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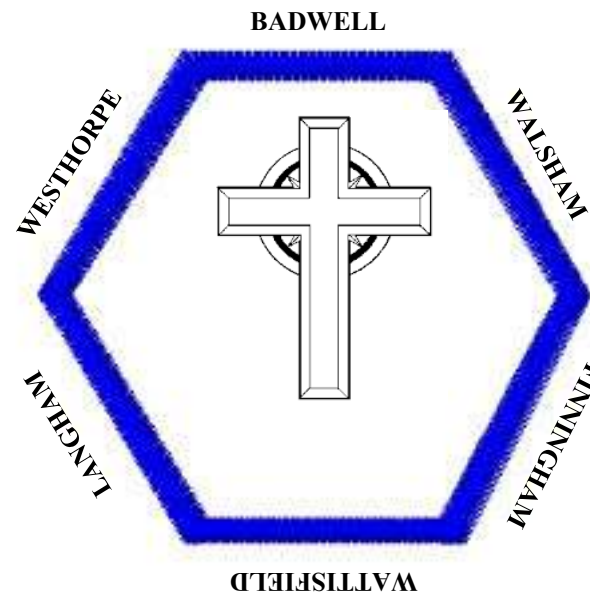
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HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

There is a line in C.S. Lewis' book, 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe,' when Lucy enters the land of Narnia, and it is always winter there. Always snowing, always cold, always frozen, always. Despite our grumbles from time to time with our own weather patterns here in the UK, the reality is to know how blessed we are to have such variety within four variable seasons; and besides how else would we initiate our early morning conversations with one another?!

By the time you read this we will be entering April; a month described by T.S.Eliot in the opening line of his celebrated poem 'The Wasteland,' as 'the cruellest month.' April is the land on the other side of an early Easter, and Spring will have officially arrived, and hopefully will be showing signs in our gardens, hedgerows and fields to that effect. During the month of April, on the 23rd, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of the nations' Patron Saint; Saint George. George was by all accounts a Palestinian Christian soldier in the Roman army, probably an Officer, martyred because of his faith, in the year 304, during a sustained period of persecution against the early Church. Over the centuries he has come to personify the ideals of Christian chivalry; the expression 'my knight in shining armour,' is mainly derived from him. During the 14th century, King Edward III made George our Patron Saint, and upon his feast day a service is held in his memory at St Georges Chapel in Windsor. It was in 1940 that George VI initiated a medal, The George Cross, to be awarded to civilians who put their lives at risk for others.

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As we once again enjoy the verdant signs of Spring around us, we can be reassured by the hope of new life. Whatever difficulties or struggles we have experienced or are facing, we have the promise of grace for today and hope for tomorrow through God's love for us all. As we journey through this season of Easter, rebirth and beyond I wish you every blessing.

Philip

DEANERY ASCENSION DAY SERVICE

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Philip

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WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS

Saturday 7th April @7.30pm. Wallingford Parish Church Choir concert at St Mary's Church. The choir will perform again on **Sunday 8th April @11am**, during Eucharist Service.

Sunday 10th June, 10am—4pm. ADVANCE NOTICE 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.

WATTISFIELD

Sunday 8th April, 10am-12noon. Village Litter Pick. Starting from village hall. Refreshments afterwards.

WESTHORPE

Tuesday 1st May, 2pm-4pm. Digital Safety: Presentation on how to avoid scams and fraudsters. Westhorpe Village Hall. Free entry.

COMEDY CORNER

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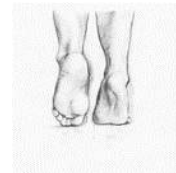
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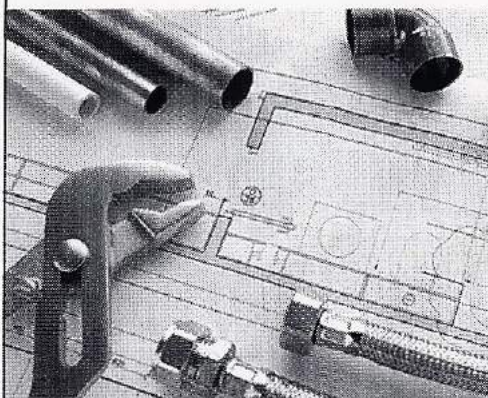


