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Should you have specific requests for prayer, please contact Rev Ian (01473 659875) or Rev Sarah (01394 448936) who are continuing a ministry of daily prayer throughout this difficult time.

We are pleased to say that there is now a Facebook page set up for the Benefice. You can find it under here: <u>The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice</u>



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The Reverend Canon Ian Wilson

Christmas Good News.

By the time you read this, we will have been released from the second lockdown and, despite being placed in Tier 2 restrictions, that is such good news as this will mean that our churches will once again be able to hold services in church on Sundays. It will also mean that we will be able to hold some Christmas Services. However, we still do not know whether any of the previous restrictions on Sunday worship will be eased. It seems very unlikely as the virus has not yet been eradicated and the evidence is that the virus is mostly spread when people gather together inside an enclosed building. The implications of this are that the numbers allowed in church will continue to be limited because of social distancing; that people will have to book a place at the services; that everyone will have to wear face coverings in church; that hands should be gelled on arrival at the church and that singing will not be allowed. Even so, we will still have very meaningful acts of worship and my plan is to ensure that on 20th December every church in the benefice will have a 6.30pm service of Christmas readings and music. As this will take place in all eight churches there will be enough places across the benefice for 170 people to attend this service. Of course, this will be nowhere near the number of people who would usually attend these services but, given the circumstance, this is still a considerable achievement. In addition to this, there will be a number of services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day but, again, the numbers attending these services will be very limited. However, whether you are able to attend a church service or not over Christmas, everyone will be able to join in as the services, together with any sermons, will be published in good time via email, by post or via our Facebook page. The advent of computer technology and social media has meant that we have been able to keep everyone connected. Our Facebook page reached over 1,000 people in the last four weeks. Also, although I don't have the exact figure, I am certain that our email distributions must be in the 100s. In fact, due to the connection of family and friends, our resources have been shared right across the country.

Of course, the real Good News of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. It is Good News because through his birth we can see what God is like. God is not distanced from our everyday lives. Rather, he is here among us. He is one of us. And what the birth, the life, the death and the resurrection of Jesus demonstrates is that God loves each one of us and that he is here for us, no matter what. That is the Good News we celebrate at Christmas and whether we are able to be in church over Christmas or not, because of the resources we will be publishing, we will all, once again, hear the Good News of the angel's message to the poor shepherds;

'Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; You will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger'. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will among people'.

Luke 2.10-14.

With every blessing, lan.

The last edition of the Magazine

As this is the final edition of the Magazine, I would like to express my gratitude to everyone who has contributed to its publication; those who have provided articles; our editors (a very important role that is often overlooked as they make it look so easy when, in fact, it takes hours of work to proofread and format the layout); those who have encouraged advertisers to purchase space in the Magazine (not an easy task); our printer; those who have ensured that it is delivered (I wonder how many miles were walked over the years by those who were pushing the magazines through our letter boxes?) and, of course, you the readers. The Magazine has been a tangible part of the life in our villages for many years and my prayer is that the resources that will now replace this will be just as successful.

Thank you all once again.

Proposed Services in December

At the time of publication, the Church of England and the Government are deciding what acts of collective worship will be permitted during the Christmas period. As announcements are made, the news will be distributed via the weekly newsletter, via email and via Facebook.

Music for Morning Prayer

Dorrie Giles and Malcolm Gee of St Martin Nacton, have been putting together, each week, a list of hymns that link with the Morning Prayer service that Rev Ian is recording and distributing by email. If you would like Dorrie to add you to her circulation list for the hymns, please let her have your email address at <u>dorrie.giles@btinternet.com</u> Our thanks to Dorrie and Malcolm.



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Amen.

Growing in God



Prayer requests

Should you have specific requests for prayer, please contact Rev Ian (01473 659875) or Rev Sarah (01394 448936) who are continuing a ministry of daily prayer throughout this difficult time.

We are pleased to say that we now have a Facebook page under "The Orwell and Deben Rural Benefice".

If you know someone who cannot access this Newsletter by email and would appreciate a printed copy, please let Rev Sarah have their address (with their permission) who will post a copy.

Mothers' Union Blue Christmas Service

Mothers' Union members in Suffolk have recorded their 'Blue Christmas Service' so that it might be shared with those who would otherwise not be able or feel safe to come to church this Christmas.

The service can be viewed from their website, <u>www.musuffolk.org.uk</u> from 5pm, Monday 21st December, which is when the longest night of the year begins. The service will remain on the website until December 31st.

Diocesan news



There are many resources available on our website to help you plan Christmas 2020 please visit our new page <u>here</u>. A few highlights are detailed below.

Reflections: Nine Lessons and Carols for Christmas for each day from Christmas Day to 2 January features contributions from Kate Bottley,

Jonathan Bryan, Bob Chilcott, Martha Collison, Stephen Cottrell, Guli Francis-Dehqani, Chine McDonald, Sally Phillips and Justin Welby. Sign up <u>here</u>. Join Lightwave for **Doorstep Carols on** Wednesday 16 December 6.00-7.00pm - Parishes are warmly invited to organise carol singing on doorsteps across the county this Christmas to spread some much needed cheer and raise funds for local charities with the help of Radio Suffolk. Tune in to Radio Suffolk at Ipswich - 103.9 FM | West Suffolk - 104.6 FM | Lowestoft - 95.5 FM | Aldeburgh - 95.5 FM. This is on DAB and also on <u>BBC Sounds</u>. <u>www.light-wave.org.uk</u>.

