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Summer 2016

June to August

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From the Ministry Team, Summer 2016

John 10 verse 27: My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

This Scripture was set recently and set me pondering. Do we listen to His voice? Or do we make a decision ourselves and only then pray that He will agree with our decision and help us to implement it?

When someone rings us we often know by the way they say “Hello” who it is. I admit that when I call I’m likely to say “Hello, it’s me”. It’s because we speak often so we become accustomed to the voice of the friend. I expect there are many ways to hear the voice of our shepherd. Sometimes through a friend, even when the friend is oblivious to being used, sometimes through the world about us—we are now seeing all nature being re-created and clothed in Spring colours. I spoke to a lady I had not seen for years, I enquired after her health and she told me she had been very ill. She collapsed at home and just as she was put in an ambulance she glimpsed a rainbow, and when she was collected from the Hospital to come home she saw a rainbow; she felt it was a sign to reassure her of God’s love and care for her.

Sometimes a well-known Scripture will suddenly speak to your heart and sometimes it is a familiar prayer or an hymn. I don’t really like the hymn “Stand up, stand up for Jesus” but one Sunday the line “the arm of flesh will fail you, you dare not trust your own” really stopped me in my tracks. How true. We cannot depend upon our own strength—especially as we grow older. But then again, one of my favourite hymns always gives me hope: “All I have needed His hand has provided” (please note, *needed* not *wanted*—they are very different things!). Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

How do you hear the voice of the Shepherd? LISTEN and always remember to pray first in all circumstances.

Every Blessing for the Summer.

Veda

Patrick’s leaving gifts

We had a packed hall at Sir Robert Hitcham’s School for Patrick’s retirement party. It was good to see so many people there – he meant a lot to numerous people who were grateful for the opportunity to say thank you. The tables were laden with food but the left-overs were used after the benefice service on Sunday (Patrick’s last service here). The collection came to £1252; we bought him a new laptop (his old one ran Windows 98!), an anthology of poems by George Mackay Brown and presented a cheque for the balance. Perhaps one of the things we should include in the Benefice profile for the appointment of a new priest is that we will give them a good send-off when they leave!! We will miss him.

Chris Bishop

More Memories of Patrick

Through complex, serendipitous circumstances I joined Patrick Cotton every weekday morning at 8am for Morning Prayer for a period of three years (with Shirley Dalison too until she moved to Haughley). This return to the Shakespearian era of 1662 Book of Common Prayer and 1611 King James bible brought back memories of my years as a lad in a parish church choir in Kent, long before any modernisa-



A pottery model of Debenham parish church, given to Patrick Cotton, made by Tony Hutt at Tony Carter's pottery school in Debenham. See better photos at the Benefice Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/492978410777899/

tion took place. These short services were a formative part of my spiritual journey, having left Earl Soham Baptist Church (which moved to Framlingham) and putting down spiritual roots in our own community. For both Sue and myself Patrick has been a good friend, leading us to consider different Christian flavours which we

would not have countenanced before, prompting us to review our presuppositions. We may not always have been in agreement but it has been a constructive and fascinating journey. The Philosophy 7 talks which Patrick started at Winston have also been stimulating, and as Myles Macbean once said (now working in Malawi), where else would you find people meeting in a small village debating such subjects?

Tony Hutt

Confirmation

We have people expressing interest in confirmation—the formal step, open to those aged 12 or so up to—well, no upper limit. It is the normal step for people who wish to receive communion in the Church of England. It would be good if we can have some more names and arrange a meeting. Names to wardens or ministry team.

Lila Molly Walker of Winston was confirmed in Uppingham School chapel on Sunday 8 May.

Interregnum: a short explanation

Interregnum is the term used in Anglican churches to describe the period before a new parish priest is appointed to fill a vacancy. You may be wondering why the appointment process does not start as soon as practicable when the vacancy is anticipated—as for most jobs in the world—so there is no interregnum. A good question, and some say it's just to save money. Certainly it does save money, though our Archdeacon denied this was the motive. The legal reason is that it's laid down in the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986, “a Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England to amend the law relating to patronage of benefices”, all 45 pages of it. The whole process takes at least nine months, but the new priest may have to give notice, so it can take a year. Why so long, and how does it

happen? The following account is much simplified.

