

The Coastal Group of Parishes

Bacton, Happisburgh, Hempstead with Eccles and Lessingham,
Ridlington, Sea Palling with Waxham, Walcott and Witton

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September is still for me the “going back to school month”. A new year, new term, new teachers and often new uniform. All new but the same as the year before.

This year, like so much of our lives at the moment, will be different, with emphasis on distancing, masks, hand-washing and bubbles. Still great to be back with friends.

The future is still uncertain. Rules change, lock down is eased, shops open, then we hear of this being reversed around a new outbreak of the virus.

So, is anything the same, sure and certain for our future?

Living where we do on this lovely stretch of rural coastline, we can answer “yes”. We have so much to appreciate with the beauty and the space and the weather and this month, the harvest.

Whatever is changing in our lives, the seasons are constant, our summer of lock down is leading us into September and harvest, just as it has done before and will in the future. We have witnessed planting, growth and harvest in fields and gardens. I am enjoying French and Broadbeans and tomatoes. I guess the more-skilled among you will have much more.

In the churches we plan to celebrate the harvest this month. It will be different with distancing and no singing but a chance to focus on what is good and constant in our lives at the moment - and be thankful.

So a happy and safe new term to the children, students and teachers and for the rest of us a future full of hope as we continue to distance, wear our masks and wash our hands.

With love
Eiler.

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SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

September 6th	9am	Hempstead	Holy Communion	20 bubbles
	10.30	Bacton	Holy Communion	14 bubbles
	10.30	Sea Palling	Holy Communion	14 bubbles
	3pm	Ridlington	Picnic, Praise & Prosecco	Outdoor Service
September 13th	10.30	Walcott	Holy Communion	14 bubbles
	11.30	Witton	Harvest	Outdoor Service
September 20th	10.30	Bacton	All Age Worship	14 bubbles
	10.30	Happisburgh	Harvest	unrestricted
	10.30	Lessingham	Harvest	10 bubbles
	10.30	Sea Palling	Harvest	14 bubbles
September 27th	10.30	United	Zoom	



Congratulations Elsie 100!

Elsie, who lives in Bacton and is a regular worshipper at St. Andrew's church, celebrated her 100th birthday on August 8th. Here she is with her daughter Jean and the all Important card from the Queen.

BACTON

St Andrews of Bacton hope you are all keeping safe and well through this problem time .Church Services have begun again at St Andrews. 1st Sunday each month Communion at 11am and 3rd Sunday All age worship 10-30am and the 2nd Saturday the church is open and manned for private prayer 10 am-12 midday. Face masks to be worn on entering the church also hand sanitizing is on the table by the church door to be used as entering the church. More update next month

WALCOTT

Churches Sponsored Cycle, Walk or Ride Day is on Sat. September 12th.

Eiler and Karen Mellerup will be visiting as many churches as possible in order to raise funds for All Saints church. If you would like to sponsor them, please ring Eiler 651393 or Karen 650238.

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWS SHEET

Please send your contributions to sandrews487@gmail.com by September 18th.

For everyone's safety when entering church, please

- wear a face covering/mask over your nose and mouth, unless you have a medical exemption
- sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the building
- maintain social distancing

Worship leaders may remove their own face covering while leading worship only, provided they maintain a 2m social distance, to enable others who may lip read.

Masks will always be worn by clergy for communion services, and the bread kept covered.

Zoom service ID 729 970 4803 Passcode 016926.

Join on line or by phone. Ring 0131 460 1196 and key in the numbers using your telephone keypad.

FUNERALS

10th August Roger Foster Walcott

26th August Diana Docwra Walcott

CELTIC MORNING PRAYER

Takes place outside in the churchyard on Wednesday mornings at 9am. All welcome.

2nd Walcott 9th Ridlington 16th Witton 23rd Bacton 30th Waxham

Revd Canon Catherine Dobson.

Rector, The Coastal Group.

Rural Dean, St Benet at Waxham & Tunstead, Diocese of Norwich.

WALCOTT VILLAGE HALL

After a pretty miserable 2020 so far Walcott Village Hall committee would like to invite you to come along and have some fun at the Walcott Village Show on Saturday 5th September from 1-4pm.

There are 74 classes across 6 categories:- Photography, Fruit, Vegetables, Flowers, Home Produce and arts and crafts. A certificate will be awarded to all winners. To enter pick up a form from outside the village hall, Mace shop or print off from the village hall facebook page. You can enter as many classes as you wish at just 50p per entry. All entries may be dropped off at the hall between 6 and 8pm on Fri 4th or between 8 and 11am on Sat 5th.

All Covid19 guidelines in place.

Supporting the village show also gives you a great opportunity to come and admire the new ceiling, lighting and insulation project that has just been completed. This project has been the result of a lot of hard work from the committee. The project costs were over £20,000 and although the committee managed to secure around £12,000 (9,100 from funding applications, just over 2,000 from donations, and fundraising, and two committee members bare all on Naked Gardening day raising another 500) Covid came along and we had to cancel many of the additional fundraising events we had planned. The Poachers Pocket had named us as their charity for their fundraising for 2020 as well but again it all had to be cancelled. In order to complete the project as soon as lockdown allowed and not to disrupt or delay the return of our regular classes and activities the committee has dipped into the savings pot and our small business grant but as these funds are to cover loss of income it needs to be replaced. As soon as it is safe to do so the committee and the pub will be resuming fundraising events to replace the borrowed funds,so please support these as much as you are able.

