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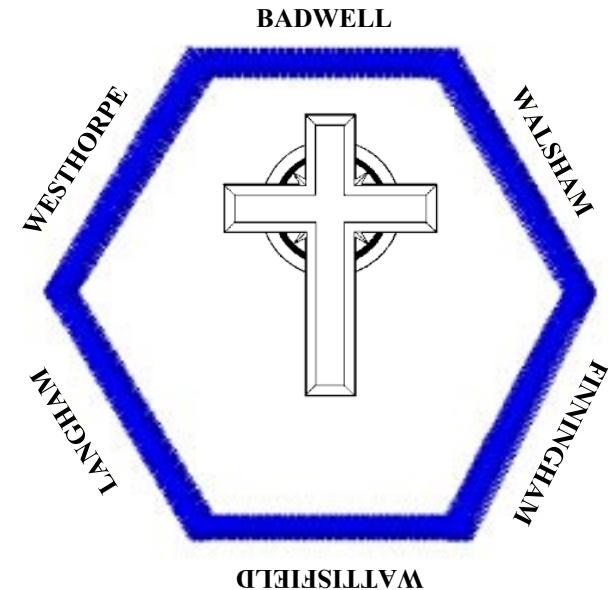
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From the Rectory

During this month of June we officially begin the season of Summer when the year starts to tip over into its' second half; leading on to the months of July and August; High Summer. For many of us summer is a time of renewal, of relaxing holidays and to use a trendy expression, time to have our own personal space. Summer is a season, but also can be seen as a state of mind; in both cases a time of growth and ever growing maturity. It is often good to have a break from regular responsibilities, from others expectations of us; we might even be able to learn something new!

In the Church's calendar it is a period labelled as 'Ordinary Time,' and lest we regard that as a derogatory term, there is something important about living out ordinary lives to appreciate the extra-ordinary which surrounds us all the time. Abraham Lincoln made the observation that 'God must love ordinary people, He made so many of them.' All of us through our ordinary discipleship are woven together into an extra-ordinary tapestry of Gods Kingdom here on earth.

As each summer comes and goes we see how both time and friendship seem to go hand in hand, both are an ever more precious resource. Perhaps it is only as we become older that we appreciate the speed of time, and the gift of true friendship. As a child the summers seemed to last for ever; yet as we 'mature' the weeks pass in a moment, the months disappear quickly and the years go by at an unbelievable rate. Time is a resource which cannot be saved, stored, or reclaimed, time can only ever be used, once gone it has passed for ever, time is irreplaceable. The founder of the modern day Toyota Company, Taiichi Ohno once said; 'One thing you can't recycle is wasted time.' Friendship can also be an everlasting commodity, shared not just with those close in our lives such as family, but those on the periphery or the furthest margins.

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Philip and Denise

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Henry Thomas Barker	4 th March 2018	Westhorpe Church
Sienna Grace Seeley	10 th March 2018	Walsham-le-Willows Church
Layla May Lamont	18 th March 2018	Walsham-le-Willows Church
Eliza Valentina Dixon	8 th April 2018	Walsham-le-Willows Church
Henry James Dixon	8 th April 2018	Walsham-le-Willows Church

FUNERALS

Burial of Ashes
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FUTURE EVENTS

An all-age workshop will be held on the mornings of Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th August in Walsham-le-Willows Church/Priory Rooms. Activities/Informal Worship/Refreshments. More details will follow in the next edition of The Hexagon.

Sunday 9th December 2018 there will be a concert in Walsham-le-Willows Church given by the Bury St Edmunds Concert Band and featuring the choir of Walsham-le-Willows CEVC Primary School. This will take place at 4.00pm with refreshments included. Further information will follow.

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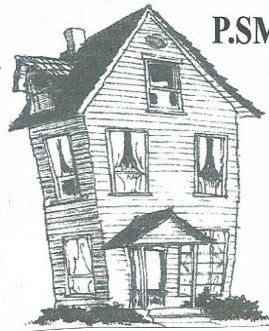
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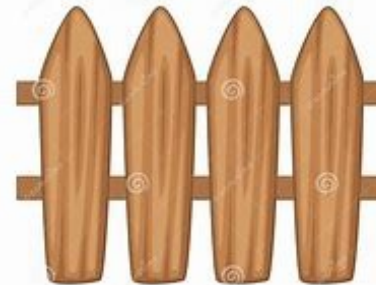
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Sunday 24th June, 2pm-5pm. Langham Hall Open Gardens. Admission £3.00 (entry for children is free). See poster.

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Sunday 10th June, 10am—4pm. Walsham Sale Trail. Refreshments, maps and toilets at Village Memorial Hall. To book your yard for the sale (£5) please ring 01359 259560. All proceeds towards Village Hall fund.

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Philip

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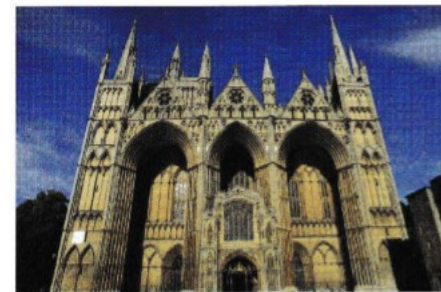
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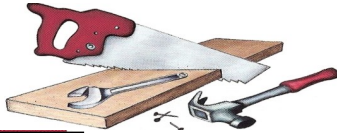
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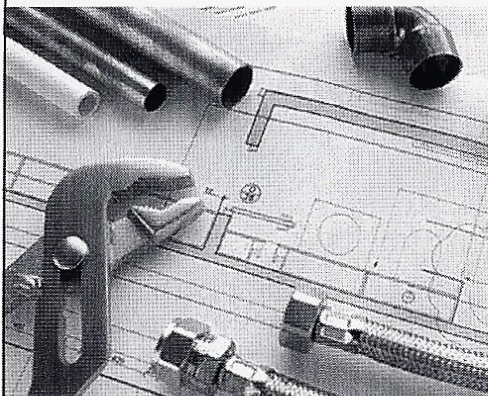


