

TOGETHER

Helmingham, Debenham



Framsden, Kenton

Pettaugh, Aspall



Winston

Summer 2014

From the Vicarage: Summer 2014

By the time you read this Penny and Chris will have had their well -deserved farewell service, and Penny will no longer be a ‘full time’ member of the ministry team. However they have not yet moved, so we will no doubt see them around, and as they don’t intend to move far, it is possible that Penny might help us out from time to time. There are however likely to be small changes in our pattern of worship so do keep your eyes open.

A pilgrim is a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion: pilgrims to the Holy Land.

You will not have missed the fact that it is 100 years since the start of the First World War, but perhaps you might have missed the fact that it is 100 years since the founding of this diocese – it formerly being part of the Diocese of Norwich. Celebrations have the theme of Pilgrimage – not just in terms of a journey somewhere, but a journey in time. As I thought about it, I realised that it is not an easy theme to pick up.

Let me try by first picking up first a pilgrimage in space – a trip, for instance, to Canterbury, or to the Holy Land. Quite what we will feel on that journey cannot be predicted, yet the fact that we have had to put in a bit of effort is likely to mean that we feel that we have done something: we will feel fulfilled.

Let me put two pictures into your minds: the first – you go to the place where your grandmother was born and brought up. Do you not imagine her playing there, her friends – brothers, sisters, parents? The place inspires such memories. The second: you are climbing a mountain. The journey is difficult – bog, rock, heather all to be traversed. Then you get to the top. Is the view going to be worth it, or has a mist come down?

Traditional ideas of pilgrimages contain elements from both those pictures: the effort of the journey- when you get fitter and share stories with your friends, imagination, which is helped and enabled as you see the very hills and streets and trees that your grandmother had seen and a hope that there will be some sort of new view at the top.

Now we may not intend to go on a pilgrimage to family roots or even up a mountain, yet we are stuck with a journey – the journey from cradle to grave. The journey, as with climbing a mountain, will make us fitter. Some will have, and others will not have, the hope of some view from the top that turns a journey into a pilgrimage.

Now it is that I begin to feel more at ease – the role of the Church of England vicar has been and is to help everybody in the parish as they journey – no matter what their faith or lack of faith. It is not to say “This is the path you must go”, but perhaps, on occasion –“I am travelling the same path, and find this helpful”, but sometimes, perhaps mostly, being like a fellow traveller in a group – just walking alongside and listening – so often there simply aren’t the right words to say.

The church buildings we have are a bit like that too – for some, they are regular companions – for some a place for baptism, for others, weddings, for others, funerals – but they’re always there, they say no words but stand solid and resolute, to comfort, to inspire.

And now a word to those with faith, who might consider my words so far a little secular. At the very least those who go to church regularly have the knowledge that they are part

of that ongoing journey of the building – keeping it open so that it may be there for children’s weddings and grandchildren’s weddings [I know one man who restarted going to church because he felt it irresponsible to want the building to be there, and not to do anything to try to ensure it would be]. At the best we have hope: that for us there is a light on the mountain top, that the view will be splendid. As we journey alongside those with lesser faith, [and as faith is a gift of God let us not be judgemental], we journey with the command to be as the Good Samaritan, and also, presumably should have a joy that should make us good companions to all.

Patrick

Evensong

Evensong should be said daily in the benefice [as matins almost is] but it isn’t! Pettaugh have made a step to rectify this, and will say evensong on the 3rd Saturday of every month at 5.30p.m. It is a short [15minute] service, and anyone is welcome. Any other parish willing to do a regular service have a word with the Rector.

The Fête of the Seven Parishes: 21st June 2014 (see page 8)

As you see, the Crow’s Hall Country Fayre has been rebranded to reflect a more community based event. So this year we hope to entice more entries into the well-established Wheelbarrow Challenge race, and nautical competitions for experimental Raft Race. This is the second season for the Doris Theatre: the theme this year the Centenary of the First World War. [Will Lord Kitchener see you?] We hope to reintroduce the marvellous dressage event, as well as bringing you those mighty and entertaining Crow-Games for children and adults. There will be cakes, refreshments, displays, and of course competitions. [These will be well advertised beforehand, and, as the date is later in the year, I’m sure vegetables and flowers will be hotly contested – who will get the trophy in 2014?] Put the date in the diary now!