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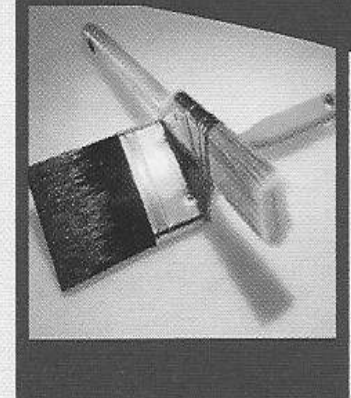
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We will give a concert on **Saturday April 7th at 7.30 pm** in St. Mary's Church. This will be a light and varied evening, including works by composers as diverse as David Ogden, Phillip Ledger and Gabriel Fauré. Our Juniors, who play a full part within the choir, will also perform some of the songs they sing at our monthly Family Services. The concert will be suitable for all. On **Sunday April 8th** we will be singing Choral Eucharist, again in St. Mary's Church, at **11 am**, when we will sing one of the unaccompanied Mass Settings we have used recently in St. Paul's Cathedral and St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

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The Trust's income is divided into three parts all for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish:

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3. The **Village Fund** provides family and personal grants for any kind of assistance, emergency payments, help with transport and heating costs, grants towards village events and many other things which need funding and are of benefit to the parish. If you feel the Trust can help you or your family, an application form is available to download from the village website - www.westhorpe.onesuffolk.net or get in touch with the Secretary – details below.

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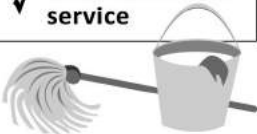
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Walsham le Willows and District WI

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Refreshment time was enlivened by some delicious Valentine's Day goodies baked by Diane; thank you for that Diane, much appreciated. Members Time saw the ladies trying to work out the names of different types of tea in 'Time for a Cuppa?' Denise and the Jill/Pippa combo tied for first place. After the raffle, members departed for home into a very blustery and wet night! At next month's meeting we will welcome Chris Parfitt, who will transport us to the Peak District with his talk. The competition will be for a UK holiday snap shot.

