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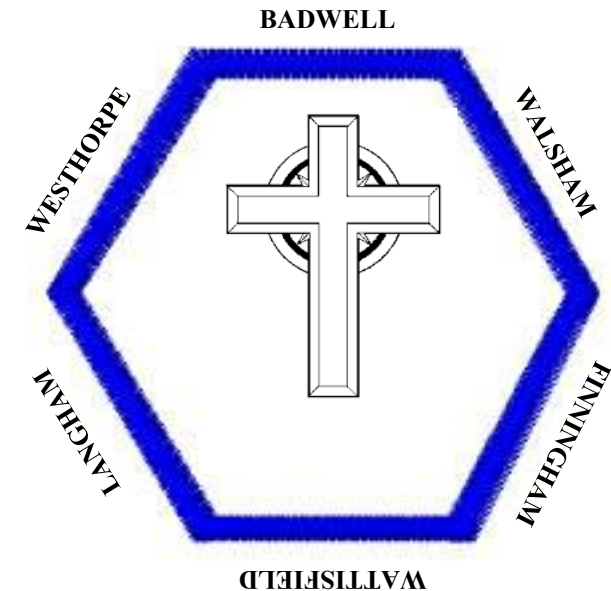
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## **REMEMBRANCE**

As we move through this Season of autumn, and the newly established 'season of creation,' (1<sup>st</sup> September-4<sup>th</sup> October), we enter the rather more poignant month of November. A month for remembering relatives and friends upon All Souls Day (2<sup>nd</sup> November), along with those who have died through past and present conflicts.

Remembrance Sunday draws human beings together in a way which is almost unique. Young and old gather together to remember and reflect, allowing some aspect of the reality of war to touch their senses. Some may have new or not so new memories of active service. Some will carry in their heart the memory of a loved one who made the ultimate sacrifice. For some it may be a personal memory, for many of us an inherited memory passed on from one generation to another.

For countless numbers of people in the world today war is not something to remember from the past, but a present reality. It is always a sad reflection that there has probably never been a time in the history of humankind when war or conflict of some degree has not existed somewhere in the world.

The First World War was labelled by many, including the President of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, as the war to end all wars. Perhaps with that in mind, found in the diary of a young private from the war were the words; 'Surely this is the last war that will ever be between civilised nations.' Sadly, all were wrong, and as I write this article there are more than forty armed struggles taking place somewhere in the world today. Some are familiar to us, some are the forgotten wars. There may be casualties of thousands or far less, but however many the toll, everybody is some mother's son or daughter.

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Even the Bible records much violence, many wars and countless deaths. Jesus Himself was born into an occupied country, both living and dying there.

Whenever there is a war, we are hopeful that it will be the last, that there will be no more conflict; but we are not free from war. Remembrance Sunday affords us the opportunity to acknowledge that. At the same time Remembrance Sunday is a time to thank God for the freedom we enjoy in this nation of ours, because of the laying down of life by so many for this and many other countries, and to pray for peace. It is important that we remind ourselves of the dreadful cost of war if we ever to live in peace.

I pray that God will grant us all peace, and that those who have laid down their lives will be raised in glory with all of us who remember them on Remembrance Sunday.

Philip  
Benefice Priest





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## FROM THE REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS

Vogue Mabel Coward	18/7/21	Walsham
Hudson Arthur Hubbard	28/8/21	Finningham

### WEDDINGS

#### 17/7/21

Tyler Michael Smart / Laura Louise Swain	Langham
Thomas Benjamin James Hooper / Gemma Louise Holt	Finningham
Charles Henry Bullock / Sophie Ellen Titheridge-Stone	Walsham

24/07/21

Angus Henry Hawkins / Anne Laura Dunncliffe	Walsham
31/7/21	

Donald James Messenger / Katherine Mary Meyer	Walsham
5/8/21	

Patrick Michael English / Emma Claire Hughes	Wattisfield
7/8/21	

Elliot Allon Blenkhorn / Stephanie Mary Terry	Walsham
14/8/21	

Edward Charles West / Rebecca Margaret Hare	Walsham
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### FUNERALS

Alfred George Hardwick	10/7/21	Burial of Ashes	Finningham
Barbara Alice Ethel Wright	20/7/21	Burial	Walsham
Margaret Rhona Hardwick	21/8/21	Burial of Ashes	Finningham
Mary Elizabeth Parr	24/8/21	Burial of Ashes	Walsham





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Freddie Montgomery who for many years has been a much appreciated and dedicated 'READER' within the life of our churches, has now stepped down from active service and has been awarded by the Bishop of Dunwich the title of Reader Emeritus in recognition of past service within our Diocese; many congratulations to Freddie. Freddie has been a Licenced reader since 1990, and so has earned a 'retirement.'

