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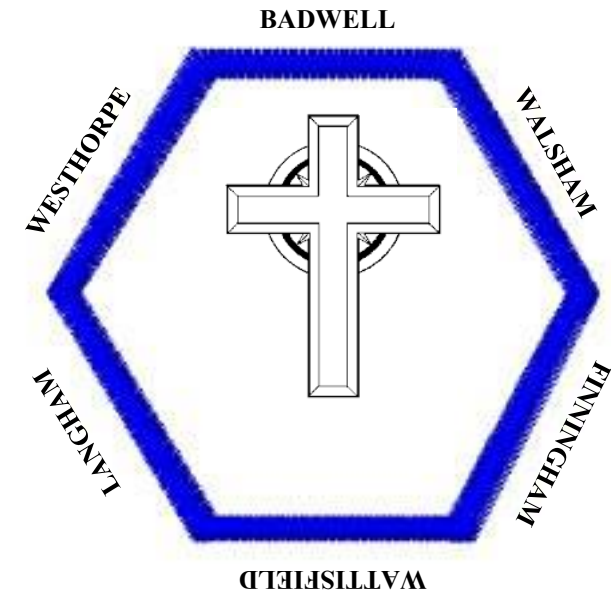
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October- November 2020

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FROM THE RECTORY

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Due to restrictions in numbers allowed to attend church services, and the ban upon singing, our Harvest Festival celebrations as we traditionally know them have largely been put on hold for this year. This has sadly included the postponement of the Walsham School church service; but I am pleased to be able to hold Harvest Thanksgiving within the school.

Some form of Harvest Thanksgiving has surely been celebrated ever since human beings first planted seeds, cut the heads of grain and stored them to use through times of scarcity. Even in the secular world of the 21st century, Harvest Festivals come close to Christmas and Easter as the most popular time for attending church.

However, Harvest Thanksgiving Services as we know them today are a relatively modern addition to the church calendar. Their origins are traced back to the adaption in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Reverend Robert Hawker, known as 'Parson Hawker,' a somewhat eccentric Priest in the Parish of Morwenstow in Cornwall. A deeply compassionate man whose cliff top hut in which he wrote poetry is now the smallest property in the National Trust portfolio. It was he who determined that Harvest should be celebrated on October 1st each year, as a time to be grateful for all the gifts of God's creation.

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Parson Hawker died in 1875, having become a Roman Catholic upon his deathbed. He was buried in Plymouth, where at his funeral the mourners wore purple instead of the traditional Victorian black.

During the Victorian era Harvest Festival Services became more popular, with harvest hymns being written such as 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter,' along with others introduced from the Dutch and Germans.

Most people no longer have any direct links with farming as they did in Parson Hawkers time, and folk memory may well be fading of the communal importance of local harvests. However, the agricultural heritage is still strong in rural England, and we very much appreciate the hard work and dedication of farmers, their employees, along with all who are engaged in the food chain to bring the meals to our tables.

And yet whether we declare ourselves Christian or of no faith, Harvest affords us the time to reflect upon those who are going hungry and for whom eating a meal may so often be a luxury. We remember our brothers and sisters in poorer countries for whom the success or failure of the harvest really is the difference between life and death. For all generations a reminder is also appropriate of the basic humble elements of soil, water and grain upon which we all depend.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all the wonderful gifts of creation and to reconnect with our place as stewards of that creation.

Philip
Benefice Rector



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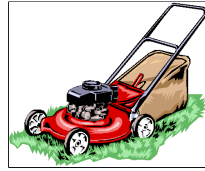
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Weddings

Connor Leonard Rogers/Indianna Kerry 4th July 2020 Walsham
Adam Karl Miller / Mikayla Felicity Good 18th July 2020 Badwell Ash

Funerals

Colin James Brown	27 th May 2020	Walsham	Cremation
Florence Louisa May Game	1 st June 2020	Westhorpe	Cremation
Cyril Arthur Noel Matthews	8 th July 2020	Westhorpe	Cremation
Derrick Pitt	23 rd July 2020	Walsham	Burial of Ashes
Jean Ellen Goodwin	28 th July 2020	Badwell Ash	Burial
Colin James Brown	29 th July 2020	Walsham	Burial of Ashes
Maureen Sarah Brown	29 th July 2020	Walsham	Burial of Ashes
Noel Roy Hubbard	5 th August 2020	Walsham	Burial of Ashes
Ann Austin	6 th August 2020	Walsham	Burial
Terrence Charles Clancy	15 th August 2020	Walsham	Burial of Ashes
Rosemary Stevens	20 th August 2020	Badwell Ash	Burial
David Bell	24 th August 2020	Finningham	Burial of Ashes

ALL SOULS SERVICE

The annual service to commemorate those who have died will take place in Walsham Church at 7.00pm on Monday 2nd November. If you are not attending but would still like a candle lit and names read out please do let me know.

