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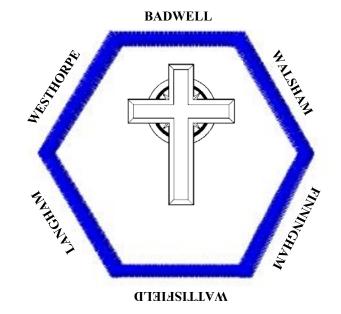
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#### FROM THE RECTORY

A belated Happy New Year to all our readers.

For our Christian churches, the season of Christmas has been left behind, although not forgotten, we are passing through the season of Epiphany and soon will be approaching Lent and preparing for Easter. Being a 'moveable feast' (unlike say Christmas Day), Easter is always somewhere between 27<sup>th</sup> March and 24<sup>th</sup> April, this year Easter Sunday falling on the 9<sup>th</sup> April; please see elsewhere in the Hexagon for service times.

Another commemorative day in the life of the church will shortly be upon us, namely Women's World Day of Prayer, (or more recently known as World Day of Prayer). Always the first Friday in March, our Benefice service will be held in St Mary's Church Walsham le Willows at 2.30pm Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All are welcome, whether male or female.

Each year a different country is chosen as the focus, and this year the service contents have been written by the Christian Women of Taiwan. A country that has for many years been caught in a superpower struggle. Taiwan has been isolated internationally for decades, with only 13 of the 193 United Nation member states, along with the Vatican City/Holy See, prepared to recognise Taiwan as a sovereign country.

China continues to claim Taiwan as its territory, and it thought that the risk of conflict may be at its highest level for decades. The people of Taiwan are in need of our prayers. The theme for this years' service is 'I Have Heard About Your Faith,' taken from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1 verses 15-19.





#### **COMMUNITY YOGA FOR HEALTH**

Walsham Community Yoga on Thursdays in the **Priory Room** from 7.15 to 9.15pm. This will be in adherence to COVID social distancing regulations.

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The World Day of Prayer has been active in Taiwan since 1955, put together by the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). The Constitution in Taiwan protects the basic human right to freedom of religion. Taiwan is regarded as one of the very most religiously diverse countries in the world. The YWCA report that all the denominations coexist peacefully working on their own ministries, with each able to take different positions on various issues.

Due to persecution by the Chinese Communist Party in the 1950s, Christian Churches fled to Taiwan. As a religion Christianity makes up just under 7% of the general population; but has been allowed to contribute significantly to the country's social development, education and medical care.

We thank the Christian women of Taiwan for putting the service contents together, and appropriately themed refreshments will be available after the service.

Philip and Denise

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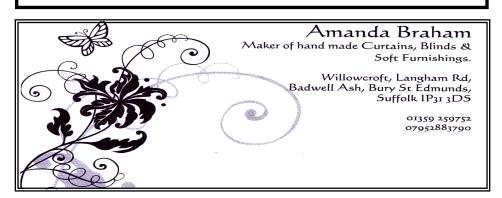


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During Lent there will be a Bible Study held in Finningham church on the Mondays of: 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March and 27<sup>th</sup> March from 2.00pm – 3.00pm.

All warmly welcome.

#### BENEFICE LENT LUNCHES

It is intended that once again there will be Lent Lunches across the Benefice. Further information will be posted on the church noticeboards and please contact me for any queries. Philip

#### **HEXAGON MAGAZINE**

We are very grateful to everyone who helps with the production of the Hexagon. From the people who submit items, those who print over 1600 copies, the collators and everyone who delivers a copy to every house in the benefice. We are always in need of volunteers especially collators on the last Thu of the following months March, May, Jul, Sep, Nov& Jan. Anyone who is able to assist with printing is also very welcome (training will be provided).

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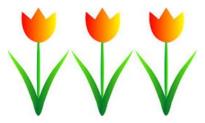
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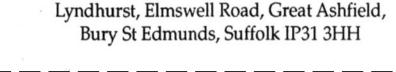
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Standing quietly in the corner was our screen and on it the first showing from our newly acquired high tech projector. Capable of storing all the photos of our activities, we finally have moved on from the magic lantern slides of yesteryear.

After a mammoth raspberry meringue was demolished together with a number of other delights it was entertainment time. Talented members whipped quickly through Charades and Pictionary amid much laughter. A secret vote was taken to choose one resolution from the list of four for debate in Cardiff at the NFWI Annual Meeting in May.

We had begun with our usual Jerusalem and to end we formed a circle for a rousing Auld Lang Syne. Fun and friendship there was a-plenty.

Jill Newell

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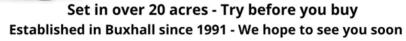


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It's good that you've already raised the issue with your letting agency. Unfortunately, it isn't always easy to work out the cause of mould or damp This can make it difficult to work out if your landlord is responsible, unless there's an obvious cause, like a leaking roof.

There are many causes of damp that properties can get. The most common are rising, penetrating, construction and condensation damp. On our website there is information that may help you work out what type of damp you have, who is responsible and what you can do. Check your tenancy agreement too for mentions of repairs and damp, and reach out to Citizens Advice on anything you're unsure about.

A landlord will have to act in relation to damp if it makes the property unsafe for someone to live in. This could be for example, if it is making the tenant or a member of their family ill. The landlord will also be responsible if the damp is related to repairs they should have carried out, like if heaters are broken. If the damp has damaged items that the landlord is responsible for, such as carpets and window frames, they'll likely have to cover the cost of repairs.

One of the most common causes of damp is condensation. To prevent this, it's important to keep homes well-heated and well-ventilated, but for a lot of people this will be trickier to do given the colder weather and higher heating costs. You may be eligible for help to insulate and heat your home, and should visit our website to find out more.

