

From the Reverend Graham

As a football fan I watched the exploits of England in the recent euros. I have to confess that these days I get more excited about club football than the national team. However, like many, I watched the final. So near and yet so far.

What came afterwards exposed the reality that at the heart of our nation there is still a minority of people who cannot accept that we are all equal. The outpouring of racist abuse on some of the England players was abhorrent. Thankfully many more rallied round to show that they valued and respected the black players. In the bible, we are told that in Christ there is no Jew or non-Jew, no slave, or free, rather all are equal.

Sadly, the church has a long way to go. Over the past year I have read two books about racism in the church. The first was called 'Ghostship' and looked at specific instances of racism through the eyes of an Anglican clergyman. More recently, I was challenged as I read 'God is not a white man' by Chine MacDonald, who, using her experiences as a person of Nigerian birth came to this country as a child of a doctor and a teacher and eventually went to Cambridge and has worked for several development agencies.

Both books challenge the church to do more to expose the unseen, unspoken racism within our words and attitudes. In many ways the church is no more than a microcosm of society, but we are called to be different and to model a new way. The next few years are going to be very challenging as the Church of England seeks to make changes and maybe one day we look back on the events of 2020 and 2021 as really making a change to how everyone is viewed both within the church and society. Enjoy the summer sun.

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To arrange a Funeral, Wedding, or Baptism or for pastoral emergencies please contact Graham Hedger.



Covid safe Church Services

From July 19th government regulations have become guidance. The way we organise our services in church is based upon national guidance. Our aim is to make them as safe as possible with everyone taking responsibility for themselves and showing compassion and courtesy to others. As with all things the Covid process will be kept under review.

We are adopting a uniform approach across the benefice.

1. Regular risk assessments are carried out in each church.
2. Where churches have side doors and windows these will be open for ventilation.
3. We recognise that some people will feel more vulnerable now than previously and may want to sit on their own or wear a mask at all times. In view of this we invite all people to wear a face covering and to continue to socially distance. For most Sunday services this does not present a problem!
4. We ask people to use hand sanitiser as they come in and go out of church.
5. At Holy Communion, face coverings to be worn when moving around the church.
6. The priest will wear a mask when administering Communion.
7. Communion will continue in one kind (bread, no wine).
8. We recommence congregational singing in church.

Covid safe Church Services continued

For baptisms, weddings and funerals

The government has lifted restrictions on numbers attending weddings, funerals and baptisms. In discussion with the families, we will decide whether to limit numbers. If numbers are not limited, then social distancing may not be possible. We ask all people to wear face coverings.

All Saints Church Flag

Thank you very much to **David Whiting** who, after many years of service has decided to retire from the job of raising and lowering the flag at the church. It's one of those many jobs that get done quietly and efficiently with no-one noticing until it hasn't been done! Thank- you David.

All Saints Support Network

...is still helping people with medicine, grocery deliveries, appointments. The coordinators for each village area:

Riggle Street	Alison Molyneux	723330
Mill Lane	Helen Saxton	685739
Friday Street	Paddy/Sarah	685518
Low Street	Sue Thurlow	685673
The Street	Eve Crane	685893
Mutton Lane	Marion Kirton	684405
Mutton Lane	Mary Mitson-Woods	684026

Holiday club is back! Top Team 2021

We have had a fantastic response to our holiday club notices and are now fully booked. If you would like your child to be added to the list of reserves, please get in touch: there may have to be some cancellations!



Mary Baker 01728 685807 marybaker555@hotmail.co.uk
Jackie Clark 01728 723623 jwc51@btinternet.com

Thank you to the people who have booked. We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

The results of the KGT Lottery:

2021 July draw -

1st Prize: Rob Booth

2nd Prize: Pat Peck

The parish magazine

....is still coming out online so thank you to the people who've been printing off the important sections for neighbours. Last month we did a short version to make printing easier so please let me know if you would like that. Thank you for sharing this with your neighbours.
Mary Baker Tel: 01728 685807.

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If you have an article for the Parish magazine, **The Deadline** for contributions for the September 2021 edition to be received by July 25th please.

Send by email to: janebaldwin325@gmail.com or by post to Jan Baldwin, Priory Barn, Brandeston, Brandeston Road, IP13 7AU. Or Tel: 01728 684030

Thank you.

BRANDESTON VILLAGE FETE 4TH SEPTEMBER 2021

PLANNING MEETING MONDAY 2ND AUGUST

at 8pm IN THE BYRE AT THE QUEEN PUB.

Everyone welcome to join the meeting to finally decide on the format and organisation of the fete which will be held in the grounds of the pub by kind permission of the Queen Team.

Agenda

- Stalls / ground plan
- Manning
- Tents needed and transport to site
- Tent construction team
- Collection of donated items / flyer
- Auction of promises
- Publicity / posters / 'A' boards
- Fete opening / compere / times.
- Electricity and speakers
- Money / floats / card machine
- Site risk assessment
- 1st aid person + Covid sanitizing

If you are unable to attend but would like to make some suggestions or volunteer to man a stall, please contact:

sue.thurlow@btconnect.com

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at

Easton Village Hall, The Street, Easton, IP13 0EF

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janet.lawrence@activesuffolk.org or 07557 633724**

The Church Bike Ride (Ride and Stride) 2021

Saturday 11th September

The Church Bike Ride will once again take place on Saturday 11th September. Restrictions should be a bit more relaxed this year (we hope).

Anyone willing to take part, either by cycling or sitting at one of the churches, will be most welcome.

Sponsor forms will be available from:

Ruth Garratt - 685233 Brandeston

Pat Peck - 621144 Kettleburgh

Please get in touch with one of us if you can help in any way.

Thank-you

Ruth and Pat





As I sit to write this month's article, it seems apposite to reflect upon how the COVID-19 pandemic has changed all of our lives and no one would doubt that it has been an incredibly difficult and challenging time for all of us, but it has also brought us together. Here in Suffolk we have a proud track record of coming together in our communities to help those in need and to support each other, so I would personally like to thank all of you for your efforts and resilience during this difficult time.

As we now begin to look forward, I am hopeful that we are now coming through the worst and I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible in person once again over the coming weeks and months. I'm especially looking forward to getting out and about to enjoy the range of local events that are starting to pop up, not to mention stocking up on our fabulous local produce.

I am particularly enthusiastic about the marvellous food and drink offering we have here and my weekends at home in Suffolk are often spent at local markets and events. I always buy my food and drink locally, where I can, to support our local businesses wherever possible.

It never ceases to amaze me the sheer diversity that we have right here on our doorstep – from locally produced cheeses and meats, to cordials, cider, beer and wine, and sauces, preserves and pickles, all grown, packaged and produced so creatively right in Suffolk. The success of these businesses is vital to our strong rural economy, and I think we all have a part to play in ensuring that we think local and buy local whenever we can. There is so much great work going on here already to educate our children and young people on the importance of not only eating well – a healthy and balanced diet, but also eating locally and seasonally. This is vitally important in reducing the number of miles our food travels before it reaches our plate and of course, fresh produce that's in season always tastes so much better.

With the harvest season upon us, it's vital that we all continue to do our best to buy local and support local produce. I am a great supporter of our local farmers and regularly meet with the NFU and the farming community. I will continue to do my very best to support our hardworking farmers here in Suffolk and wish them all a fruitful and plentiful harvest.

