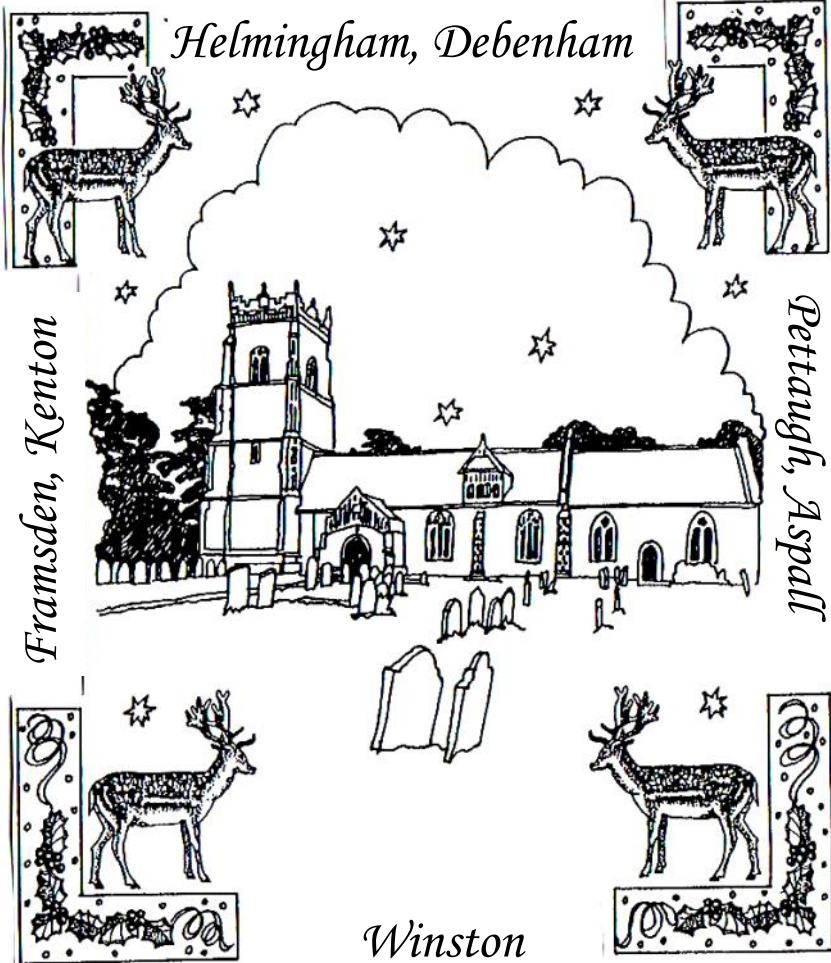


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THE BENEFICE OF
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From the Rector

*Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you*

This traditional Gaelic blessing comes from a time, long ago, when people believed in the deep peace of creation. However uncertain the human condition, the running wave, the flowing air, the quiet earth, the shining stars, these things would endure unchanging, promising deep peace in their stability, their beauty and their purity.

For thousands of years, people have looked at the world around them and almost instinctively known God as creator of heaven and earth, of the sea and all that is in them (Psalm 146). In fact, the Celts used to talk about the Little Book —that was the Bible —and the Great Book —that was creation, and they read God in both.

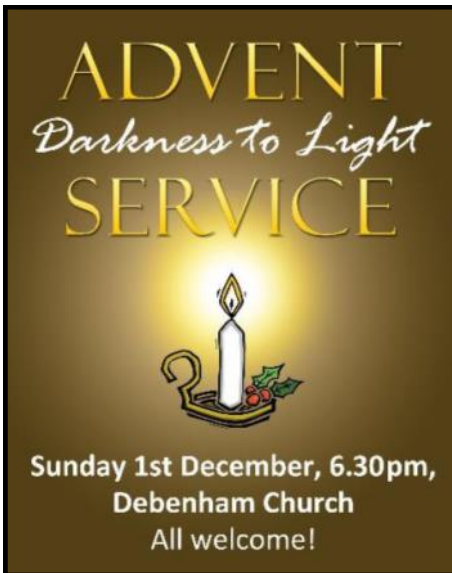
Psalm 146 warns us to beware of putting all our trust in human ways, with our limited knowledge and human frailties; it says that in the end, we, full of potential as we are... we are the created, not the creator. And it is a timely reminder because, as a species, we haven't been very good at recognising our limitations with regard to creation; with regard to the earth we inhabit, and share with other species and life-forms.