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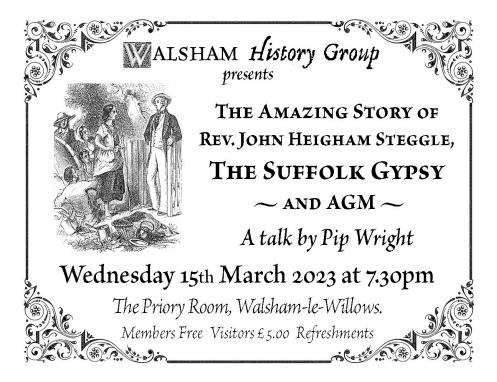
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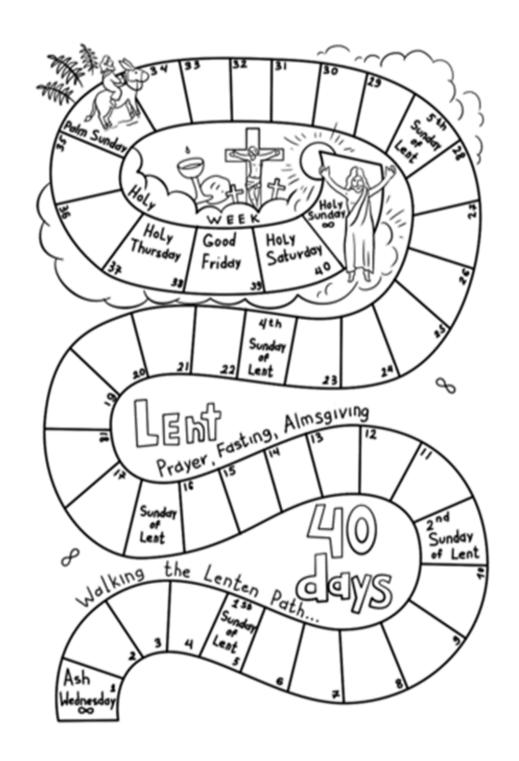
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#### **Social Events Febnuary / March 2023**

Sunday night Bingo 5th & 19th February and 5th and 19th March 7pm start Cheryl's Quiz night Fri 24th February 7.30pm start. Entry £10 per team

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Irish night. Disco with Bertie Bassett. Tickets in advance £5 or £7 on the night. Irish themed food included with admission. Raffle 1<sup>st</sup> prize £500 cash additional prizes. Tickets available from JJs Beautique Walsham or contact Gordon 07790564674

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#### WINTER WARMER – RED PEPPER AND LENTIL SOUP

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1 tsp olive oil
2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 tbsp tomato puree
200g red lentils
2 vegetable stock cubes
Chilli flakes to taste (optional)
Salt and pepper to season



#### **METHOD**

- 1. Put the lentils in a sieve and rinse them under cold water to remove some excess starch.
- 2. Heat the oil in a pan and add the onions. Cook on a low heat until soft and translucent, about 5-10 minutes.
- 3. Stir in the tomato puree until all the onions have been coated, cook for 2 minutes.
- 4. Add the red peppers and lentils.
- 5. Dissolve 2 stock cubes in a litre of hot water add to pan and bring to a boil. Leave the soup to simmer for 20 minutes.
- 6. The soup can be pureed before serving. For a chunky texture only blend half the soup.
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#### **Readings for February**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Isaiah 58: 1-9 Genesis 1: 1- 2: 3

Psalm 112: 1-9 Psalm 136 Romans 8: 18-25 I Corinthians 2: 1-12

Matthew 5: 13-20 Matthew 6: 25-end

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Exodus 24: 12-end Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Psalm 32 Psalm 2

2 Peter 1: 16-end Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 17: 1-9 Matthew 4: 1-11

#### **Readings for March**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Genesis 12: 1-4 Exodus 17: 1-7 Psalm 95 Psalm 121

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42

John 3: 1-17

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Exodus 2: 1-10 Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Psalm 34: 11-20 Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 Romans 8: 6-11

Luke 2: 33-35 John 11: 1-45



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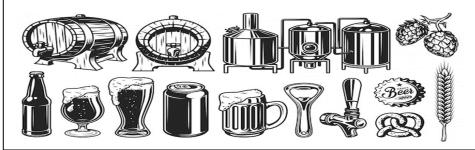


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Date	Time	Service details
February 5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning worship
19 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning worship
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.45am	<b>Visit to Diss URC</b> – no service at Wattisfield
March 5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning worship
19 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Mothering Sunday - morning worship
26 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Morning worship
April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am	Holy Communion

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# Senefice Services Sebruary – March 2023

## Senefice Services March - April 2023

3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent		12 <sup>th</sup> March	3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent	
Holy Communion	Walsham	8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
Holy Communion	Finningham	9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
Songs of Praise	Walsham	11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent		19 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday	
Holy Communion	Walsham	8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
Holy Communion	Westhorpe	9.30am	Family Communion	Finningham
		11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
Sunday before Lent				
Holy Communion	Walsham	26 <sup>th</sup> March	5 <sup>th</sup> of Lent	
		8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
Holy Communion	Finningham	9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
		3.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe
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Holy Communion	Walsham	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Palm Sunday	
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		9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
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Evensong	Westhorpe			
-	·	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Monday in Holy Week	
2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent		7.00pm	Compline	Finningham
Holy Communion	Walsham			
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		7.00pm	Compline	Walsham
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#### Senefice Services April 2023

<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> 7.00pm	Wednesday in Holy Week Compline	Wattisfield
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b> 7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion	Walsham
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b> 1.00pm	Good Friday Readings/Song/Meditation	Walsham
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday	
8.00am	Holy Communion	Badwell Ash
9.30am	Holy Communion	Langham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham

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