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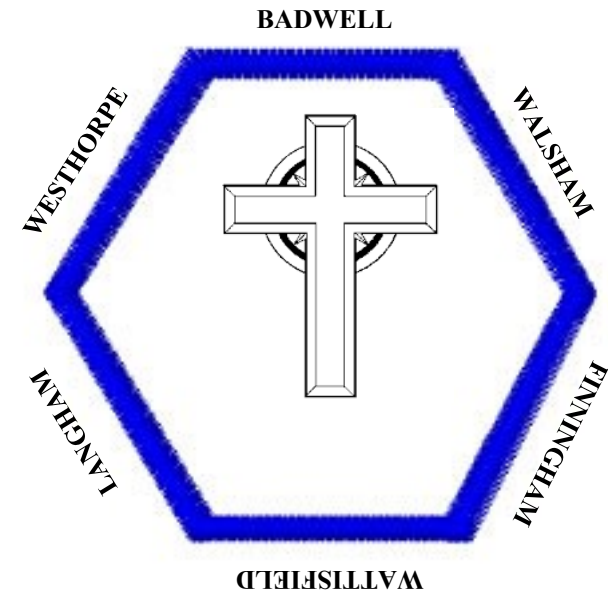
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Friday 5th July, 2019.**

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Mon: Dog training 6-8pm
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The fifty days which follow Easter Sunday are still very much a part of the Easter Season within the annual Church's calendar. At the end of this prolonged period the Christian Church celebrates Pentecost (this year June 9th); commonly regarded as the Birthday of the Christian Church. On the original Pentecost, some 3,000 people are said to have been baptised into Christianity after hearing the disciples of Jesus preaching. Christianity was given a 'boost' as a faith, and launched as an evangelical religion.

The early Church was very fond of feast days and holidays, and so Pentecost was always widely, (and wildly celebrated). Today the celebrations may be less so, but the colour red is often used to symbolise the spiritual energy and fire of the original Pentecost.

Since that first Pentecost; over these last 2000 years Christianity has spread throughout the world to every nation, and yet sadly is still the most persecuted of all faiths. It is widely recognised that Christians are at risk in well over 100 countries; with an estimation that more people died from their faith in the last century than all the previous ones put together.

Perhaps Christianity as a faith has not always endeared itself to those around it, and we remember such episodes in history as the strangely named 'Holy Wars.' But lest we forget, those acting in the name of Christianity can be far removed from the true faith itself as set out by its' founder Jesus Christ.

It is often said that here in England we live in a Christian country; that may or may not be true depending upon your interpretation. However, so much around us is of course a direct result of the Christian faith, even if from a time long forgotten. Our Feast Days of Easter and Christmas, the Parish system which is a part of every community, and where is there a village that does not support a Christian Church of one denomination or another?

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During the coming month of July the Church gives thanks for the life of Thomas Clarkson. Born at Wisbech in the late 18th Century, a one time resident at Bury St Edmunds, and finally laid to rest in Playford Churchyard, where I was a Priest before coming to this Benefice. Thomas was motivated by his Christian faith, and worked tirelessly for the eventual abolition of slavery early in the 19th century. A man who travelled literally thousands of miles for the pursuit of justice, and nearly sacrificed his life on occasions in doing so.

Every July, at St Mary's Church Playford, we would hold a service of thanksgiving for the life of Clarkson, with a congregation made up from far and wide. A service of praise to a Christian who like his forbears on that first Pentecost Day took his inspiration and faith from Jesus Christ.

Every Blessing,
Philip and Denise

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS		
Amelia Sophia Englart	21 st April 2019	Walsham
FUNERALS		
John Robert Edwin Clarke	27 th March 2019	Langham (Cremation)
Audrey Octavia Green	2 nd April 2019	Walsham (Burial)
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As far as we are aware, this is the first time that the two Bishops have visited St. Mary's Church. They used their stop as a lunch break, having been to Rumbles Fish Bar to buy fish and chips! Members of the PCC provided tea and coffee.

Bishop Martin and Bishop Mike are walking 90 miles over a ten day period starting at Southwold and taking in Redisham, Bungay, Metfield, Fressingfield, Eye, Rickinhall, Ixworth and finishing in Stowmarket.



Pictured above in the nave of St. Mary's are Rev'd Pamela Robson, Bishop Martin Seeley, Rev'd Philip Merry, Stephen Rose, Churchwarden, and Bishop Mike Harrison.