The struggle to impose our will on everything around us, including the earth, has caused grave damage to the environment, to other people and to ourselves. The need to get our own way, for example, with regard to energy over-consumption, is like something that belongs to the 'terrible twos' stage of human development. Our tendency to assume that the universe is at our disposal, that it has no intrinsic worth

other than its usefulness to the human species has made us careless to the point of extreme culpability.

According to a recent study, the world's 7.6 billion people represent just 0.01% of all living things. Yet since the dawn of civilisation, humanity has caused the loss of 83% of all wild mammals and half of the plants. We are only just learning, the hard way, that our actions have consequences; the destruction of rainforests leads to global warming; the pollution of lakes destroys localised ecosystems, and so the list goes on.

In the Little Book, the greatest of all the commandments is; Love God with all your heart and love your neighbour as yourself. Often, 'God' is such an abstract concept, too mysterious to grasp hold of, difficult to



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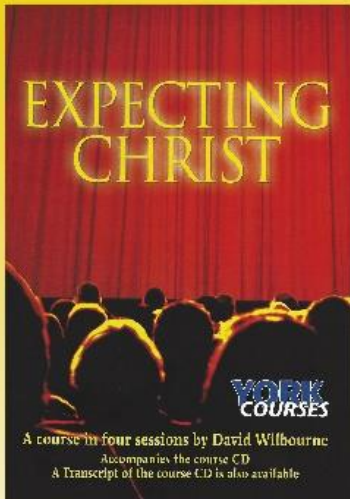
Tickets £10, children free, from Websters' Newsagents
(to cover costs; profits in aid of the Debenham Project,
www.the-debenham-project.org.uk)

Food afterwards, included in the ticket

know how to love. So we love God in the world around us; the people, of course, but also the Earth, our home. To love the Earth and care for it is to love God and to love our neighbour.

There are so many ways in which we can do that. We can start with the small things; using bars of soap would mean a huge reduction in plastic bottles. Then consider bars of shampoo, refillable washing up liquid, washing powder... But there is also the bigger picture. Who we are has consequences for the natural world, and thus for people and places near and far. We participate in and thus create our economic, political and cultural environment and so it is for us all to strive for that which is beneficial to the poorest people in our society and our world, by

2019 ADVENT COURSE



December 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd

Winston School Room

2.00 - 3.30pm

More information from Rev'd Susan 01728 860222

looking at our own lifestyles; by choosing carefully how we live and how we spend our money... How we shop, buying locally and thinking about trade justice are important ways of caring for our neighbour and for the earth.

May we all learn to read the Big Book and in it learn about God, about our home and about ourselves. May we know that deep peace and live in harmony with all creation.

Susan Bates

PETTAUGH

Yet again we have had a long hot summer and now we have had a very wet October, but the rain is much needed. We managed to find plenty of produce and flowers for the Harvest Service in September which was well attended. The produce was later donated to a local residential home in Debenham.

The Suffolk Churches Trust Ride and Stride event took place on 14th September. Ruth Crane kindly organised the event and we thank her for all her support. We also thank all those who cycled or walked around our village churches to raise sponsorship funds. The money raised by this event and other events help towards the maintenance and expenses of the church.

Pettaugh hasn't had any community events for some time and we know that many residents have changed. The PCC have put together a programme of events which we are hoping to hold in the coming months. We hope that residents will come and join in and meet your friends and neighbours. Most of the events will be in or outside the church.