All profits from the village show will go towards this cause.

HAPPISBURGH

HAPPISBURGH CHURCH will be open every Wednesday 1.00 - 2.00pm. All welcome.

Happisburgh RNLI Station is looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Deputy Inshore Lifeboat Mechanic. There may be the opportunity in the future to progress to Station Mechanic, which would involve working 15 hours per week on station.

This role would be working alongside the station's Mechanic, learning the RNLI way of keeping a station and it's assets / boats / launch and recovery kit in top form ready for our role of saving lives at sea.

You would carry out planned maintenance and repairs, report defects, order stores, maintain records and assist the coast technicians when they visit the lifeboat station.

Training will be provided in line with the relevant Competency Framework and should be maintained in order to perform this role.

What you will get from this role:

- * joining a motivated and enthusiastic team
- * meeting new people within your local community
- * having the satisfaction of giving back
- * developing your skills and experience within the supportive environment of the RNLI

What you will need for this role:

- * be a good team player
- * have good interpersonal skills
- * have the ability to learn new skills
- * have an understanding of safe working practices in a lifeboat station or similar
- * have an understanding of mechanical/electrical systems

If you are interested in this role please contact Happisburgh Lifeboat Station on 01692 583269 and leave your details and we will get back to you or email happisburgh@rnli.org.uk

Raising money for RNLI and local families

Peter Cavanagh, 67, of Lessingham is cycling 650 miles Coast to Coast from Lands End to Ness Point to raise money for the Happisburgh Lifeboat and local families affected by COVID.

If you would like to donate see:

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/peter-cavanagh

Follow his progress on TWITTER @ontutbike and on STRAVA.

SEA PALLING AND WAXHAM

Our Library is now up and running - 10-12noon on Saturdays only at present. Face coverings to be worn in the library.

At the moment we are not able to serve any refreshments - but hopefully this will change.

Little else changes as to community events although we are selling at Mary's gate - jams / produce and washable face coverings.

Offers of help in providing for our gate stall would be appreciated - it all helps towards our church expenses in these troubles times!

Thanks for all the support within our benefice - take care and keep safe!

LESSINGHAM & HEMPSTEAD

All our lives have changed since lockdown and will probably never be the same. Change is part of life and the longer you live the more you see.

I write this on the eve of the VJ commemoration. The end of WW2. Many lives then were changed forever. This village was in the middle of the grain harvest. My memories of the 1940's begin with horses pulling binders, soon to be taken over by tractors and then combine harvesters. Harvest Thanksgiving was then an important occasion following a lot of very hard work when most of the work in the parish was connected with farming.

We still give thanks at this time of year. Our Harvest Thanksgiving will be at Lessingham Church 10.30am on Sunday September 20th. All are welcome.

RIDLINGTON ST. PETER'S

After a really pleasant afternoons service in August, we thought we may do the same in September, that is weather permitting.

To jolly up the occasion the service will be called 'Picnic, Praise and Prosecco' which all sounds rather nice, please bring your own chair and picnic, prosecco will be provided.

Has anyone missed a special occasion during lockdown, maybe a birthday, anniversary, house move or anything, something we can celebrate, anyway the big day will be on Sunday 6th September at 3pm.

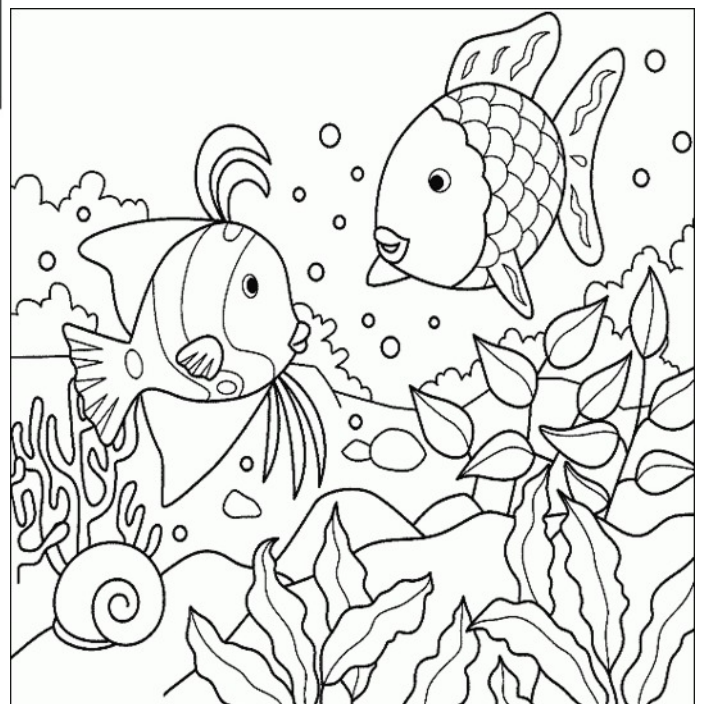
Sponsorship forms for the Churches Trust Cycle, Walk and ride day on the 12th September are available from myself on the number below. Ray Allcoat 651609

Trees Word Search



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| Buckthorn | Hawthorn | Sweetgum |
| Cedar | Hazel | Sycamore |
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| Chestnut | Maple | Willow |
| Chinkapin | Oak | Yew |

A picture for the younger members of our villages to colour.



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