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At the time of writing numbers permitted to gather in churches for services are still very much limited with no singing allowed. As such, Remembrance Sunday Services on November 8th this year may have to be restricted to Acts of Remembrance around the respective War Memorials. Information will be placed on church notice-boards nearer the time.

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Due to the current climate the Macmillan Coffee morning that usually takes place in September has now been rescheduled for March 2021 when hopefully we will be in a better position for it to be well supported.

Further details will be published nearer the date.

Many thanks. Jeannie Bloomfield



Walsham Le Willows 200 Club

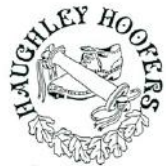
Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 200 club.

The remaining monies will be distributed as follows.

The Church
The school
The local food bank.

There will be three draws details of which will be published in the December edition of the Hexagon.

Keep safe. Jeannie Bloomfield.



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Our practice season has now finished and because of Covid -19 we have had to cancel all events for the summer. Depending on health advice, we hope to start our practice sessions again in September/October on Sunday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in Haughley Village Hall, near Stowmarket.

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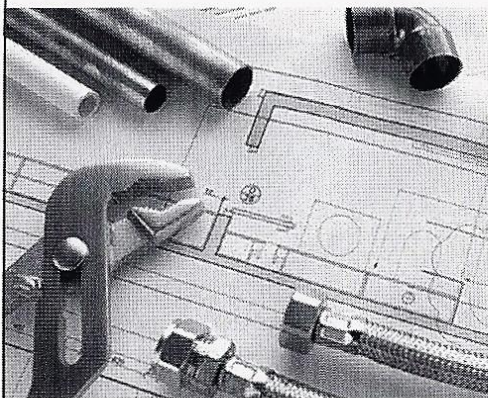
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The committee sends you all best wishes to keep safe and well and

We are really looking forward to being able to get back together again.

Hymn Quiz

How many hymns can you find from just their first and last words, without looking in a hymnbook? Choruses and 'floating' alleluias not included.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Now evermore | 2. Unto asunder |
| 3. God plain | 4. Love praise |
| 5. Be all | 6. Lord Lord |
| 7. Christ run | 8. Amazing begun |
| 9. When all | 10. All light |
| 11. O home | 12. And own |
| 13. God beauty | 14. Christ love |
| 15. Morning day | 16. Great beside! |
| 17. Angel thee | 18. In heart |
| 19. All thee | 20. Guide thee |

Benefice Services October / November 2020

4th October	17th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
7th October	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11th October	18th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
18th October	St Luke	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
21st October	Wednesday	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
25th October	Bible Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
1st November	All Saints Day	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe

Benefice Services November 2020

2nd November	All Souls Day	
7.00pm	Remembering the Departed	Walsham

Wattisfield URC services October / November 2020

Date	Time	Service details
October 4th	11am	Harvest Thanksgiving & Gift Day
Wed 7 th	7.15pm	Short service and auction of harvest produce for the Food Bank
11 th	11am	Holy Communion
18 th	11am	To be confirmed
25 th	10.45am	Service at Diss URC No service at Wattisfield
November 1st	11am	Holy Communion
8 th	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday service at St Margaret's No service at URC
15 th	11am	Morning worship
22 nd	11am	To be confirmed
29 th	11am	To be confirmed
December 6th	11am	Holy Communion

The posters on the 2 notice boards – outside St Margaret's and the URC – are kept up to date for anyone who might want to know what's happening on any of the To Be Confirmed dates.

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Following the success of this the WI Committee have managed to meet, also 'al fresco', distanced and clutching masks, to make plans for a further similar social meeting, which will hopefully take place on Wednesday 9th September 7.30pm in Walsham Church. This will be socially distanced but sadly without refreshments. The WI Committee hope to consult the membership over the thorny issue of holding an Annual Meeting and the shape of an alternative programme of activities to replace those lost to corona virus regulations.