Service times

There are one or two changes for the benefice – the normal change of Winston to Evensong for the next months, but now Aspall will have no services on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Framsdén swaps Family Service with Communion. The Sunday School will, probably in August, change to the first Sunday at Debenham.

CHURCH AND VILLAGE NEWS

FRAMSDEN

News from Framsdén Fund Raisers

Thank you to all who took part in the Litter Pick, and especially to Glen and Jeannie Buckingham for organising the event, the new equipment and refreshments. It was great to see so much enthusiasm, and to see the lanes around the village looking clean and tidy.

Our next FF event is the Safari Supper on **8 June**. If you would like to take part, an email with full details will be coming out soon, or please contact Alex /Kirsten Sharpe alex.sharpe@yahoo.co.uk or 01728 860432 by 17TH May.

Now that the weather is warming up, and thoughts are turning to gardening, why not consider taking part in the **Framsden Produce Show** on Saturday 13 September and start planting. There will be a range of vegetable and flower classes, plus preserves and baking, and special classes for children. More details will follow by email, or contact Rosie Hutchinson on 01728 861668.

We are still looking for new Trustees, so if you would like to get involved with organising fund raising/social events for the village, then please consider joining us.

Rosie Hutchinson

HELMINGHAM

The Easter Day Communion Service was presided over by Rev. Penny Wilkes.

An All Age Service will be held in Helmingham on **Sunday 6th July** (10am).

Thanks to the Mayhew family for their kind gift of £250 to St Mary's in memory of Joan Mayhew who died last year.

Congratulations to Gemma Gardiner on her marriage to James Knipe. Gemma and James met at the Samba evenings held in Gosbeck, and Hannah Forsdike and Peter Cheadle who were married at Helmingham Church on May 31st. Also planned marriages, Liam Clarke and Laura Smith, June 21st; Ashley Cass and Samantha Wardle July 5th; Paul Tyrrell and Frances Griffiths July 12th; Matthew Musson and Victoria Lund-Lack July 19th; Lewis Brown-Sawyer and Leah Mortimer August 30th. Best wishes to them all.

PCC members will be available to receive any scrap metal at Helmingham Church on **14th June** between 10am and 12 noon. Collection of large items can be arranged.

PETTAUGH

The annual Pancake Lunch was held on 1st March and it was a well attended, enjoyable and social event which raised £220 towards Church funds. Thank you to the hosts Hilary and Margaret Marlow.

Thank you to Penny Wilkes for leading the Easter Sunday Service. The Church was beautifully decorated and we had the pleasure of a former organist, Matthew Denyer who played wonderfully throughout the service. As you may know, Penny retired from her duties at the end of April and a farewell service was held on 4th May 2014 at Debenham.

The Annual Parish Church Council meeting was booked to take place in the Church on the 28th April. The Rector's Report, the Annual Report of the PCC, the new Electoral Roll and the Annual accounts were tabled.

Looking ahead through the summer we have various events to look forward to. The **Fête of the Seven Parishes** in Debenham will take place on **Saturday 21st June** (see page [__](#)). As with previous years there will be the Cake Stall and all

bakers in all the villages are welcome to contribute any of their produce. (Baking or preserves!) Please contact Sheila 01473 890883 or Rita 01473 890236.

A warm welcome to the village to Catherine and Pete Strawson at 15 Ipswich Way and to the new residents at 13 Ipswich Way. Many congratulations and very best wishes to Ruth Jack and Fred Crane, who married on Saturday 12th April. A truly lovely and unexpected piece of news for the village. Finally, Birthday Congratulations to Tony Thornton as he celebrated his 90th on 24th April 2014.

Help would be greatly appreciated with the flower displays and activities at St Catherine's in September. For more details of any events please contact Hilary 01473 892090 or Sheila 01473 890883.

Pettaugh Ladies Circle

If you have enjoyed a production performed by Eastern Angles, there is an opportunity to learn more about the company from Artistic Director, Ivan Cutting on **Tuesday July 8th** 7.30pm at Framsdon Village Hall. Pettaugh Ladies Circle are holding an open meeting, anybody welcome. £4 on the door to include refreshments.

