year he met Di and they were married in September 1985. She added the final touches and decoration of their home and together they worked on the garden. Don oversaw the vegetable patch and the lawn and when he got tired of mowing he cut Di a new flower bed to tend.

Don quickly became involved in village life, first by helping to create our ornate village sign. In the mid nineties he lent a hand with the resurrection of the village show. Having been evacuated to Hitcham during the War Don always had a soft spot for the USSAF often recounting the times he and other children had stood by the side of the road asking “got any gum chum?” and invariably they had. It was no surprise, therefore, to see him in the committee which organised the 50th anniversary of the 493rd Bomb Group’s arrival at Debach Airfield. It was a weekend of events. There was a fish ‘n’ chip supper on the Friday in what was then Simon Illett’s grain store, with the meal wrapped in newspaper of the day reprinted by the East Anglian Daily Times and dancing to the Framlingham College Big Band. On the Saturday the airfield was open and military vehicles of the time took the veterans and the families down memory lane. Finally there was a tea on the lawn at Apple Tree under canvas in the pours of rain with representatives from the T.A. and Royal British Legion attended by two busloads of veterans and their families. Don became village chairman for long spells twice over the years. After the occupants of All Saints House, David and Fiona Dodswell, located the Debach Church Font, Don set about enabling it’s return to the village. With the help of village members the Lych gate shelter was erected and now proudly stands on the path leading up to the War Memorial. After receiving a request from Jade Elves for a bus shelter Don set about

Raising funds to erect the bus shelter cum bandstand that stands by the village green today. He was keen not to let any of the anniversaries related to World War II slip by unnoticed and so there were teas on the green in commemoration and when other villages raised beacons to mark Her Majesty's great milestones Don organised a bonfire on an island in the Village—lit by a firework - you could always rely on Don to “think outside the box”.

Don contracted Di's passion for Golden retrievers and took great pleasure in taking their youngsters to an old people's home in Ipswich to be unofficial pat dogs. He also created a “men's shed” within in the building as he recognised that the interests of the ladies, who were in the majority, did not always correspond with the largely outnumbered gentlemen.

Don was a true country man. Despite having undergone a heart operation at Papworth in 1996 this did not deter him from getting involved in the country pursuits he loved with his dogs and providing as much of the vegetables required in the house as he possibly could by way of his gardening.

Don and Di were lucky enough to enjoy the holiday of a lifetime last spring, travelling to New Zealand. The trip was the only thing on Di's bucket list having had her head filled full of the country by a Kiwi primary school teacher.

Don passed away in a sugar beet field at a dog training day on 31st August 2019. A large congregation of family and friends gathered to say goodbye on 18th October at Colchester Road Baptist Church in Ipswich where Di regularly worships. Don was returned to Debach in a long wheel based Landrover to find rest in the churchyard there.

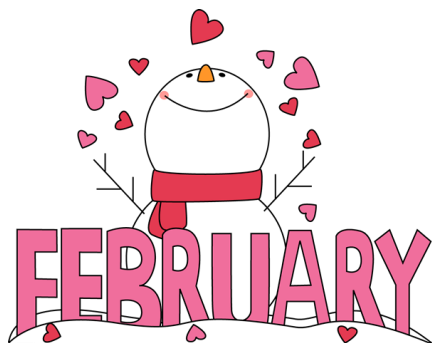
Our thoughts and prayers are with Don and the family.



SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

Church	Feb 2nd Presentation of the Christ <i>White</i>	Feb 9th 3rd Sunday before Lent Proper 1 <i>Green</i>	Feb 16th 2nd Before Lent <i>Green</i>	Feb 23rd Next before Lent <i>Green</i>
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	↓	6.30pm Evening Prayer	6.30pm Holy Communion	---
Chars field w. Debach	↓	---	6.30pm Evening Prayer	10am Holy Communion
Cretingham	10am Benefice Holy Communion	---	10.am Morning Prayer	4pm Evening Prayer & Holy Communion
Dallinghoo	↑	6.30pm Evening Prayer & Holy Communion	10am Family Service	---
Earl Soham	↑	10.00am Family Service	10am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Prayer
Hoo	↑	8.30am Holy Communion	---	8.30am Morning Prayer
Monewden	↑	10.00am Holy Communion	---	10am Family Service
Letheringham	↑	---	---	---

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2020



	Hoy Communion	MP & EP	Psalm
Feb 2nd	Hebrews Ch 2 vs 14-end Luke Ch 2 vs 22-40		
Feb 9th	1 Corinthians Ch 2 vs 1-12 Matthew Ch 5 vs 13-20	Isaiah Ch 58 vs 1-9a Matthew Ch 5 vs 13-20	112 vs 1-9
Feb 16th	Romans Ch 8 vs 18-25 Matthew Ch 6 vs 25-end	Genesis Ch 1 and 2 vs 3 Matthew Ch 6 vs 25-end	136 vs 1-9 and 23-end
Feb 23rd	2 Peter Ch 1 vs 16—end Matthew Ch 17 vs 1-9	Exodus Ch 24 vs 12-end Matthew Ch 17 vs 1-9	Psalm 2
March 1st	Romans Ch 5 vs 12-19 Matthew Ch 4 vs 1-11		