St. Mary's Badwell Ash PCC.

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From the Editor

For the past five years I have been responsible for compiling this magazine for the Benefice. It has been a time of some considerable change, including the transition from 8 parishes to 6, a period with no Priest in Charge and the arrival of our Rector Philip Merry. I feel that now things are more stable it is time to pass the editorial baton and I am pleased to introduce you to your new Editor - Debbie Watson - who has kindly offered to take over the role: I hope that you will join me in welcoming her and that you will continue to send her event posters, articles and any other bits and bobs you think might be useful or interesting to other readers across the Benefice. Thank you everyone who has helped and supported me over the years and good luck Debbie.

Best wishes, Rowena.



Note from the new editor

I would like to thank Rowena very much for the time she has given to producing the Hexagon and look forward to your continued support.

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Music at St Mary's Walsham le Willows



Firstly for this month a huge thank you to all our musicians, and to you, our audience, who have made the new lunchtime recital series such a pleasure. Music in St Mary's is really taking off!

The pre-Easter recitals from Yalda Davis and Neil Carlson, both supported by James Recknall were very successful, and the Abingdon Trio at the Bank Holiday drew an audience of seventy people. Is it the high quality of our musicians? Is it the relaxed ambience? Is it the sausage rolls and the cakes?

Whatever the reason, we seem to have a successful formula, and more will come later on in the year. Excitingly, I have new musicians already wanting to book recitals into 2020, and we are creating an e-mail mailing list for people who want to be kept abreast of the next dates. The recitals will run March to October - this leaves the way clear for our Christmas music, and Epiphany events.

After Carol Kellmans' pupils' recital, our next stop is the July 20th outing for Octets - Music for a Summer Evening. As ever, it will be £5 on the door and a glass of wine.

I hope next month to have the Autumn programme ready for you to add to your diaries. Please contact me if you would like to be added to our mailing list or you have anything to add to the musical life of the church.

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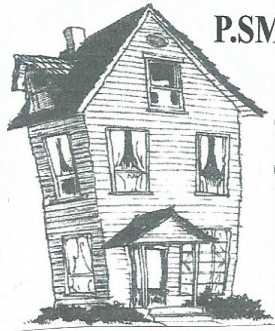
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	9 th	11 am	Morning worship
	16 th	11 am	Morning worship
	23 rd	11 am	Morning worship
	30 th	11 am	Morning worship
JULY	7 th	11 am	365TH WATTISFIELD CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
	14 th	11 am	Morning worship
	21 st	11 am	Morning worship
	28 th	11 am	Morning worship

A sincere thank you to the hostesses of the Lenten Lunches this year and to their guests who supported them.

Westhorpe raised	£87.00
Badwell Ash raised	£145.00
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Walsham-le-Willows raised	£175.00

Grand Total £568.00

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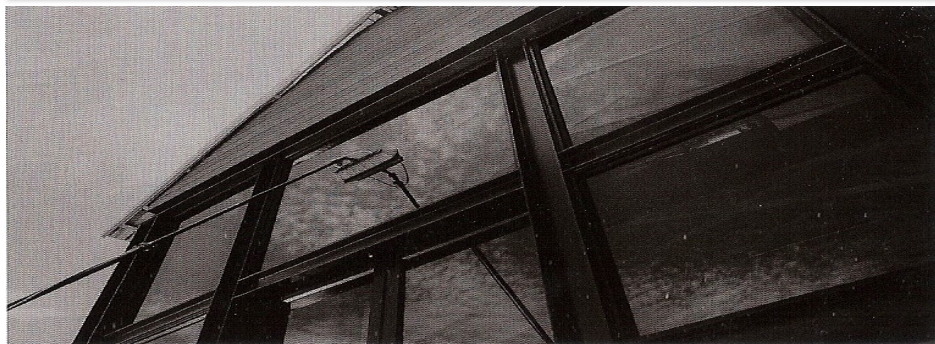


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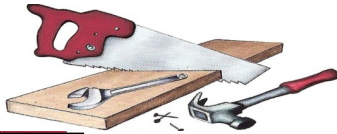
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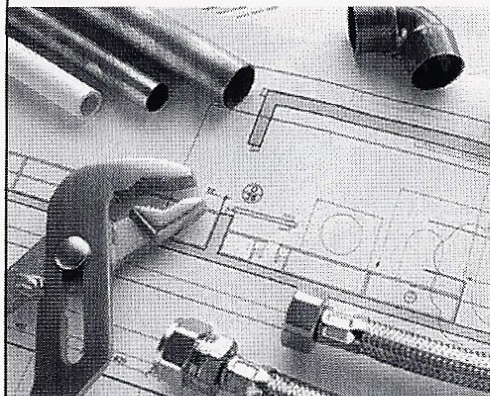


