

# The Coastal Group of Parishes

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

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*“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease” (Gen 8 v 22).*

At the beginning of the pandemic lockdown, our supermarket shelves were emptied within weeks and supplies slow to recover. Many of us began either working from home or schooling our own children, perhaps furloughed or even some being made redundant. This would be a time when many used the time for gardening- some for the first time. It wasn't long before Nurseries were emptied of compost and other gardening equipment. By now I hope all gardeners are now enjoying the fruits of their labour during these difficult times!

The weather has been exceptionally warm and rainfall minimal in our part of the country.....I had used all the contents of nine water butts, twice, before the end June! Our thoughts must be for our farmers who have experienced a difficult year, watching their crops cope with such dryness. How do farmers in even hotter countries than ours, manage with water being such a scarce commodity?

Yet there is always a harvest. Not always what we wanted, but God provides! He provides for our needs, not our wants. If we take from the harvest our needs, rather than our wants, there would be plenty for the rest of the world.

Our younger generation are crying out loudly as they see signs of destruction of the environment. It is now up to us all, as stewards of God's creation, to look at ways in which all creation can live side by side, ensuring a world which is sustainable and productive. All in co-operation with our Creator God, to leave a world full of hope and love for our young people.

At this time of the year the Christian church celebrates Harvest Thanksgiving. If you have missed your parish Harvest service there are more this month – I'm sure you would be most welcome, but please check with churchwardens (re Coronavirus restrictions)

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> at Bacton – 10.30am & Ridlington at 3pm: Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> at Walcott + HC at 10.30am.**

With harvest blessings

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## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

October 4th	9am	Hempstead	Holy Communion (plenty of space)
	10.30	Bacton	Harvest
	10.30	Happisburgh	Family Service (plenty of space)
	10.30	Sea Palling	Holy Communion
	3pm	Ridlington	Harvest
October 11th	10.30	Walcott	Harvest with Holy Communion
	11.30	Witton	Morning Prayer (plenty of space)
October 18th	9am	Lessingham	Holy Communion
	10.30	Bacton	All Age Worship
	10.30	Happisburgh	Family Service (plenty of space)
	10.30	Sea Palling	Morning Prayer
October 25th	10.30	United Service for everyone	Zoom

### Weddings

22nd August      Eloise Brown and David Woodgett,  
Happisburgh  
5th September    Jayne Willoughby and Thomas Butler,  
Happisburgh

*Many congratulations to you both!*

### Funerals

2nd September    Greg Anderson,      Lessingham  
7th September    Ivy Cole,              Bacton  
17th September   Bob Murphy,        Eccles

*Our thoughts and prayers are with all who are grieving at this time.*

*Under the government Covid regulations, Funerals and Weddings are limited to a maximum of 30 people, and in some of our smaller churches, the number is further reduced.*

*In order to ensure there is sufficient room for immediate family, we respectfully ask that you do not come to these services unless invited.*

### Deadline for November News Sheet

Please send your contributions to  
sandrews487@gmail.com by 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### Church Services and the Rule of Six

You will have no doubt seen the government's rule of six which comes into effect from Monday 14th September.

The government have granted an exemption for churches for acts of worship. However, it is essential for the wellbeing of us all that we ensure our churches are as safe as they can be. You can help by

- *wearing a mask or face covering before entering the church building and keeping it on throughout until you are outside again. Those leading worship may remove their mask while speaking only, provided there is no-one sat within 2 metres of them.*

- *using hand sanitiser on entering and leaving the building.*

- *complete the track and trace register.*

*From Monday this applies to services held inside and outdoors, so the register will now be completed by the person leading at Wednesday morning Celtic prayer.*

- *sitting at least 2m away from others, unless you live with them in the same household, or are in a bubble of no more than 2 households. If you are not sure where to sit, a churchwarden will be happy to advise.*

- *rules have tightened on leaving the church. The Archdeacon writes:*

*'what is important though, is that churches don't abuse the worship concession by becoming social events – it's so easy at the end of a service to start chatting instead of dispersing but sadly we aren't allowed to do this. We will have to find other ways of keeping in touch and meeting pastoral needs, just as we did when church buildings were closed.'*

*Many thanks for your cooperation.    Revd Catherine*

### Worship on Zoom

Join the service every month from the comfort of your own home!

