

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

“Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age,
God's breath in man returning to his birth,
The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage,
The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth,
Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r,
Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear,
The six-days world transposing in an hour,
A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear;
Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss,
Exalted manna, gladness of the best,
Heaven in ordinary, man well drest,
The milky way, the bird of Paradise,
Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood,
The land of spices; something understood.” *George Herbert*

NEWS FROM THE PARISHES

ASHBOCKING

Thankfully, we have had a few lovely, warm weeks for families and children during the school holidays. August has been fairly quiet in church, apart from the baptism of Douglas Wilson on the 14th. Congratulations to him and his parents, Gemma and Alex. It was a lovely service with many family and friends to celebrate with him; Douglas remained calm throughout. A big thank you to the flower arrangers and also to Nel and Rex whose turn it was to clean. The bats, mice and spiders had done their worst, which made cleaning quite a task.

Douglas was the second member of the Baby and Toddler group to be christened, following Jacob Last in July. The group is going well and the last meeting included older siblings. It was led by Clare Sanders, who told the story of Noah and the Ark with everyone choosing an animal and joining in with the song. It is

wonderful to get to know the younger members of our community. Details of where and when are from Stephanie Andrews-Pearce on 07833 967777.

Our next coffee morning is at Nel and Rex's home, Chez Onze, The Green, IP6 9JX on September 2nd at 10am. There has been some confusion over the time but it is now 10 not 10:30, as it used to be. Our September service is a family service with communion at 11am on the 11th, to which all are welcome.

Our Christian discussion group, led by Catherine Beaumont, starts again on 28th September at 7:30pm at Hawthorns, The Green, IP6 9JX, If you are interested in joining us, please contact her. The house group "Going Deeper", led by Jan & Jon Bates, recommences on 7th September at 10:00am at Manor Farm, The Green. See the notice below.

Linda Pollard

Church Cleaning Jan and Jon Bates

"GOING DEEPER" HOMEGROUP

We meet at Manor Farm to study the Bible, pray, and encourage each other to "go deeper" in our faith in Jesus together.

We meet every **1st & 3rd Wednesday at 10.00am till 12.00**

For more details call Jan or Jon Bates on 01473 892605

CLOPTON

We send our best wishes to everyone starting at university, a new school or class and those starting work for the first time. Work hard, make friends and enjoy the new experiences!

The 35th Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride and Stride is on 10th September from 9am until 5pm. We don't yet have any

riders from Clopton, so if you would like to take part or sit in the church for an hour to record the visitors during the day, please ring 01473 737602.

The Hobbies Group meets on Wednesday 7th September in the Village hall from 10am until noon. Everyone is very welcome - if you don't have a hobby, just come for coffee and chat.

There will be a talk entitled 'Smuggling in Suffolk in Past Times' on Friday 16th September starting at 7pm in the village hall. The speaker is David Newman and it should be a very interesting evening. Entrance costs £2, which includes tea, coffee and biscuits. All proceeds will go to a hospice chosen by the speaker.

The September coffee-morning will be hosted by Jenny Vince and is on the 21st from 10 until noon in the village hall. Everyone is very welcome.

Doris Main

Church cleaning
Church flowers

Beryl Birchmore
Charmaine Williams

OTLEY

At the family service in August we had another baptism, which was lovely – of Harriett Adie, the baby daughter of Marcus and Charlotte. It transpired that her great-grandparents had attended James and Jane's wedding 25 years ago and that James and her grandfather had been at the same primary school. Congratulations also go to James and Rachel Green on the birth of Isabella, a sister for Brendan and Haydon, who are delighted. Many congratulations too, to Sue Courteney and David Montgomery on their marriage. We celebrated all these wonderful family events in the height of summer.

Otley Church Preservation Trust is producing a calendar for 2017 of views of Otley. Copies will be available from Tess Papworth or

from me from 30th September at £4.99 each, to include an envelope. The calendars are very attractive with lovely photographs and we hope to sell lots of copies to benefit the Trust. And we shall still be selling Christmas cards, at £3 for a pack of 5.

The Sponsored Bike Ride for the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust takes place on 10th September. We hope that the success of the British cyclists at the Rio Olympics will inspire people to take to their bikes and ride for Otley. Half of your sponsorship money will go to the Trust and half to the church or chapel of your choice. It is a good cause and a fun day out. There are sponsor forms in church or with James Hall. Please contact him if you can be a recorder in church during the day.

Also on 10th September will be Otley Village Show with classes for everybody - produce, flowers, cooking, art and crafts, photography - and special classes for children. If you haven't entered before, do have a go. You can visit the website <http://www.otleyshow.moonfruit.com/> or look up Otley Village Show on Facebook. Schedules are available from the Post Office - they must be returned by 6pm on Wednesday 7th September, and all exhibits must be in the village hall by 10 on the Saturday morning. Good luck!