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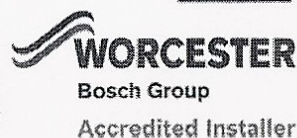
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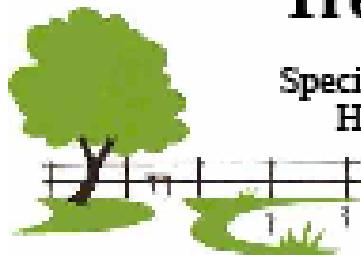
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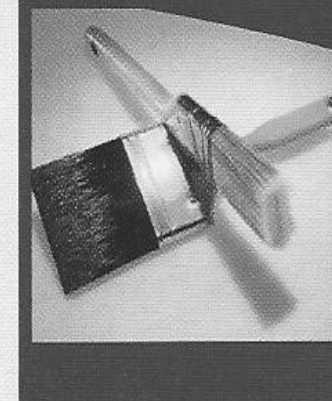
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Walsham le Willows and District WI



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May 2019

The current President of Walsham le Willows and District WI was re elected unopposed at the Annual Meeting held in the Priory Room Walsham on May 8th. Members gathered to hear reports of the year's activities from the Committee and to adopt the financial statement presented by the Treasurer. Following this business, the events and opportunities available to members this month were outlined. These included an intriguing chance to do some "Welding with Chocolate". This will involve the challenge of building a chocolate bridge and testing its strength with weights to be organised by the new Suffolk West Federation WI Science and Technology Committee.

Debate on the two resolutions chosen for the NFWI Annual Meeting to be held in Bournemouth this year followed. The first calls for action to raise awareness of the importance of life-saving cervical screening, under the title "Don't fear the smear". Attendance is the lowest for a decade and particularly so for women aged 25 – 29, despite cervical cancer being the most common cancer among women under 35.

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With the formal part of the evening completed social time saw members rummaging through their handbags in a frantic scavenger hunt for twenty of those 'essential' items all women carry with them 'just in case'!

Jill Newell

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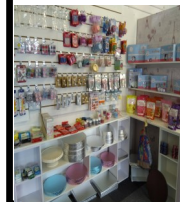
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7th SUNDAY of EASTER
 Holy Communion
 Family Communion
 Deanery Confirmation

Walsham
 Walsham
 Westhorpe

9th JUNE
 8.00am
 10.00am
 10.30am

PENTECOST
 Holy Communion
 Family Communion
 Songs of Praise

Walsham
 Finningham
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16th JUNE
 8.00am
 10.00am

TRINITY SUNDAY
 Holy Communion
 Benefice Family Communion

Walsham
 Westhorpe

23rd JUNE
 8.00am
 10.00am
 6.00pm

1st SUNDAY after TRINITY
 Holy Communion
 Family Communion
 Songs of Praise

Walsham
 Badwell Ash
 Langham

30th JUNE
 8.00am
 10.30am
 3.00pm

2nd SUNDAY after TRINITY
 Holy Communion
 Family Communion
 Family Pet Service

Walsham
 Walsham
 Finningham

7th JULY
 8.00am
 10.00am
 10.30am
 6.00pm

3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY
 Holy Communion
 Morning Prayer
 Family Communion
 Evensong

Walsham
 Finningham
 Walsham
 Westhorpe

Benefice Services Jun-Jul 2019

14th JULY
 8.00am
 10.00am
 10.30am

4th SUNDAY after TRINITY/SEA SUNDAY
 Holy Communion
 Family Service/Workshop
 Songs of Praise

Walsham
 Westhorpe
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21st JULY
 8.00am
 10.00am
 10.00am

5th SUNDAY after TRINITY
 Holy Communion
 Family Communion
 Family Communion

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 Badwell Ash
 Finningham

28th JULY
 8.00am
 10.30am
 6.00pm

6th SUNDAY after TRINITY
 Holy Communion
 Benefice Holy Communion
 Evensong

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4th AUGUST
 8.00am
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 Family Communion
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June: 5th, 10th, 19th, 26th

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