First the Parochial Church Councils (PCCs) arrange a “section 11 meeting” (which has now happened) to appoint one or two lay members of each PCC who will select the incumbent, and to prepare a benefice profile, which is later published on the Diocese website and describes the benefice. Later a wider “section 12 meeting” is arranged by the Bishop which can include the Patron. The Benefice Patron officially nominates candidates—this role rotates between various worthy persons and bodies. Candidates chosen normally by the Parish Representatives are then interviewed by them and usually the Archdeacon, at the same time as visiting the Benefice. Once applications have been made the Parish Representatives cannot discuss them with, or inform, anyone else, so don’t expect progress reports at that stage! Candidates can be asked to preach or give an address, however.

During an interregnum, the administration of the benefice is the responsibility of the churchwardens, but our Ministry Team continue to run services, with help as necessary from visiting clergy, and to provide pastoral care. The Vicarage will be rented out meanwhile.

Further details are given at www.cofesuffolk.org/vacancies and here is a prayer that churches or individuals can use:

Dear Lord, call to our churches a true Shepherd, a man or woman of God, a minister of Christ, and make us, with him or her, a church joyful in worship and united in witness, working, caring, praising, loving, to the glory of your Name, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Tony Hutt

HELMINGHAM

The greatest change to affect the Helmingham and Debenham Benefice was the retirement in April of our energetic, pro-active Rector on reaching the age of 70. Many parishioners believe this enforced retirement unnecessary when constant threats of people having to work until 75 are being voiced. Much will be written elsewhere in this edition of *Together*, so Helmingham thank Patrick for his Ministry and wish him well for the future.

Robin Barnes led the Easter Communion Service.

The **July All Age** service will be at Helmingham on **Sunday 3rd**.

Best wishes to Ben and Emily Styles and their family on the baptism of their son Edward on May 8th.

Congratulations to Daniel and Lilith Styles on the birth of their daughter Agatha Elizabeth, Gemma (nee Gardiner) and James Knipe on the arrival of Ruby Maria and James and Florrie Tollemache. Welcome to Sylvie Beatrice Selina who will be baptised at Helmingham Church in June. Warmest wishes to all the new parents and their families.

Planned weddings at Helmingham Church include: July 9th Sophie Leeds and Simon Griffith, July 23rd Lydia Dewar and Nathan Edwards, August 6th Lucy-Ann Hall

and James Sanger, August 20th Rosalyn Claxton and Paul English, September 3rd Amy Crick and Michael Holliday. Congratulations and best wishes to all for the future. Also to Rebecca Styles and Jonathan Tarris who will be married at St Mary Magdalene Debenham on June 18th.

A party to be held in St Mary's Helmingham to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Clive Paine will give a talk on events during the year of Her Majesty's birth, an Exhibition of Lord Tollemache's time as Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, with teas in the Marquee.

Saturday 10th September: Suffolk Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride

Organiser- Dr Peter Haas tel; 01473 785 381

The Old School House Nursery

The children of The Old School House Nursery had great fun during the Easter Holidays attending a Playday. The sun shone and everyone was in good spirits as the children came and painted hardboiled eggs from one of the Nursery Staff's home hens. Cup Cakes were decorated with icing and fondant shapes and then topped with an Easter Jelly Bunny!

Rabbits again featured made from 3D cardboard with white cotton wool tails and a surprise chocolate Easter egg inside. Alongside this outside we had the big double bikes, talking telephone system, small world castle with all its knights and princesses. Egg shaped chinks added to the fun with lots of drawing on the playground leaving trails for friends to follow.