On Friday 30th September, from 10 o'clock, we shall be holding a coffee-morning at Church House for Macmillan Cancer Support, and we look forward to welcoming everybody for coffee or tea and cake. Macmillan is a wonderful charity and we have raised a lot of money at this event over the years, so we hope to build on that again. The funds we raise are spent here in Suffolk.

The usual monthly coffee-morning will be held on Thursday 22nd September at 10 Spring Park, the home of Nigel and Pauline Crowley, where you will also receive a warm welcome. It is going to be a sociable month.

At the end of the summer holidays, we wish Good Luck to everybody starting at a new school or college or job.

Rose Rogerson

Village diary:

31st Aug/

1st Sept/2nd Sept

5th Sept

8th Sept

10th Sept

22nd Sept

3rd Oct

CBM (Can't Beat Music) Theatre -
Songs from the musicals

Gardening Club –see below

Friendship Club - Barbecue at
Suncroft, Chapel Road

Otley Village Show

Friendship Club - Sue Courteney:-

Flower arranging with garden flowers

Gardening Club - "Gardeners' Question
Time" Matthew Tanton Brown

Sue Wilkins

Church flowers:

Church Cleaning:

Pauline Crowley/Ruth Farnhill

Sidepersons:

4th September

11.00am Family Service

Ruthie Bullock

18th September

9.30am Holy Communion

Penny Clark

25th September

6.30pm Evening Prayer

Betty David



In time for Christmas!

Otley Church Preservation Trust have produced
their first ever village calendar which will be in A4
format.

Each month will display a photograph of a different
scene in our village.

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please contact:

Tess Papworth on 01473 890091





Otley and District Gardening Club
2016-2017 New Season Programme

We meet at 7.30pm, 1st Monday of the month
Otley Village Hall, Chapel Road, Otley
(Invited speakers on a wide range of subjects)

First meeting Monday 5th September

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Compare gardening notes over tea, coffee & biscuits

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Admission £1.50 (members) £4 (non-members), including refreshments .Annual membership £10.To find out more contact Alan Trevelyan (890563) Jenny Vince (738244) or Isabel Lincoln (890826).

SWILLAND

The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike-Ride and Stride will take place on Saturday 10th September from 9am to 5pm. If anyone would like to take part I have sponsorship forms. We need to man the church during the day, so if anyone can help with this, please let me know.

Our harvest festival service, which will include the baptism of Bertie Leggett will be on 18th September at 11 am. The next coffee-morning will be held on Saturday 1st October between 10am and 11.30am at the home of Gina Wilden – 7 High Road, Swilland. Tickets will be available towards the end of September for our Christmas Draw. This will be on Saturday 3rd December over lunch time in Witnesham village hall.

Ann Kent

Flower rota

4th-11th September

18th September

25th September – 2nd October

Gill Reidy

Harvest Festival

Jackie Williams

RAINFALL – JULY

July's weather could hardly be described as boring. The first week was dry, followed by two days of rain and then a heatwave, which lasted a week with the temperature reaching 30 degrees. The real drama came on the 20th, when we had a sharp thunderstorm with a torrent of hailstones the size of small marbles and 0.8 inch of rain. The hailstones came down so hard they knocked small holes in plastic roofs, some conservatories in Otley and our barn suffering this fate. Roofs sheeted with plastic can become brittle over time and then it doesn't take much force to cause cracks or in this case small holes. As is often the case, this thunderstorm was very local and Ipswich only had a short shower.

The total rainfall for the month was only 1.7 inches giving us a total so far for this year of 19 inches.

Russell Ling



Tap Dance Classes for Adult Beginners

Due to the success of the 8 week Tap Dance Class, we are going to continue to meet every Wednesday 10.30-11.15am at Otley village hall.

Never tapped before? Would you like to learn the basics?

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For queries and to book, please contact Jill Streatfeild 07778 746315 / 01394 384557 <http://woodbridgetapdance.weebly.com>

Suffolk Singers

Claire Weston will direct a **concert for Suffolk Age UK** on Saturday 1 October at Debenham Community Centre. Harrison Cole will accompany them in a varied programme of music to suit all tastes (including Chilcott, Elgar, Grainger, Humperdink,

Hutchings, Peterson-Berger, Rutter and Todd). The evening commences at 7.30pm and tickets are priced at £10, available from <https://www.universe.com/suffolksingers> or by calling 01473 359911. There is a bar for liquid refreshments and cabaret style seating with a range of delicious cakes by Meg's Mixtures. There will also be a raffle on the night supporting Suffolk Age UK.

Suffolk Age UK is an independent local charity working with and for older people in the county, offering often vital support. Services include visiting and telephone befriending, information & advice, benefits support and dementia support. To find out more about the charity, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/suffolk.