**The Benefice Service on
Sunday 1st March
Will be hosted by
St Peter's, Charsfield
All Welcome**

LEATHERINGHAM NOTES

Carols by Candle light 23rd December 6.30 pm

The true spirit of Christmas was to the fore in Letheringham on the 23rd with the Church full and with everyone enjoying both the readings and the communal singing. Our special thanks to Claudia Allen for her marvellous solo performance of “Silent Night” and “He shall feed his flock” (Handles Messiah). Our thanks also to all those that helped decorate the church and to Polly Ffitch, Janet Ross and Paul Clarke for their delicious homemade mince pies and to Maurice Finch for the mulled wine. Finally, our thanks to Roger Pulham *without his playing of the merry organ there would not have been any singing in the choir!*

Mardles

February 17th 7.00 pm “Forgotten mysteries of the Medieval Church.”

We resume our winter programme of Monday Mardles on February 17th at 7.30 in the Easton and Letheringham Village Hall with a talk by the Classical Historian and Author, Charles Freeman, Charles is a historian specialising in the history of ancient Greece and Rome. He is the author of numerous books on the ancient world including The Closing of the Western Mind: The Rise of Faith and the Fall of Reason.

March 23rd 7.00 pm “The 1297 Fairfield Charter “

This not to be missed, intriguing talk by Keith Wallace and is focussed on the Fair Charter granted to the Prior of Letheringham Priory by Edward I in 1297 and the many medieval personages that were signatories to the Charter and what became of them (a sort of medieval Game of Thrones without the dragons) a clue not all of them survive.

April 20th 7.00 pm “Music Magic and Comedy “ with Peter Holloway

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Mardles: *Easton and Letheringham Village Hall admission £8.00 includes a complimentary glass of wine and nibbles. All monies raised to the church fabric fund to help maintain this historic place of worship for future generations*



ASHFIELD NOTES

CHRISTMAS 2019

A big thank you to everyone who took part in or attended the Christmas Services. It was good to have you all with us.

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MONNEWDEN NOTES

Church Rotas

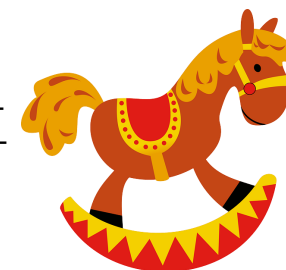
Date	Flowers & Brasses	Cleaning	Sides person	Coffee
Feb 2nd	J Vonberg		BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION 10AM at CRETINGHAM, ALL WELCOME	
9th	S Kingston	K Martin J Vonberg	B Martin	L Grier
16th	M Gibson			
23rd	M Skeet		D Grier	C Saxby

READERS FEBRUARY: 9th Kalam, Alison 23rd Family Service, Children.

THE WINE TASTING, which was held on the last Friday evening of November, was a very well attended and good night, and realised a very handsome profit for the village hall.

HOLY COMMUNION on Christmas Day this year was conducted by the Rev. Kathleen Martin, and it was nice to see a well attended service with a congregation of around two dozen people.

THE COMBINED TOY SERVICE which was held on Sunday, December 8 at 10 a.m. at Monewden Church, with our friends from Dal-linghoo, was a great success. The gifts and collection were donated to Lighthouse at Ipswich where they were as usual gratefully received.



COFFEE MORNING: Our next Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday, February 15th from 10 a.m. onwards. Do come along for a bacon roll, a cup of tea or coffee and a good chat, as these events are well supported. The 100 Club draw will also take place during the morning.



100 CLUB WINNERS: December 2019. £75 P. Driver; £50 B. Cole; £25 K. Dorsett

LOCAL HISTORY: The January meeting of the local history club was a very interesting talk by Chris Parfit about the River Alde, aided by a large number of very good photos, which covered not only the present course of the river but also its history. February's meeting, on Wednesday the 12th we have our own Dave Steward talking about the Brudenell family of Deene Park. New members would be most welcome.



NEW YEAR, NEW HOBBY, NEW VENUE, NEW TIME.....

Time for a little change. Our monthly stitching session on **Friday 7th February**, will be an extended time from 10 – 2pm., this is so that we can get more completed in the time. We are a small friendly group from beginners to advanced stitchers, sewing under the guidance of Alison Pearce who has almost 30 years of experience in hand sewing, patchwork, quilting, applique and cross stitch.