After many years of active Church service across our Benefice, and especially the Parish of Walsham le Willows, Janet Kerridge has stepped aside from the day to day activities. As well as many years on the Parochial Church Council as both a Secretary and a Church Warden, Janet had been a Church Elder since 1994. Both our Bishops of Ipswich and Dunwich have sent Janet a well deserved 'Long Service Award' in recognition of her services; many congratulations Janet, who retains her place upon the PCC.

**ALL SOULS DAY**

There will be a service at 7.00pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in St Mary's Church Walsham to remember the departed. This will take the form of a short simple Said service of Compline during which the congregation are warmly invited to light candles in memory of family and friends no longer with us. Names of the departed will be read out and whether or not you wish to attend the service you are welcome to pass on names to me, and I will have them read during the service. Refreshments will follow.

Philip Benefice Priest



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## REMEMBRANCE

There will be an Act of Remembrance by the War Memorial outside St Mary's Church Walsham at 10.50am on Remembrance Day Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

On **Remembrance Sunday** 14<sup>th</sup> November the following Worship will take place across the Benefice:

Badwell Ash **10.15am** Service in Church followed by Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Finningham **10.50am** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Walsham **10.50am** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Service in Church and refreshments

Wattisfield **10.50am** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by Service in St Margaret's Church and refreshments; a combined service with the **United Reform Church**.



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## STIR-UP SUNDAY and CHRIST the KING SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER

There will be an **ALL-AGE** service in Badwell Ash Church at 9.30am to celebrate Christ the King and remember the tradition of 'Stir- up Sunday.' This is a very informal service when Christ the King Crowns can be made, along with Advent calendars and the traditional Christmas Pudding will be stirred. There will be informal worship, refreshments and Christian Fellowship. **ALL-AGES** are warmly welcome.

### ADVENT SUNDAY – November 28<sup>th</sup>

St Mary's Church Walsham will be hosting an **Advent Sunday** Songs of Praise/Carol Service at 11.00am, all are very welcome. I am sure this will be popular with all who enjoy singing. The hymns will largely be Advent Carols. Refreshments will follow.

### COMPLINE SERVICE – November 28<sup>th</sup>

There will be a service of Compline at 7.00pm in St Bartholomew's Church Finningham on Advent Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 7.00pm. Compline is a quieter, short, more reflective, traditional, contemplative service with its origins in the Monastic tradition of the 7<sup>th</sup> Century. During the month of December, leading up to Christmas, further Compline Services will be held across the Benefice, details will follow in the next magazine and on the church notice-boards.

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SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2.00pm – 5.00pm**

To celebrate the Season of Advent and Christmas, the Christmas Tree lights will be turned on in the churchyard on the afternoon of **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December** when it is hoped that the Walsham 'male voice choir', (and any others who wish to sing), will be present, along with Walsham School choir to entertain us with Seasonal Carols.

It is intended that this year's event will be held both inside the church and extending to the pathways of the churchyard; it is to be hoped that on offer will be **art** work on display in the church, along with tea and coffee, a Christmas Tombola stall, Christmas merchandise, music inside and outside the church, mulled wine, pizza oven, raffle, organ music, the ringing of the church bells along with all things Seasonal.

Any donations of Seasonal preserves, jams would be very much appreciated as would donations towards the raffle.

**FINNINGHAM CHURCH – BIBLE STUDY**

There will be a Bible Study held in Finningham Church on Mondays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm -3pm; all are very welcome.





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### OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL MONTH Encourage people to get out of cars and reduce air pollution by walking to school during October.

1st WORLD VEGETARIAN DAY A time to explore meat free meals.