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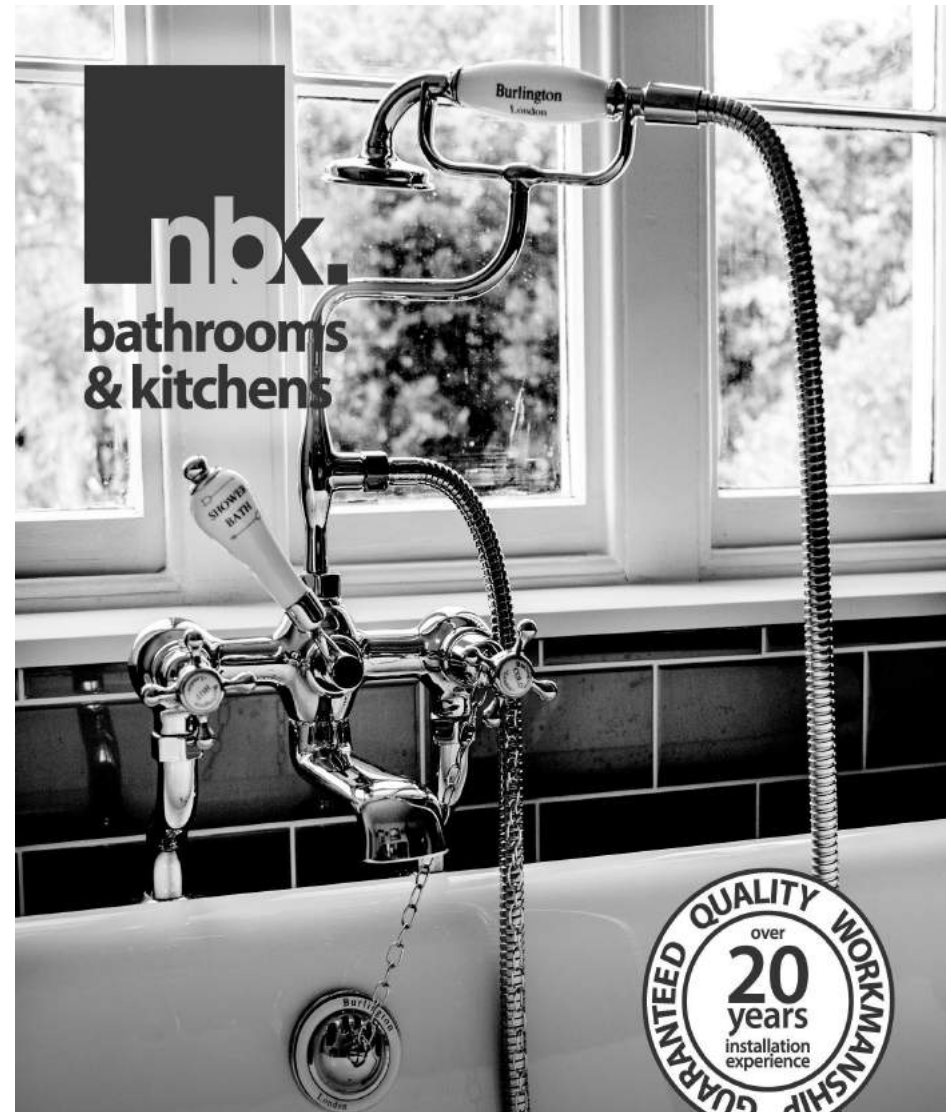
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8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.00am	Easter Breakfast	Wattisfield URC
9.30am	Family Communion	Langham
10.00am	Family Communion	Westhorpe
10.00am	Easter Communion	Wattisfield URC
10.00am	Family Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Family Communion	Wattisfield
8th APRIL	2nd SUNDAY of EASTER	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Benefice Sung Eucharist	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
15th APRIL	3rd SUNDAY of EASTER	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Matins	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
22nd APRIL	4th SUNDAY of EASTER	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
10.30am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
29th APRIL	5th SUNDAY of EASTER	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
10.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
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9.30am	Benefice Communion	Langham
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10th MAY	ASCENSION DAY	
7.00pm	Deanery Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
13th MAY	7th SUNDAY of EASTER	
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20th MAY	PENTECOST	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
10.30am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
27th MAY	TRINITY SUNDAY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
11.00am	Matins	Walsham
11.00am	Morning Worship	Wattisfield URC
6.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
3rd JUNE	1st SUNDAY after TRINITY	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Wattisfield
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield URC

Wednesday Morning Eucharist In the Priory Room at 09.30 followed by Refreshments and Fellowship

April: 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
 May: 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st.

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Vandalism

In recent months, the church has suffered from some petty vandalism. In addition there have been attempts to steal money from The Offertory Box. As a result, the PCC have now renewed the locks on the Offertory Boxes and these are emptied daily. We have also had to put a lock on the outer doors to the South Porch to prevent anyone from gaining access to the porch after the church has been closed. The church will remain open during daylight hours.

These acts of vandalism and theft have been reported to the police but unfortunately they do not have the manpower to deal with these minor crimes.

The PCC has considered installing CCTV to act as a deterrent but both The Diocese and our insurers have warned us against this due to potential legal ramifications.

We would therefore ask anyone to contact our churchwarden, Stephen Rose, 07714 273669 if they see anything suspicious either in the church or churchyard so we can try and prevent any further damage or thefts.

Floodlighting

The PCC is currently considering floodlighting the church. We have thought for some time that our beautiful 800 year old church should be floodlit at night. The catalyst to install this now has been the recent vandalism as lighting the church at night would inevitably act as a deterrent. There are a number of obstacles that have to be overcome before we can proceed including obtaining planning consent and ensuring we do not disturb our resident bat population! But we're confident these can be resolved in readiness for the darker nights at the end of this year.

If anyone would like to help us make this happen in funding this project would they contact either Stephen Rose, our Churchwarden, 07714 273669, email sjrose surfacing@btinternet.com or Howard Newman, PCC Treasurer, 07770 400349 howard@hanasos.co.uk.

Upcoming Dates for your Diary....

Table Top Sale, St. Mary's Church

Saturday 21st April

Annual Art Exhibition

26th/27th May

All proceeds to go towards St. Mary's Church Restoration Fund.
See Posters for details