Please also note that these sessions will now be held in my home, The Cartshed, Firs Farm, Monewden, instead of the village hall now that my craft room is up and running!

£5 per session, materials etc extra.

For more information call Alison on 01473 737155 or email: Alison.pearce1970@yahoo.co.uk.

HOO NOTES

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHURCHWARDEN

Eric and I wish you all a happy, wealthy and peaceful 2020. Thank you all for the good wishes, cards and messages Eric and I have received after our move to Wickham Market. Eric is improving slowly. God bless you all.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas Eve carol service went well and we had a very good congregation. Thanks to Rev. Kathleen and Rodger who played the organ. And finally another thank you to all the readers and all who helped decorate the church once again, it looked beautiful.

Margaret Doe

FEBRUARY FUN...

There was a husband and wife who loved each other very much. The trouble was the wife lived her cat more than her husband, and she loved her Mother who lived with them more than her husband too. So it was cat first, Mother second and husband last.... That was the pecking order. And to make matters worse the husband couldn't stand the cat and he didn't get on too well with the Mother either.

One day the wife went away for a couple of weeks and left her husband in charge. She'd made contact with an old schoolfriend and had gone to stay with her for a couple of weeks to renew their friendship. Everyday she'd telephone and the first thing she would ask was "how's the cat?" "Oh, the cat's fine" said her husband. And then she would say "how's my Mother?" "Oh, she's fine", said her husband. And then she'd say "well I expect you are getting on OK".

Half way through the second week she rings up as usual. "How's the cat?" she asks. Her husband says, "It's dead!"

Oh no! She goes into a state of apoplexy, crying and wailing, and she couldn't get her breath. "Well", he said "I couldn't put it any other way".

"Yes you could" she said... "You could have broken it to me gently. "You could have said... the cat escaped through the cat flap, it climbed up the drainpipe and got on the roof, but it had been raining and its claws couldn't grip on the slate tiles, and it fell off the roof into a heap on the concrete patio below. Then seeing the state it was in you took it to the vet and to put it out of its misery the vet put it to sleep".

The husband said - "I'm so sorry - I realise now. I could have broken it to you a little more gently."

"Anyway" she said, "how's my Mother?"

"Well," he said... "your Mother got out of the cat flap....."

DALLINGHOO NOTES

Church Rotas

Date	Service/Readers	Sides people
Feb 2nd 10am	BENEFICE HOLY COMMUNION, CRETINGHAM, 10AM, ALL WELCOME	
6.30pm 9th	Evening Prayer with Holy Communion	Mrs C Sullivan
10am 16th	Family Service Readers TBC	D Gill T Love

Flower and Cleaning Rota

25th Jan & 1st Feb - Roz & Sheila

8th & 15th - Sue Truman

22nd & 29th - Linda & Di

7th & 14th March - Di & Linda

Church Opening and Closing

27th Jan - 8th Feb - Dawn

10th - 22nd - Tina

24th Feb - 7th March - Linda

THANKS TO ALL..

Thanks to everyone who has helped in the church repair programme to date: in particular Chris Pennington and Bridgett for helping on site throughout the south nave guttering repairs. These are now complete and look fantastic. The church repair fund and the PCC will be continuing to raise funds towards the remaining urgent repairs so thank you all for your ongoing support of the forthcoming events.

Special thanks also go to Robin Tye for his sterling coordination and project management - without his efforts progress would be much slower.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Thanks to everyone who made this a wonderful event, yet again: Wendy, for leading the service; all the musicians, for their festive playing and the children's choir with excellent singing. I was lovely to see the church decorated so beautifully and full of friends new and old.

FAMILY SERVICE

3rd Sunday of every month.

Every month there is a 10am service that is more relaxed and also a little shorter (30-40 mins). There are children's activities and drinks and snacks after the service. Why not come along and give it a go—we would love to see you!

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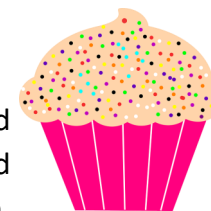
I did thank most people in December/January Magazine but after I had done it I realised I had forgotten to thank Chris Pennington for opening and closing the church on Sunday's and also for all his hard work in the churchyard, so thank you Chris.

I have also been asked to say thank you to Mr Spall for the Christmas tree at the village hall!

COFFEE MORNING

The coffee morning will be held on Saturday 22nd February in aid of the church repair fund! We hold this in the vestry of the church from 10am - 12pm.

Come and join us for a cuppa and a nice chat and buy some cakes and things. Everyone welcome. Donation of cakes would be gratefully received to help me with cutting down how many I will have to make. We also have a raffle. See you there.



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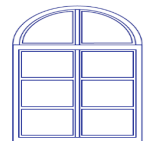
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Luke 2:22-40

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