4th WORLD ANIMAL DAY To raise the status of animals in order to improve welfare standards around the globe. Through increased awareness and education, we can create a world where animals are always recognised as sentient beings and full regards is always paid to their welfare. <https://www.worldanimalday.org.uk/>

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### NOVEMBER

WORLD VEGAN MONTH Celebrated around the world as a time to recognise how far the vegan movement has come, to highlight how accessible and beneficial a vegan lifestyle is and to encourage the sharing of veganism advice, recipes and ideas. <https://www.vegansociety.com/take-action/campaigns/world-vegan-day-month>

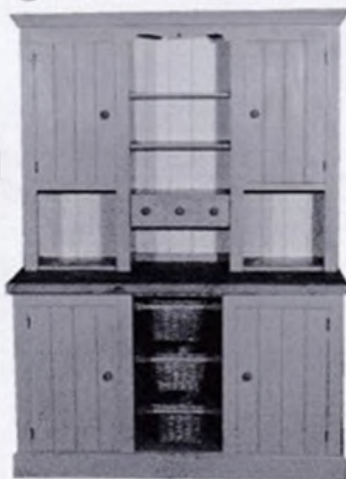
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	10 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion
	17 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning worship
	24 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning worship – Revd Pat Atkinson from the Vidiyal Trust
	31 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Morning worship
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion
	14 <sup>th</sup>	11am	United service at St Margaret's for Remembrance Sunday No service at the URC
	21 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Morning worship
	28 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning worship
<b>DECEMBER</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion

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Bells are hung in scale (weight order) usually clockwise. The lightest, No1 always known as the treble, to the heaviest, the tenor. Walsham has 6 bells therefore, treble 2, 3, 4, 5, tenor. Badwell Ash 5 bells, Wattisfield 5 bells, Finningham 3 bells, (the tenor dated 1350) have been retired to chiming (just this year) and Westhorpe 5 bells, to silence, (70 years ago). Each because of an old weak frame.

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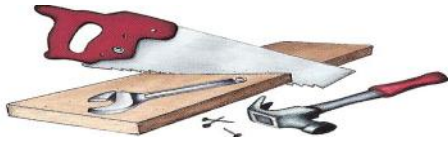
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4. Who scored a century and took 10 wickets in a 1980 Test Match in England?
5. In the eighties, who partnered Jayne on ice?
6. What was applied to vehicles in London for the first time in 1983?
7. In which soap did Kevin and Sally split up?
8. Who played 'Mr Bean'?
9. Who succeeded George Washington as US President?
10. Jesus brought Lazarus back to full health. What was wrong with him?
11. Which doll has recently celebrated her 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday?
12. Which escaped animals in Wiltshire became celebrities?
13. Which Royal suffered a mild stroke while on holiday in Mustique?
14. Which twin brothers became notorious London gangsters (full names please!)?
15. Who wrote the 'Noddy' books?
16. What kind of ship is a Zeppelin?
17. Which is the largest of the United States?
18. What is the county town of Devon?
19. In which Shakespeare play does Lancelot Gobbo appear?
20. What type of animal is a duiker?



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As the summer comes to an end, at last the tomatoes are ripening thick and fast. No blight on them as yet (unlike the potatoes that were cut to the ground in mid-July to stop the blight infecting the potatoes). The harvest was quite big thanks to the wet June we had.

Sweet corn (a variety called Picasso) was the best harvest I have had for a few years. Picasso is unusual in that the leaves have a red tinge to them so give colour to the allotment too.

It has also been the year of the cucumber - outside and inside varieties. Red spider mite was still visible in the poly tunnel but the plants are still in full swing of growth and cropping well so the biological control mites must be helping.

I sowed 2 rows of French beans in mid-July, the soil was warm and moist and they romped away – far better than an earlier sowing. They are in full flower now – fingers crossed this late summer weather will help them fill their pods.

The strawberry harvest was the best for 3 years. I have already planted another bed last year so hopefully this will have a good harvest next year.

I cut back the old strawberry leaves after the harvest – to remove diseased leaves and old fruits, the plants do look really healthy now. I have also given my blackcurrants a good summer prune – removing old fruiting stems that are very woody to encourage new younger stems - these fruit the best.

Apples are looking good this autumn – late this year to ripen and no real wasp damage so far, with Discovery just ripening now. Katy is pretty in pink – small and sweet. My favourite is Spartan – Snow White's apple, a deep wine red – and stay on the tree well into autumn. This tends to fruit well every other year.

The rhubarb crown I lifted and divided and planted in a new bed has not survived – so I will add this to my list of plants to source over the winter and plant out new stock in early spring. New summer raspberry plants will be ordered too.



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The 3 compost bays have gone through a rotation with one now full, covered and left to compost, one has been emptied and put over beds and used as a mulch in the poly tunnel, and one turned to activate it once again - this one will be ready in the spring. No sign of any rats in the compost thankfully.