Sunday 25th October 10.30am,  
You can join on line or by phone.

Meeting ID 729 970 4803

Passcode 016926

Ring 0131 460 1196 and key in the numbers using your telephone keypad.

For more information ring John on 01692 581841.

### Celtic Morning Prayer

A beautiful start to a Wednesday morning.

We continue to meet at 9am outside the church building for 20 minutes of prayer for the world, our villages, and all that concerns us.

Everyone welcome. Please bring your own chair.

Wed. 7th Sea Palling,      14th Hempstead,  
21st Lessingham,        28th Happisburgh.

### Shoe boxes at Christmas

This appeal is on! So once again we can fill and decorate a box with presents and useful things to bring some happiness to some of the poorest families in Europe. Instructions and posters from Eiler. Please ring me 651393.

## **HAPPISBURGH**

The North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Fund (formerly known as the Big Society Fund) is provided by North Norfolk District Council to help build strong sustainable communities in the district. It aims to help communities to develop new and innovative projects which will improve their environmental, social and economic wellbeing.

North Norfolk Sustainable Communities Grant Fund.

The fund is open to applications throughout the year, although to ensure your application is eligible to go through for consideration to the **3<sup>rd</sup> December Grant Panel**, only applications received **by Monday, 2nd November** which are fully completed, signed, and accompanied by all the requested supporting documentation will be accepted

Prior to completing an application **please ring Sonia Shuter on 01263 516173** to discuss the potential application.

There are now 2 ways an application can be made to the fund; Applications for grants under £1,000 and Applications for grants between £1,000 and £15,000. Copies of The Application Forms, Guidance Notes on how to complete the form and the Independent Referee form can be downloaded from the North Norfolk District Council Website at <https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/NNSCF>

**\*Please Note** – The forms need to be downloaded and saved prior to entering information and should not be converted to another format.

Completed applications including all supporting documentation are to be sent to [supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:supporting.communities@north-norfolk.gov.uk).

**Happisburgh Parish Council** is aware that by next summer the entrance to the car park on Beach Road may be close to the edge of the cliff, and is keen to work on the roll back of the car park, as has always been the plan. Please, if parishioners are interested in this subject, and wish their thoughts and ideas to be included in the decision making process, please attend Parish Council meetings from October onwards. The item will be on every agenda for discussion

### **Happisburgh Primary School**

At last, we are all back at school after, what has been, a very unusual few months. All children returned to school after lockdown and a summer break and it has been a delight to see them again. The school is now up and running and has returned to the vibrant and lively community that it was before lockdown.

We continue to have four classes of children and each one is now engaged in an exciting topic. Oak class's topic is called 'Wild Water' with a main focus on the River Amazon; Horse Chestnut are learning all about Transport through the ages; Silver Birch are finding out about children in the past, their schooling and their play

through a topic called 'Memory Box' and the very youngest children in Cherry Tree are following a topic called 'Night and Day.'

Our main focus at the beginning of term was to settle the children back into routines and re-establish the resilience and love for learning that they had been developing. To help us do this, we have spent valuable time exploring our feelings and developing empathy and understanding through our Christian value of the term, 'Friendship.'

The school is also embarking on two new initiatives to support the children's understanding of the wider world. We will be working towards gaining UNICEF's Rights Respecting Schools Award and we are also aiming to make Happisburgh, a 'School of Sanctuary.' Both of these initiatives will help the children learn about the universal rights of children around the world and of some of the challenges children from our own and other countries face.

We have an exciting year ahead of us and we very much look forward to continuing to work with our community in enabling the school to grow and the children to flourish. The children, staff and Governors of Happisburgh CE VA Early Years and Primary School would like to invite you to our Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 10 November** from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Please visit our Website [www.happisburgh.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.happisburgh.norfolk.sch.uk) to register your interest in attending.