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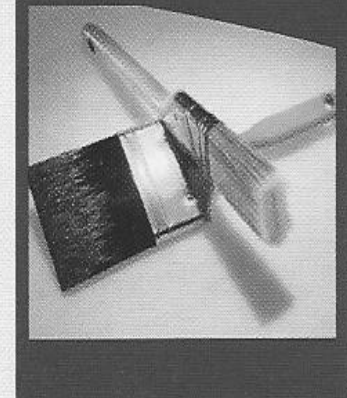
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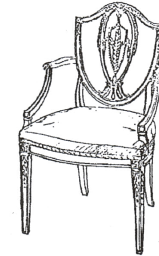
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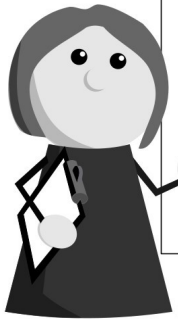
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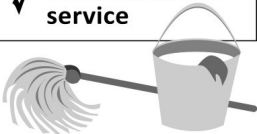
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Our Speaker was Francesca Mahoney, who runs the charity Wild Survivors aimed at protecting the elephants in Tanzania. As a child she was obsessed with wildlife, totally fascinated by animals, and in her Gap Year she spent time working in the foothills of Kilimanjaro and with animals. After working as a news journalist she gave up broadcasting and returned to Africa in 2015. There had been a huge spike in poaching of elephants, one is being killed every 15 minutes even now and they are on course for extinction by 2025. Elephants use migration routes in search of food and water and when farmlands expand this can cause problems. Elephants usually travel overnight now due to poachers and can be in quite large family groups. The farmers had resorted to poisoning them with pumpkins injected with pesticides and then informing the poachers who would pay them. However, elephants have an intense fear of bees as they target them on the thin parts of their skin. Wild Survivors is working with the farmers by providing wire around plots of land and hanging bee hives from the wire so that when the elephants try to pass through the site, the bees will attack and make them retreat and find another route. This low tech, affordable solution is working well and the farmers retain their crops, gain honey and beeswax to sell. They are now teaching farmers in other villages. The charity trains them over a year, even giving them a crash course in marketing so they gain as much as possible from their bee-culture. Wild Survivors is also developing a Buzz Box, a small machine about the size of a beaker, that uses an infra red sensor to pick up heat differences from approaching elephants and emit a buzzing noise to deter them, useful when hives have been deserted as it is portable so can be installed anywhere! Farmers are now volunteering to become beekeepers and are given up to date training. Education programmes are now in place to study elephant behaviour. Plastic is now being recycled and made into 'green wood' from which a number of things are made including the bee hives. It is durable, waterproof and malleable. Currently, testing is being carried out on local honey in order to import it into the UK. It is possible to sponsor a bee hive or beekeeping training for farmers. We left feeling moved by the evident passion and respect our speaker had for these giants. It seems we are still learning about their complex family relations and emotions. We were much impressed by both the work of the charity, making a real difference in seeking to bridge the gap, between wildlife needs and the human world needs but also by the knowledge and enthusiasm of the speaker.

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Finningham PCC are very grateful this year to Marion Bell, Aileen Kilbee, Margaret Miller and Dily Sewell for organising the Annual Flower festival held on a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend.

The theme this year was "Remarkable Women" which the ladies and one gentleman interpreted in many wonderful displays, not only of Suffragettes but also many other remarkable women.

Special thanks to Margaret Strickland and family for having the teas in their home; Val Rooney and her helpers for manning the Produce Tent and to all the ladies who baked cakes and scone.

Lastly, many thanks to the "A" Team for erecting and dismantling the large marquee and also the Stewards in the church.

It was pleasing to see again our many visitors from the surrounding parishes and from various parts of the lovely county of Suffolk. The 2018 Flower Festival has raised an excellent sum of £2,701.

Lily Elsey, PCC Member.

Benefice Services June-July 2018

3rd JUNE	1st SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Wattisfield
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC
10th JUNE	2nd SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Morning Prayer	Finningham
11.00am	Matins	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
17th JUNE	3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
10.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
10.30am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
24th JUNE	BIRTH of JOHN the BAPTIST	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Songs of Praise	Langham
1st JULY	5th SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
8th JULY	6th SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Family Service/Workshop	Finningham
10.30am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

Benefice Services June-July 2018

15th JULY	7th SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
3.00pm	Confirmation/ Dedication of Organ	Walsham
22nd JULY	MARY MAGDALENE	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Morning Prayer	Finningham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Langham
29th JULY	9th SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
10.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
5th AUGUST	10th SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Benefice Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC

**Wednesday Morning Eucharist In the Priory Room at 9.30am
followed by Refreshments and Fellowship**

June: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

July: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th



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Music for Another Summer Evening



The Churchgate Wind Octet, and vocal group Octave return to St Mary's Walsham-le-Willows at 7.30pm on **Saturday 21st July**.

Last year they delighted us with a perfectly paced and varied programme, and we hope their concert will become a regular Summer fixture.

Enjoy a glass of wine, and St Mary's in its summer finery as you listen to these accomplished musicians. Put it in the diary now!

Tickets are £5.00 on the door, and include a glass of wine. All profits will go to St Mary's Church.