WINSTON

Winston Fete: Saturday 14 June

The fun starts at 2pm, ending at approx. 4pm with the Grand Draw. Pony rides, Punch & Judy, Bowling for the pig, Skittles, Stalls, Teas, a Grand Draw and more! Entry and Car Parking Free.

If you are having a 'clear out' please think of us for books, white elephant items etc and we also need cakes (etc) for the teas and the cake stall. Please ring Veda Berriman 01728 860363 with offers of any of these and also with offers of help before the day and on Fete day. Thank you.

Cream Teas in Winston Schoolroom: Saturday 9 August: (off the B1077 South of Debenham). From 2.30pm To 4pm. Cream Tea Including Cake £4.00. Do bring your friends! In Aid of Winston Church and Schoolroom and Mid-Suffolk Carriage Driving for the Disabled.

Benefice Barbecue: Sunday 10th August

There is to be a benefice bar-b-q at Winston, following the 11am All Age Family service at Winston.

Winston Parish Council would like to thank everyone who assisted with the Litter Pick on April 12th. Particularly all of the kids, of various ages, who enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt around the Schoolroom afterwards. Over 10 bin-bags of litter and debris was collected from the grass verges and ditches alongside the roads of Winston and Winston Green. Since there is an unfortunate but obvious need to keep our Parish tidy from the rubbish thrown out by passing motorists, our Litter Pick will be an annual event.

We have also had the names of our Parishioners killed in the two World Wars, as listed on the War Memorial in the Churchyard, “blackened-in” so that they are clearly visible. We would like to thank Paul Legge for a very thorough and professional job done.

Other Winston news

Belated congratulations to Richard and Tracey Bufton who were married at St Andrew’s and held their reception at the schoolroom.

The annual quiz was another fun evening with the questions set by Louise Berry. Thanks also to Kate Branch and Lynn Odell for the refreshments and Sandra Baker for the raffle. A total of £133 was raised for Schoolroom funds. This was the last quiz organised by Louise and we thank her for all the fun and serious questions she has set over the years and thanks to Lynn Odell for agreeing to organise the quiz next year. We would also like to thank Louise for all she has done for Winston over the years—especially helping to organise the fetes.

We thank the parish council for re-blackening the wording on our war memorial and also for organising the Litter Pick and many thanks to all the “pickers” who turned up on the day.

Congratulations to Marion neé Branch and Mark Carey on the safe arrival of Charlotte Nieve (Lottie) on March 26th. A lovely first grandchild for Brian and Kate.

We send our very best wishes to Penny and Chris Wilkes for their future move to Ipswich and thank them for all they have done for Winston over the years.

DEBENHAM

Saturday 17 May: Coffee Morning with Cake Sale (Friends of St Mary’s)

10am-12noon in Dove Cottage.

Saturday 24 May: Song Cycles for May

6.30pm in St Mary Magdalene church. Singers: Jack Hydon, Emily Heldreich, Mhairi Macbean, Bridget Weller-Poley. Composers include Handel, Brahms, Ireland. Tickets £5 including refreshments from Pam Vinten 01728 861028. In aid of The Debenham Project.

Thursday 29 May: Ascension Day Service

This year’s Deanery Ascension Day Service will be at St Mary Magdalene, Debenham, at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Sunday 1 June: Jazz in the Barn (Friends of St Mary’s)

At Crow’s Hall. The grounds will open at 1pm. Guests may picnic in the grounds before or after the performance which starts at 2.30pm and finishes around 5.30pm. Tickets £15 in advance from Val and Ray Watts 01728 860255 or

wattsdebenham@aol.com. Book early to avoid disappointment. See <http://debenham.onesuffolk.net/assets/events/jazz1jun14.pdf>

Sunday 15 June: *Ancestral Anglia* by Ancestral Voices (Friends of St Mary's)

3pm in St Mary Magdalene church. This performance is a celebration of East Anglia's rich cultural heritage and gives an historical journey through the region from the beginning of the sixteenth century up to the early 1700s. Tickets £8 including refreshments, from Val and Ray Watts 01728 860255. *Sarah Doig and Tony and Jane Scheuregger present a unique blend of history and music. Through a combination of historical narrative, contemporary accounts, visual images and music played on authentic period instruments.*

27/28/29 June: Annual Art Exhibition

The 38th Art Exhibition will take place in the Parish Church on Friday, Saturday, Sunday 27/28/29 June. Pictures will be for sale at very reasonable prices. All proceeds will go to the Church Restoration Fund. Light Refreshments Available. Handbell Ringing on Saturday morning. Tower Bell Ringing on Saturday Afternoon.