After a packed lunch and fully fuelled for the afternoon the children raced out into the grassy garden to hunt for eggs of all shapes and sizes. They then had them counted and recorded before racing off again to find more. Finally indoors for a well deserved snack and story time "Rabbits don't lay eggs" or do they?!!

Our Summer Term sees us looking at Opposites, practising for our Sports Day and excited about our annual Outing. Give us a ring if you would like your child to visit 01473 890950.

WINSTON

The Annual Quiz in March was another fun evening with the questions set by Lynn Odell. Thanks also to those who provided the refreshments and to Sandra for the raffle. The total raised was £144, which is being used towards the repair of the Schoolroom. It was lovely to see lots of "new faces" at our quiz.

We would like to say a big "thank you" to Mid Suffolk District Council, in particular Kathy Guthrie, for funds awarded towards necessary repairs and decoration of Winston Schoolroom. We hope the work will be completed before our Annual Fete in June.

It was lovely to see so many people at the get-together to say "Thank you and fare-

Winston Fête

Saturday 11 June, 2-4pm

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well” to Patrick. Many have said how friendly it was. The same can be said about Patrick’s last service. We

wish Patrick a long, happy and healthy retirement. The times of church services should remain the same.

Winston Fete: Please come and celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday at our Fete on **Saturday 11th June, 2pm** in and around the Schoolroom. *Please* think of us if you’re having a clear-out for **books** and “**white elephant**” items. We would also like **cakes**, etc please for the teas and cake stall. *Entry and car parking will be free.* If you have any new ideas etc about the Fete please let one of us know:-

Veda 01728 861363 Sandra 01728 860040 Emma 01728 861303

Kate 01728 861004 Ann 01728 860342

We are hoping to hold a **Garden Party**, by kind invitation of Lord and Lady Deben at Winston Grange in **September**. Watch this space for further details.

FRAMSDEN

Framsden PCC St Mary’s Church is in the process of drawing up a new lease that will enable Framsdén Parish Council to manage and maintain our Village Hall for the next 35 years.

The church yard has looked quite stunning this Spring with snowdrops and daffodils in abundance. Our thanks to our working party.

Our Easter Sunday service was very well attended. There were many comments, all very favourable, of the display of flowers in the church. Our heartfelt thanks to all the ladies who gave up hours of their time to put on such a display. And please extend a huge “thank you” to those lovely Framsdén folk who kindly clean the Church and make it look so beautiful throughout the year with all those wonderful flower decorations – particularly at Easter. This year’s Easter Service was well supported and the church looked looked stunning – thank you so much.

Our thoughts are already turning to the **Village Fete on July 16th at 2pm**. We hope to see you there.

The following are fundraising events for Framsdén church:-

Saturday June 25th, 10.30am – 1pm.: Framsdén Jazz Café brunch! Good food and company, soft music, nicely laid tables, magazines and newspapers.... Chill - time to relax! Bagels with various fillings, Eggs Royale and Benedict, Bacon Baps etc., (plus vegetarian options)

Further events are scheduled – please check *The Link* and other local distribution lists, for updated details.

Lastly Colin Pickering and Faith Syers got married on the 20th June, 2015 in Framsdén Church. We wish them a very happy first wedding anniversary on the 20th with many more to come!

KENTON

Social Calendar for 2016

Coming very soon, another evening of Marvellous Music with Maggie Moore's Band

May 28th – Pet Show

July 1st – Kenton Fete – in the evening!

September 3rd & 4th – Flower Festival

October 14th – Harvest Festival

December Carol Service to be arranged

More exciting news to follow. Impatient for more detail? Ring 860088

DEBENHAM

Street Party

Debenham will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday in the High Street on Sunday 12 June, tables provided but bring your own food and drink (or buy it there).