Looking ahead to autumn planting, onions, garlic and broad beans can be planted in September through to November. Onion sets planted in September will be ready in May giving an early harvest. The garden centres are waiting for the delivery of these crops however (is it the lorry driver shortage?) - so we may miss the window to plant in the autumn.

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9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Harvest Festival/Songs of Praise	Walsham
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Last after Trinity/Bible Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>All Saints</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>All Souls</b>	
7.00pm	Compline/Remembering the Departed	Walsham
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Before Advent</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham

*Benefice Services November / December 2021*

<b>7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Before Advent</b>	
3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
10.15am	Remembrance Service	Badwell Ash
10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Finningham
10.50am	Remembrance Service	Walsham
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10.50am	Act of Remembrance	Westhorpe
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	
9.30am	Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Christ the King Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Stir-up Sunday Workshop/Worship	Badwell Ash
<b>28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Advent Sunday</b>	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Advent Songs of Praise	Walsham
7.00pm	Compline	Finningham
<b>5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent</b>	
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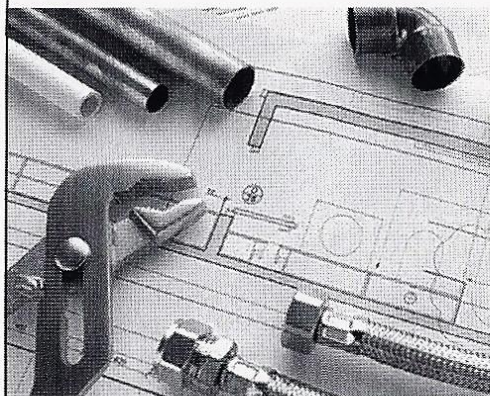


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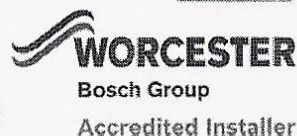
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- 1.1<sup>st</sup> November
2. Yvonne Fletcher
3. The Revelation of St John the Divine
4. Ian Botham
5. Christopher (Dean)
6. Wheel clamps
7. Coronation Street
8. Rowan Atkinson
9. John Adams
10. He was dead!
11. Barbie
12. Tamworth pigs
13. Princess Margaret
14. Ronnie & Reggie Kray
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16. An airship
17. Alaska
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In that same year he was married to Eliza Jane Johnston, also from Dublin, and the following McNaught children were subsequently baptised in St Mary's Walsham: Evelyn (1885), Frederick Clement (1886), Eileen (1888), Gerald (1891), Patricia (1893), and Jean (1895). Dr McNaught and his family lived at *The Beeches*, just as many doctors had done before them. He was still practising from there in 1892. At some stage he rented The Elms, Four Ashes, perhaps to house his growing family. The children attended school in Walsham.

The McNaughts left Walsham in 1895 and he went to work among the poor in the East End of London. He lived at number 203, Roman Road, Bow. The Walsham Medical Practice, which by now included Hepworth, was passed to Dr Alban Butler, also from Ireland (indeed, by some coincidence, from Bray, County Wicklow – my home town).

Dr MacNaught died in Brighton, Sussex in November 1899 aged 42, leaving, according to the Probate records, an Estate of £298. Eliza, his wife, appears in the 1901 census as a Lodging House Keeper, with her six children under the age of 15, at 188 Eastern Road, Brighton, across from the hospital. She died in Battersea, London in March 1915.

Their eldest son, Frederick Clement took an Engineering degree at University College, London in 1907. He obtained employment as a naval ordnance draughtsman in Coventry. In September 1915 Lt Frederick Clement MacNaught (29), of the Royal Engineers, was reported killed in action in Belgium. This was shortly after the date of his mother's death. Although he was born in Walsham and had his initial education there his name does not appear on the Walsham War Memorial, but his death is listed in the official Irish Memorial Records 1914-1918.

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Members were asked to note a couple of dates: September 23<sup>rd</sup> the MacMillan Coffee morning to be run by the Community Council in the Memorial Village Hall. Offers of cakes and to help on behalf of the WI, please. On the 26<sup>th</sup> September at the Pop-up Shop in the Village Hall there will be a WI Climate Café aiming to highlight the WI's membership of the 'Climate Coalition' during the national Big Green Week. This voices concern at the need for global action on climate change now.

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