Friday 28 June: 10.30 am - 8.00 pm

Saturday 29 June: 10.30 am - 8.00 pm

Sunday 30 June: 12.00 noon - 5.15 pm

9.30 am Festival Parish Communion, 5.25 pm Festival Evensong

Once again offers of help throughout the exhibition will be greatly appreciated. A timetable will be on display in the church throughout June, please go along and fill in the sessions when you are available.

If you are able to help with the constructing and dismantling of the exhibition or provide homemade cakes, scones etc for the refreshments on sale in Dove Cottage throughout the exhibition, please contact Pam Steel-Jessop on 01728 860660.

Sunday 6 July: Debenham Open Gardens, Village Yard Sale

Open from 1pm to 6pm. Admission by programme, £4 from the church. This year we are combining Open Gardens with a Village Yard Sale. Refreshments will be available (see programme). *Proceeds will be shared between St Mary Magdalene Church, Debenham and St. Elizabeth Hospice*

BENEFICE NEWS

Saturday 21 June: The Fête of the Seven Parishes, 1-6pm

(formerly Crow's Hall Country Fayre). *See box on page 8.*

The Fête of the Seven Parishes

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- * Games * Competitions * Music *
- * Living History * Children's' Activities *
- * Animal Events * Refreshments *

* Play commemorating the 100th anniversary of the start of the Great War *

*At Crow's Hall, Debenham. Entrance £5 per car. Programmes £1.
More details to follow*

(see <http://crowshallfayre.onesuffolk.net>)

A Fun Dog Show will include the following classes:-

Dog Hurdles (fastest recall)	Best Trick
Fastest sausage eater	Best Owner and Dog Fancy Dress
Best Smile	Dog Most Like Owner
Most Disobedient Dog	

Saturday 13 September: Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride: 9am-5pm

Debenham	Jenny Scase	01728 860323
Kenton	Catherine Smith or Stuart Miller	01728 860147 01728 861654
Helmingham	Peter Haas	01473 785381
Pettaugh	Ruth Jack	01473 890526
Framsden	Carol Woods	01473 890446
Aspall	Andrew Ward	01728 860343
Winston	Bill James	01728 860233

The help of those less energetic amongst us would be much appreciated in staffing the churches to sign in riders and dispense refreshments. Contact the appropriate organiser above. For more details see www.shct.org.uk/main/events/bike-ride.shtml.
Funds raised are split between SHCT and the church of those being sponsored.

The **Benefice Visit to Ely Cathedral** (scheduled for Saturday 13 September) has been cancelled owing to lack of support but it is hoped to rearrange it for another time.

This year the seven parishes will be commemorating the **Centenary** of the diocese. Several events have been planned and these include a Benefice BBQ to be held in the grounds of Winston Schoolroom following the All Age Family service (11am) at Winston on **Sunday 10th August. A Centenary Flower Festival**

will be held in each of the seven Parish churches over the weekend **5th, 6th & 7th September**.

OTHER NEWS AND EVENTS

News from Helmingham Primary School.

We continue to be very busy at school with a great variety of things. There have been visits to the Science Museum and Sutton Hoo to support our curriculum work. The year 6 children teamed up with the year 6 children from Earl Soham and Bedfield to enjoy a residential trip to African Adventure at Sizewell Hall. While there they solved many problems working in teams; resulting in some new friendships being established. While these children were away the Circus visited school with all the children getting an opportunity to learn circus skills. There was also a treasure hunt for Easter eggs. Now the school council are looking forward to a visit to the Houses of Parliament.

We enjoy working with other schools in the area and have been part of a maths day and computing day for children across all the schools, giving them a chance to work together and extend their skills and knowledge.

The school has had sports teams in the tag rugby and hockey tournaments and some children represented the school at a swimming gala. There will be a girls' football tournament, rounders tournament and cricket tournament this term.

We would love to invited members of the community in to school to talk to the children about their jobs and experiences. Please contact us if you would like to do this.