On Christmas Eve in East Bergholt Comfort and Joy will be bought to the village with a **procession of 15 floats and two Nazarenes with a donkey**. The Churchyard will be decorated with lights, a star and a Nativity scene in the porch. The project also includes a donkey trail as 15 small donkeys, kindly made by East Bergholt High School, take up their positions in the village.

Would you like to follow the **'Footsteps through Advent'** with Barrow Benefice? Artworks are being installed in Barrow and Risby, one for each day from 1 December to Christmas Eve, including a nativity scene produced by local school children. The project was supported by funding from the Diocese Growth Fund. Further information is available on <u>www.barrowbenefice.org.uk</u>.

Advent

Each day at 2.00pm, you can open a door of the **musical Advent Calendar<u>here</u>**. A range of seasonal music awaits, including organ and choral recitals.

'Christmas will be different this year, like it or not, but it doesn't have to be without comfort and joy,' comments the Very Revd Joe Hawes, Dean of St Edmundsbury. 'As we move through Advent, let's focus on the comfort and joy you can bring to others this year. That might be by standing on the doorstep of your neighbour who you know will be on their own this year, by the shopping trip you make for someone who is vulnerable or by making a donation to your local Foodbank.'

The Last Things - Advent series with Bishop Mike

Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.00pm. By Zoom

This four-part Advent series will look at themes of death, judgement, heaven and hell. Advent has traditionally been a season associated with awaiting Jesus Christ's coming again "in glory to judge the living and the dead". While the traditional scripture readings have preserved this emphasis and with it a focus on the 'last things' - death, judgement, heaven and hell - there has in recent times been little reflection on such themes, with the ever increasing stress on Christmas and preparations for Christmas tending to overshadow Advent. These sessions are ideal for individuals or Advent study groups. Free of charge, but please register for each session on Eventbrite:

> Tuesday 1 December - Death Tuesday 8 December - Hell

Tuesday 15 December - Judgement Tuesday 22 December - Heaven

Foreign Aid

The government has proposed cutting the UK aid budget from 0.7% to 0.5% of Gross National Income (GNI). This would be disastrous for many people in developing countries who are struggling because of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. It is estimated that at least 100 million people worldwide would be pushed back into extreme poverty if this happened.

MPs across seven parties have urged the government to stick to their election pledge and maintain the 0.7% of GNI which goes on foreign aid. Britain is one of the few countries that actually meets the United Nations' 0.7% target. Apart from the humanitarian arguments, the UK's reputation as an aid superpower gives it clout on the world stage. It gets the UK onto international tables where otherwise it might not sit. It is a symbol of soft power and global leadership that is the envy of many nations.

Can we urge you to write to your local MP asking them to support those MPs who are arguing that the aid budget should be maintained? A short, polite letter pointing out the key issues can have an effect. There are countless relevant Biblical references we can quote, but the most telling is from Amos 5:24 'But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.' Thank you.

Richard Stainer and Carol Mansell, World Development Advisers. For further information please visit <u>here</u>.

Coronavirus vaccine volunteer opportunities

Work with NHS colleagues across two counties to enable them to be ready to deliver a COVID-19 vaccination programme. The NHS are seeking great volunteers to work as stewards at local vaccination centres which will be open from 8.00am-8.00pm seven days a week. If you are interested in joining this unique new team please contact us by email <u>epunft.recruitment.covid-19@nhs.net</u> Please see the web page for full details: <u>https://eput.nhs.uk/about-us/working-at-eput/vaccine-recruitment/</u>

Grants available from the WRVS Benevolent Trust

The Trust offers grants for past or present volunteers or staff of Royal Voluntary Service, WRVS or WVS to help during a time of urgent need or crisis, when they find themselves in difficult circumstances which impact badly on their quality of life, health or wellbeing. The Trust considers applications for grants to help them through this difficult time. The Trust does not provide cash grants.

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- Complete an application form (or get someone to do it for you)
- Application forms are available on our website <u>www.wrvsbt.org.uk</u>
- Submit it to the Trust either by email or post (the address is on the form)
- The Trustees meet three times a year, but applications are considered in between meetings so there is no delay in responding to applicants

Tens of thousands of people have volunteered or worked for us over the years, maybe you, maybe your grandparent, parent, aunt, uncle, friend or neighbour. The Trust is here to help eligible applicants. Please help us to spread the word about our grants.

To keep you amused at Christmas

Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. if you know the bible, even a little, you should find this tickles your funny bone!

Children were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following 25 statements about the bible were written by children. They have not been retouched or corrected. incorrect spelling has been left in.

1. In the first book of the bible, Guinness. god got tired of creating the world so he took the sabbath off.

2. Adam and eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.

3. Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but a ball of fire during the night.

4. The jews were a proud people and throughout history they had trouble with unsympathetic genitals.

5. Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.

6. Samson slayed the philistines with the axe of the apostles.

7. Moses led the jews to the red sea where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.

8. The egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to mount cyanide to get the ten commandments.

9. The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.

10. The seventh commandment is thou shalt not admit adultery.

11. Moses died before he ever reached canada then Joshua led the hebrews in the battle of geritol.

12. The greatest miricle in the bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.

13. David was a hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.

14. Solomon, one of Davids sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

15. When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the magna carta.

17. Jesus was born because Mary had an immaculate contraption.

18. St. John the blacksmith dumped water on his head.

19. Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.

20. It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.

21. The people who followed the lord were called the 12 decibels.

22. The epistels were the wives of the apostles.

24. St. Paul cavorted to christianity, he preached holy acrimony, which is another name for marraige.

25. Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.

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