Philosophy 7 talk/discussion series

Patrick Cotton started what he called "a philosophical society" on 2nd February 2007 with a talk by The Right Hon John Gummer, MP: Is the future sustainable? There was a full house at Winston Schoolroom that night followed by a lively discussion. That tradition has continued with talks including such varied subjects as the following (a small selection):-

- The Challenges and Opportunities of living alongside Muslims in Britain (Andrew Wingate)
- Ted Heath and Margaret Thatcher, a reappraisal (Rabbi W Wolff)
- The Big Brother Society (a former Deputy Chief Constable)
- What are Cathedrals for? (Jan Munt)
- What Use is Philosophy? (Dr Bill Pollard)
- The restoration of a National Nature reserve, playing God or redressing the balance? (Cathy Smith)
- Public sector funding cuts and the Council's response (Andrea Hill)
- When Bad Things Happen to Good People (Harold Kushner) (Sister Frances Dominica)

In January there was an excellent and informative talk on *Trident* by Prof. Ewan Anderson followed by a very lively discussion, while in April Patrick Cotton gave his last talk as Rector of this Benefice, *Old Men Dream Dreams*. Both were very well attended. On May 27th there is a further talk by

Debenham Open Gardens

Sunday 5 June, 1-6pm

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A talk for the seven parishes in the Debenham and Helmingham Benefice. All are welcome.

Friday 27 May

The good that men do lives after them

Speaker: Dr Hilary Marlow

Dr Hilary Marlow is a retired medical doctor who has spent several years researching aspects of how a First World War injury led to a better future for blind children.

Open to all. Refreshments available. Donations towards expenses welcomed.

Future dates

Friday 16 September

***The Rt Hon. the Lord Deben, John Gummer
An End of Imperialism:
working with others a pragmatic necessity?***

local historian and Pettaugh resident Dr Hilary Marlow, followed in September (16th) by John Gummer, now “elevated” to The Rt Hon. the Lord Deben, *An End of Imperialism: working with others a pragmatic necessity?*

Although Patrick has now retired, we

hope the series of talks will continue with good speakers, diverse subjects and lively discussion. If you could help with suggestions for speakers to invite, with arrangements for hospitality and expenses, perhaps with publicity too please contact me. There may be a small steering group.

Tony Hutt

New Debenham Library: see box on page 14.

Editor's notes

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The 40th Art Exhibition will take place in Debenham Church on Friday, Saturday, Sunday 24/25/26 June.

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Saturday 25 June: 10.30 am - 8.00 pm

Sunday 26 June: 12.00 noon - 5.15 pm

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| 12 th Trinity 2 | 6.30p.m. Evening Prayer | 11a.m. Family service | 11a.m. Communion |
| 19 th Trinity 3 | 9.30a.m.Communion | 9.30a.m. Morning prayer | 11a.m. Morning Prayer |
| 26 th Trinity 4 | 9.30 Holy Communion | 11a.m.Communion | 11a.m. Communion |
| July 2016 | Helmingham | Framsden | Pettaugh |
| 3rd Trinity 6 | 10 a.m. All Age Communion, Helmingham (Open) | | |
| 10 th Trinity 7 | 6.30p.m. Evening Prayer | 11a.m. Family service | 11a.m. Communion |
| 17 th Trinity 8 | 9.30a.m.Communion | 9.30a.m. Morning prayer | 11a.m. Morning Prayer |
| 24 th Trinity 9 | 9.30 Holy Communion | 11a.m.Communion | 11a.m. Communion |
| 31st Trinity 10 | 10a.m. Benefice Communion Debenham | | |
| August 2016 | Helmingham | Framsden | Pettaugh |
| 7th Trinity 11 | 10 a.m. All Age Communion, Framsden | | |
| 14 th Trinity 12 | 6.30p.m. Evening Prayer | 11a.m. Family service | 11a.m. Communion |
| 21st Trinity 13 | 9.30a.m.Communion | 9.30a.m. Morning prayer | 11a.m. Morning Prayer |
| 28th Trinity 14 | 9.30 Holy Communion | 11a.m.Communion | 11a.m. Communion |

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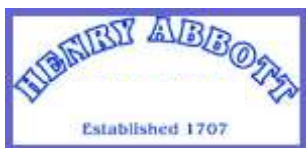
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