Bernie Cleland, Headteacher 24.4.14

Fostering in Suffolk

There are currently around 750 children in care in Suffolk, the majority of these are in foster care, and placed with our own registered foster carers.

Suffolk County Council wants all children in its care to have a permanent, safe home in which they will be loved, nurtured and thrive. For some this will be with members of their family, while for others the best option will be for them to be adopted or be with a permanent fostering family.

People who foster/adopt can...

- Be any age over 21
- Be married , single , divorced, or in a civil partnership
- Be gay/lesbian , bisexual or heterosexual
- Rent or own their home
- Be disabled
- Be of any ethnicity, race, religion or culture
- Already have children or not

JUNE	Helmingham	Framsden	Pettaugh	Wins
1 st 7 th of Easter	10 a.m. All Age, Communion Service Pettaugh			
8 th Pentecost	6.30p.m. Evening Service	9.30a.m. Family Service	11a.m. Com-munion	9.30a praye
15 th Trinity	9.30a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Morning Prayer	11a.n
22 nd Trinity 1	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Communion	11a.m. Morning prayer	6.30p
29 th Trinity 2	8a.m. Holy Communion, Aspall 10a.m. Benefice Co			
JULY	Helmingham	Framsden	Pettaugh	Wins
6 th Trinity 3	10 a.m. All Age, Communion Service Helmingham [Open air]			
13 th Trinity 4	6.30p.m. Evening Service	9.30a.m. Family Service	11a.m. Com-munion	9.30a praye
20 th Trinity 5	9.30a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Morning Prayer	11a.n
27 th Trinity 6	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Communion	11a.m. Morning prayer	6.30p
AUGUST	Helmingham	Framsden	Pettaugh	Wins
3 rd Trinity 7	10 a.m. All Age Communion Service Framsden			
10 th Trinity 8	8a.m. Holy Communion, Kenton. 11a.m. Benefice Communion, Winst			
17 th Trinity 9	9.30a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Morning Prayer	11a.n ion
24 th Trinity 10 Bartholomew	9.30a.m. Morning prayer	11a.m. Communion	11a.m. Morning prayer	6.30p
31 st Trinity 11	8a.m. Holy Communion, Aspall 10a.m. Benefice Co			

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8.30a.m.Evensong		8 a.m. Communion	9.30a.m. Communion

Communion, Debenham

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on [bar-b-q to follow] 6.30p.m. Evening service, Helmingham

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Communion, Debenham

We know that many people can be hesitant to come forward and take the next step to either foster or adopt, and need some encouragement or re-assurance that they will receive a quick and sensitive response with answers to any initial questions they may have.

Suffolk Fostering Service needs carers for children of all ages, but is particularly interested in hearing from people able to care for sibling groups or children over the age of 11. Foster carers receive ongoing and regular supervision, support and training.

Foster carers can provide care on a short-term basis whilst permanent plans are made for children to return home to birth family or to an adoptive family. Alternatively, they can provide care on a long-term or permanent basis where the child will become a part of the carer's family until they are ready to leave home, but hopefully throughout their adult life too.

There are also specialised schemes such as the MTFC Zipwire programme for children over the age of seven who have more complex and challenging needs. MTFC Zipwire offers carers structured support and a fee which represents the complexity of the task of caring for children with additional needs. Alternatively, there is the LINK service which supports children and young people with learning, physical or sensory disability, and their families by providing regular short breaks.

Foster carer Jackie says 'Being a foster carer gives me a huge sense of pride in what I am doing – to make such a difference, and to be part of, and share, a child's life is so gratifying'

Contact the Fostering Service on: 0800 328 2148 or visit www.suffolkfostering.com

Suffolk Adoption Agency is currently looking for families particularly for brothers and sisters to grow up together in pairs or groups of three; children over three and disabled children of all ages.

Support is available to adoptive families throughout childhood and beyond if needed. Building a family through adoption is rewarding, and is an opportunity to make a very significant difference to someone's life .

Contact the Adoption Agency on: 0800 389 9417 or visit www.suffolkadoption.com

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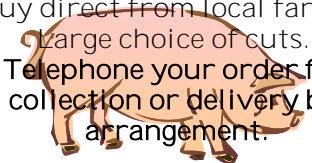
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