Said Evensong 16th November (*see box on next page*)

30th November 2019 **Wine and Cheese** 5 – 7 pm at St Catherine Church (*see box*)

29th February 2020 **Leap year Soup Lunch** 12.00 pm – 2 pm at St Catherine Church

28th March 2020 **Marmalade competition** with tea/coffee, cake and produce sale at Dove Cottage 10 am – 12.30 pm

11th April 2020 **Morning Coffee** 10.30 am – 12.30 pm at St Catherine Church

19th July 2020 **Summer lunch in the meadow** 12 pm – 2 pm behind St Catherine Church

19th September 2020 **Afternoon Tea** 3 pm – 5 pm at St Catherine Church

Details of each event will be advertised nearer the date. If anyone would like to offer help with these events please contact Sheila on 01473890883 or Hilary on 01473892090.

The **Remembrance Service** will be held on **Sunday 10th November** commencing at 10.55 to observe the minute silence.

Pettaugh Cheese & Wine



Saturday 30th November,
5.00-7.00pm, in the church.

No charge but donations welcome.
An event for all the community.
Everyone welcome!

Now our attention moves towards Christmas which will be here before we know it. The Carol Service will be held on **Sunday 22nd December at 3.30pm** and all are very welcome. Christmas Day service is a family service on 25th December at 10.00 am and again all are more than welcome, before you return home to your Christmas meal and celebrations.



Evensong at Pettaugh

Third Saturday each month

Said Evensong at St Catherine's Pettaugh at 5.30 p.m. The service should last around half an hour at most. All are welcome.

HELMINGHAM

Our Harvest Festival was led by Mark Trevitt and the church decorated with flowers and seasonal produce, which was later donated to the Salvation Army in Ipswich. Many thanks to all who helped.

The **Carol Service** will be held on **Sunday December 8th at 6pm**. Midnight Holy Communion will not be held at Helmingham on December 24th this year but there will services held at other churches in the benefice on Christmas Eve.

Many thanks to Graham, Helen and Bill, who visited 20 churches, and their generous sponsors who raised over £300 on the bike ride for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust—half of which will be returned to St Mary's Church.

Thanks to a grant from the Taylor Review Pilot Scheme, via Historic England, the South West Chancel Window has been repaired and is now in situ.

WINSTON

Many thanks to everyone who recorded our visitors during the Ride and Stride Saturday in September. Unfortunately there was no one able to take part for us.

On September 15th, a lovely sunny afternoon, our Pet Service and Pet Show were enjoyed by a full Church of people and animals. After a short Service we went to the Schoolroom for tea and cake and specially made biscuits suitable for dogs and humans or stayed outside in the sunshine and watched the Pet Show which was very entertaining, especially the "fastest sausage eating dog", the winner finished his sausage and had to be restrained from grabbing his fellow finalists sausage. Our thanks go to Debenham Vets for providing the Show and prizes.

Traditional Christmas Drinks

*The Honourable Edward and Mrs Sophie Tollemache invite you to join them at Helmingham Hall on **Monday 6th December** for mulled wine and canapés. Please come and join us from 6.30pm–8.30pm*

Tickets £12 in aid of St Mary's Church, Helmingham.

More information from PCC members or the Helmingham Estate Office, Helmingham, Stowmarket IP14 6EF Tel: 01473 890363.

The Hall will be decorated for Christmas so everyone can get in the festive spirit.

Email: office@helmingham.com www.helmingham.com

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday 6 March at 2pm

at Debenham United Reformed Church

This year the Service has been compiled by the women of Zimbabwe on the theme
Rise! Take your mat and walk.

After the Service there will be tea, cake and fellowship.

If you would like to read in the Service please contact Veda on 01728 861363

All welcome—including men!
(www.wwdp.org.uk)

A warm welcome goes to Megan and Alistair who have moved to Winston Green and to Poppy, Ben, Leonora and Tom Faggionato who have all moved to Fenn Street and we also congratulate Leonora and Tom on the birth of their daughter *Celeste Penelope Irène*. We hope you will all be happy living in Winston.

As I write this it's still October and the date the **Annual Winston Quiz** has yet to be decided, but whenever it is we will let you know.