Claire will also direct a **Choral Workshop of Famous Choruses** on Sunday 23 October 2016 at Framlingham College 9.30-5 with a free public performance at 4.30. Adults £20, under 19s FREE. Price to include the loan of all music, expert professional tuition, tea and coffee throughout the day and our celebrated cakes in the interval between the rehearsal and the performance. At this year's Workshop (our 6th), Claire will lead us through some famous choruses. They will include:

- Brahms "Requiem" - How lovely is thy dwelling place
- Handel "Messiah" - Hallelujah chorus
- Mendelssohn "Elijah" - Lift Thine Eyes
- Bach "St Matthew Passion" - In tears of grief
- Verdi "Requiem" - Dies Irae

It will be helpful, but not essential, if participants have a little previous experience of singing with a choir or reading music, but if you've never tried anything like this before, come along and have a go. You will be given lots of support.

To reserve a place or find out more please ring Alison Bestow (01473625070) or email alison.bestow@gmail.com. Early booking is recommended.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2016 – time to pack those shoeboxes!

Earlier this year, thousands of children in Liberia were delighted to receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, especially following that country's widespread trauma over the Ebola crisis. Now another season of packing shoeboxes gets underway. The Operation Christmas Child yearly campaign is all about providing some joy to deprived children in the developing world. "A simple Christmas shoebox gift is a 'treasure chest' for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift meant just for them.

In 2015, generous people across the UK packed 900,008 shoeboxes for children. These were sent to 14 different countries – their only Christmas gifts that year. Worldwide, 11 million children were given shoeboxes, "experiencing God's unconditional love through a simple gift."

This year, OCC will be again supported by individuals, families, churches, schools, workplaces and community groups across the UK. If you could send a shoebox, go to:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

AFTER THE REFERENDUM - finding a good way forward

Archbishop Justin Welby and Archbishop John Sentamu issued a joint statement after the UK voted to leave the European Union. In it they said:

"As citizens of the United Kingdom, whatever our views during the referendum campaign, we must now unite in a common task to build a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world.

“We must remain hospitable and compassionate, builders of bridges and not barriers. Many of those living among us... come from overseas and some will feel a deep sense of insecurity. We must respond by offering reassurance, by cherishing our wonderfully diverse society, and by affirming the unique contribution of each and every one.

“.... Unity, hope and generosity will enable us to overcome the period of transition that will now happen, and to emerge confident and successful. The opportunities and challenges that face us as a nation and as global citizens are too significant for us to settle for less.

“As those who hope and trust in the living God ..., Let us pray especially that we may go forward to build a good United Kingdom that, though relating to the rest of Europe in a new way will play its part amongst the nations in the pursuit of the common good throughout the world.”

SMILE LINES

Children’s understanding of the Bible can have a charm all of its own...

A deacon is a mass of inflammable material.

The Pharisees fasted in public but in private they devoured widows’ houses.

Today wild beasts are confined to Theological Gardens.

The natives of Macedonia did not believe, so St. Paul got stoned.

A Republican is a sinner mentioned in the Bible.

Permission - Extract from an official letter notifying residents of a new boundary road: 'It is hoped to take the new by-pass through the old cemetery, provided we can get permission from the various bodies concerned.'

Egg - What did the egg in the monastery say?
'Out of the frying pan and into the friar.'

Last words - The Seven Last Words of the Church: 'We never did it like that before.'

Visit - A bishop visited a primary school in full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook. A small boy's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. Her son replied: 'It was great – now I know what a real crook looks like!'

Unseen - A small girl greeting her father on his return from a journey by air and learning that he had flown above the clouds, asked if he had seen God. 'Well, no,' said her father, 'you can't see God like that because He doesn't have a body.'

'Oh,' she said, with pity and disappointment, 'only head and legs?'

Bible sense - Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'



LET DOWN BY HIS FRIENDS

In the Bible there are many accounts of Jesus healing people. You can read about one in Mark's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 3 - 12. I like this one because it is about friends.

The four men made a tremendous effort to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. When they reached the house where Jesus was it was surrounded by lots of people; they could have given up and gone home. But they didn't. What did they do?

At that time houses had flat roofs and a stairway outside the house that led up to the roof. The four men broke through the roof and lowered their friend down on his bed. Imagine all the faces looking up and wondering what was going on as the dust, earth and lumps of wood fell down! Then the Bible says "When Jesus saw their faith..."

The all important change came from faith - not from the faith of the man but from the faith of his friends. One man's life changed forever because of four good friends and one Best Friend, Jesus.

OVER & UNDER?

The answers to all of these are either OVER or UNDER...

1. When a car passes another vehicle.
2. In London, they call it the Tube.
3. A thick winter garment you wear outside.
4. Dungarees, or worn to do a dirty job.
5. One way to throw a ball.
6. Another name for a funeral director.
7. When someone falls off a boat.
8. Knickers, vests etc.



(Answers at the bottom of the page)



On a school trip to France, the teachers were reminding the children about behaving properly. 'And,' said the headmaster, 'what do you do if one of the children falls overboard?' 'Shout for help, sir,' said one boy. 'Good. And what do you do if one of the teachers falls overboard?' 'Which one, sir?'



Answers: 1. overtaking 2. Underground
3. overcoat 4. overalls 5. underarm 6.
undertaker 7. overboard
8. underclothes

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