Meanwhile all WI members are staying in touch with The Hive, the on-line fortnightly WI magazine, which covers all that is going on around West Suffolk and covers concerns and campaign news of national affairs.

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TO DIG OR NOT TO DIG?... that is the question...

Suddenly it feels very autumnal at the allotments – the mornings are cool, with a heavy dew and we have our annual delivery of manure from a local farmer. Farmers clear their cow sheds out at the start of autumn, ready for the beef herd to come into for the winter. Allotment holders are busy squirrelling away their allotted portion of the magic muck that promises to add food to the soil for future bountiful harvests next year.

Each year I wonder – shall I dig the manure in? or shall I leave it on the soil surface and let the worms and winter rains wash it in? Do I even want to add manure to my plot? I am vegetarian after all! There are other ways of improving your soil after all – that may be easier such as sowing a ‘green manure’ crop.

Digging your soil in the autumn is the traditional method of growing vegetables, the benefits include it allows the frost to break up heavy compacted soils, and expose any pests to be killed off over the winter; it allows you to add organic matter and nutrients at root depth and remove perennial weeds as you dig. Our heavy clay soil responds well to the manure, helping to break up the heaviness.

But there are disadvantages of digging the soil – it damages the microbial life that exists in the soil that helps plants to grow, it causes a release of carbon into the atmosphere which we are all trying to reduce; the soil is left open to leaching by the heavy winter rain, so a loss of nutrients and also practically speaking its jolly hard work.

The no dig method of growing has been championed by Charles Dowding for many years now and is now becoming accepted. His accurate recording of harvest weights of a no dig plot versus a dug plot does show it produces as good as and sometime far better results.

The principle is that crops are grown without digging or forking the soil. The soil is mulched well with homemade compost, that feeds the crops, keeps them moist, and reduces weeds, while the soil is undisturbed allowing the microbial life to thrive. Since the soil is not repeatedly turned over each year there is less weed seed germination and the lack of large clods of soil that may harbour slugs.

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Good autumn green manures include Grazing Rye (a cereal crop) this will grow quickly in the warm autumn soil and then can be dug into the soil in the spring. The plant material rots down quickly and helps improve the soil structure and fertility.

As I ponder on the to dig or not to dig question I remember I quite like a bit of digging – there is something about turning over the warm autumn soil and seeing the life within, pulling out that thread of bind weed or bootlace of horsetail root and fooling yourself that you won't see it again next year. If my chickens are out they help with their scratching to eat up any pests and of course taking one of two large worms too. So I will undoubtedly will do to a bit of both – dig some areas and leave others, sow a green manure crop somewhere, after all the allotment is big enough to try different techniques.

There is also plenty to be sowing and planting at this time of year – autumn onion sets, broad beans and garlic into November time. The poly tunnel is still producing tomatoes and cucumbers and I have set some winter lettuce and purslane.

Hymn Quiz answers

1. Now thank we all our God
2. Unto us a boy is born
3. God moves in a mysterious way
4. Love divine
5. Be thou my vision
6. Lord Jesus Christ
7. Christ is made the sure foundation
8. Amazing grace
9. When I survey
10. All creatures of our God and king
11. O God our help in ages past
12. And can it be
13. God is love, his the care
14. Christ the lord is risen today!
15. Morning has broken
16. Great is thy faithfulness
17. Angel voices ever singing
18. In the bleak mid winter
19. All for Jesus
20. Guide me, O thou great redeemer

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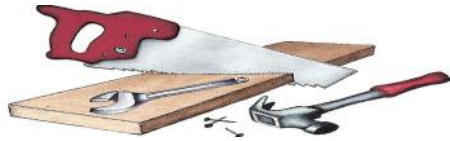
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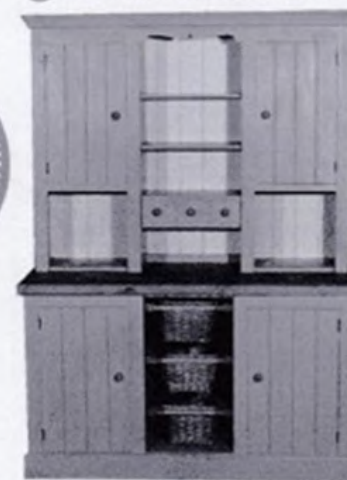
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