Our **Carol Service** takes place on **Christmas Eve at 6.30pm**. Children are invited to take part by reading, singing or playing musical instruments etc. Please let Veda know if you'd like to take part (01728 861363). The collection goes to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospices).

The **Christmas Day** service will be at **10am**.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

FRAMSDEN

We have had a busy Autumn in Framsdén with regard to Church activities.

Our Harvest Supper was enjoyed by a goodly number who sampled a fine variety of food and drink along with relaxed conversation.

In the Church itself we enjoyed a Chorale Evening followed by a United Benefice Service and our Harvest Festival. The support we received was most pleasing and our thanks go to everyone who made the effort to attend. The Church looked its absolute best.

Our joint venture with Framsdén Fundraisers saw a surge of support for our Barn Dance. The evening witnessed some lively dancing, good food and drink and much laughter.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the above events and gave so generously of their time.....they know who they are !!!

Please look out for our pre Christmas activities including our Carol Service. Dates and timings will be placed on the Framsdén Fundraisers' website (www.framsdén.org.uk).

Framsden Fundraisers

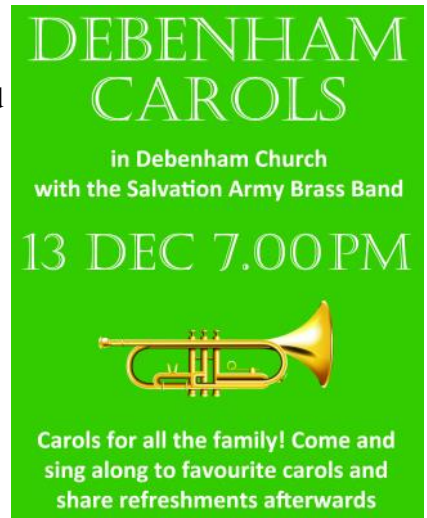
September brought a flurry of activity to the village with the Produce Show and, courtesy of Lord and Lady Tollemache, the Barn Dance at Framsdens Hall Barn.

The Produce Show had more classes and entries than ever, most notable and visible perhaps being the scarecrows who adorned our village hall for many weeks before and afterwards. The new class of a Framsdens Poem brought out some thoughts that summarised perfectly the wonderful community we share.

In spite of a slow start to ticket sales Framsdens Hall hosted some 140 barn dancers once again. A great time was had by all and our thanks go to Lord and Lady Tollemache for letting us use their wonderful, Suffolk barn.

As ever, a big thank you to everyone who attends and supports our events. Coming up in December is the turning on of the Xmas tree lights (1 Dec) and carols round the village (7 Dec) – we hope to see many of you then.

It's a way off yet but Season's Greetings to you all. *Best wishes, Mark and the FF team.*



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share refreshments afterwards

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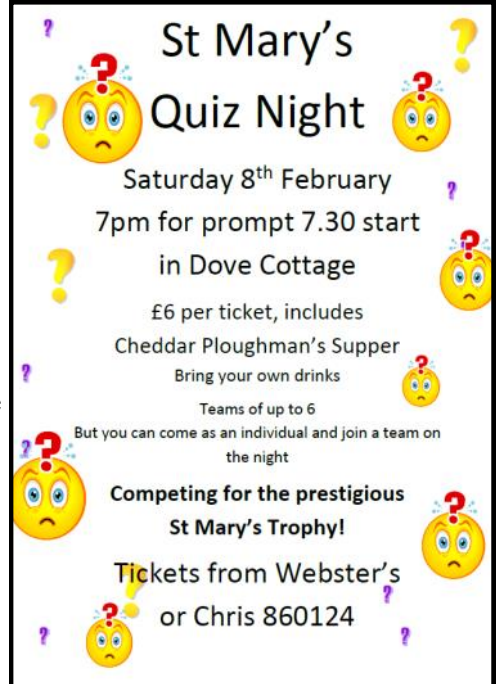
St Mary's Christmas Bazaar

30th November 2-4pm. Contact Peter Holme with your ideas on different stalls/activities.