## **BACTON**

St Andrews hope you are all keeping safe and well at this problem time. We have 2 services this month, Sunday 4th October at 10-30am Communion and also our Harvest Festival service. All produce donation will be sent to the night shelter Norwich, and 18th October 10-30am All age worship.

Face covering to be worn in church and as soon as the service ends leave church, no stopping for a chat until outside and sorry no refreshments to be served for the time being. Enjoy the Autumn Colours our dear Lord provides.

St Andrew's church, Bacton will be open to all visitors on Saturday 10th October, 10am - 12pm. Please wear a face mask unless medically exempt. All welcome.

## **LESSINGHAM & HEMPSTEAD**

The PCC regret that the pet service in October with the minidonks has been cancelled. We hope we will have it when Covid regulations are eased.

Holy Communion will be as usual, 9.00am 4th October at Hempstead and 18th October at Lessingham.

The Remembrance Service in November we hope will be able to take place.

Bob and Margaret Henderson thank all friends and neighbours for their kind sympathy and support following the tragic loss of their grandson Daniel.

## ST. PETER'S RIDLINGTON

Sorry to say I was braving gales in North West Scotland and so missed our second outdoor service, but by all accounts 'The picnic, Praise and Pressecos' was well attended and enjoyed by all, perhaps again next year.

We plan to be back in the church in October for 'Harvest Praise' which will be on the 4th at 3pm.

What a difficult year with the weather it has been for our farmers, poor sowing conditions last autumn, a very wet winter and then a dry summer, some of the old stagers were even comparing conditions to 1976 but now all is safely gathered in.

### **Can you help - Ridlington church cleaning volunteers required!**

Could you spare an hour to help keep our beautiful church in Ridlington clean? It involves dusting, sweeping and vacuuming and takes about 1 hour. If you are able to offer an hour on the Saturday before our monthly service, we would be really pleased to hear from you. We hope to put together a rota for the year, so even just once a year would be a great help! If you can help, please ring Vanda on 650313.

## WALCOTT

### **Walcott Harvest Festival 11<sup>th</sup> October 10.30am.**

We can't decorate this year but we could all bring ONE item of harvest produce, as a token, and place it on our own pew then after the service take it home. Nothing to be left in church.

### **No Macmillan Coffee Morning this year.**

So what can we do! We cannot meet for coffee and cake but we can still raise money. How about if, from 27<sup>th</sup> September to 11<sup>th</sup> October I receive or collect donations, cash or cheques (payable to Macmillan Cancer Support) in envelopes with your name and address so the amount will increase with Gift Aid. Please help if you can then coffee and delicious cakes next year? Eiler.

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## SEA PALLING

Not much changes since our last newsletter except of course having services in church - a blessing despite the restrictions we all face. The church is also open for private prayer on Sundays from 11am-12 noon, when there is no church service.

The Library is open every Saturday 10.30am - 12 noon although we are still unable to serve refreshments. Why not come and browse!

Our gate sales at Mary's is still going well for jams, produce and masks, with some good comments from our customers. All sales are for church funds. For October services please see page 2.

## SEA PALLING & WAXHAM VILLAGE HALL

I am pleased to announce that following a change in the government guidelines relating to the easing of lockdown restrictions as they affect village halls our village hall is about to partially re-open. It will be available to hirers of the hall, such as Yoga, Line Dancing etc. providing the organisers of these events follow the processes and procedures laid down by government.

As such they will be required to accept additional conditions of hire to ensure the safety of members of their groups and the community as a whole. It is with regret however that we are still unable to offer Quiz Supper Nights or Prize Bingo as the guidelines place such stringent requirements on social distancing etc that would make these events impractical from a safety as well as an economic perspective. In the meantime, we have not been idle and have taken the opportunity to completely refurbish the Ladies cloakroom and toilet facilities and have had the hall completely redecorated. As soon as there are any changes in the situation I will let everyone know, but should you have any questions please contact either Clive or Margaret Preston on 01692 598828.

## AUTUMN WORDSEARCH

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