Chutney and Preserves

Don't shop early for Christmas, wait until 30th November and come to Debenham Community Centre to buy those special accompaniments to cold meats and cheeses that you will need over the Christmas season, at St Mary's Christmas Bazaar. A wide range of chutneys and preserves will be available and you can try before you buy.

Debenham Carols Friday 13 December at 7pm in the church with the Salvation Army Band. Refreshments afterwards.



**St Mary's
Quiz Night**
Saturday 8th February
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**DEBENHAM
CHRISTMAS
FESTIVAL**

**Friday 6th December,
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Hand Bells, Morris Men,
Carol Singers, Brass Band

SHOPPING
Special events in High Street Shops,
Craft stalls in Dove Cottage and Church

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
Crafts, Dressing Up, Face Paints

Christingle Service at 4.30pm in the church,
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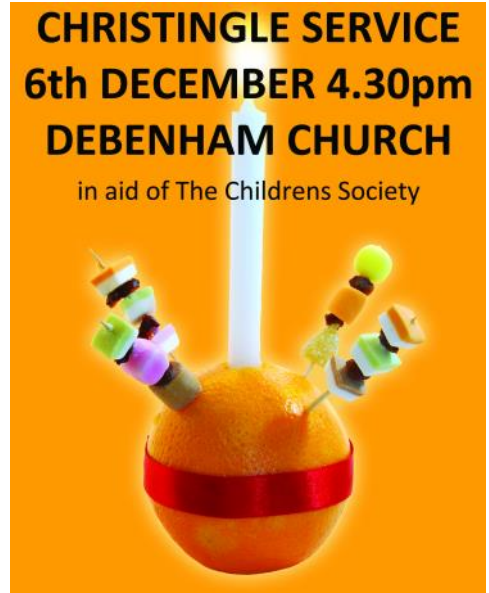
In Lowestoft, Jack Malik is a frustrated musician whose musical career is going nowhere despite the faith that his friend/manager Ellie Appleton has in him. However, on the night Jack decides to give up, the world is hit with a massive black-out during which Jack is hit by a bus. Upon regaining consciousness, Jack learns to his astonishment that he is apparently now the only one who knows the music of the Beatles. Whilst trying to wrap his head around what is happening, Jack finds himself on a journey to figure out what happened on that one night, and to bring back joy and the memory of the one band from yesterday.

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December 2019	Helmingham	Framsden	Pettaugh
1st			
8th	6pm Carols	11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
15th	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion	
22nd			3.30pm Carol Service
Christmas Eve		10.00pm Holy Communion	
Christmas Day			10am Family Service
29th			
January 2020	Helmingham	Framsden	Pettaugh
5th			
12th		11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
19th	11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
26th			11am Morning Prayer
February 2020	Helmingham	Framsden	Pettaugh
2nd			
9th		11am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion
16th	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	
23rd			11am Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer every weekday at 9am in St Mary Magdalene, Debenham

am and Helmingham Benefice

Winston	Aspall	Kenton	Debenham
	8am Holy Communion		9.30 family@church 6.30pm Advent Ser- vice
9.30 Morning Payer	11am Carols	8.00 Holy Communion	9.30 Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening prayer	8am Holy Communion		9.30 Holy Communion
11 am Holy Communion		5pm Carol Service	9.30 Holy Communion
6.30pm Carol Ser- vice			5.00pm Crib Service 11.30pm Holy Communion
10.00am Holy Communion	8am Holy Communion	10.30 am Family Ser- vice + Communion	9.30am Family Service
		10.00am Benefice Holy Communion	
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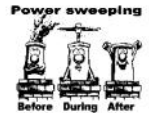
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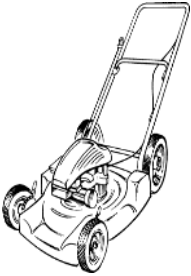
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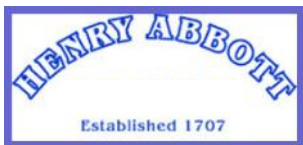
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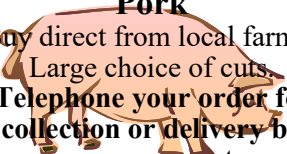
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