

***BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH
PARISH NEWS
MARCH 2014***



THE PARISHES OF BRANDESTON AND KETTLEBURGH

From your Assistant Priest

Dear Friends

The season the Church calls Lent is upon us, and generally it can often feel a rather austere time of year, the weather is still awful, the days dark. In our Churches it is a penitential season, so no flowers and the liturgical colour is purple. But it is at the same time, a time of ‘journeying’, onward to spring, towards warmth and light and holidays; all the good things of life. In the calendar of the Church it’s a journey of 40 days towards the cross of Good Friday, and then the joy of the resurrection and Easter.

A long weekend, a bank holiday, spring flowers, young lambs, and chocolate!!

But the month of March and Lent permits us a celebration too, when on the 4th Sunday of Lent we have Mothering Sunday, a respite from the austerity of Lent. In times past it was traditionally a day when daughters who worked in domestic service were given a day off to visit their mothers. Today, it’s a day when children give small gifts, cards and posies of flowers to their mothers, and apparently sometimes mums even get breakfast in bed!! But personally I can think of no worse thing than toast crumbs in bed and a scrambled egg saucepan in the kitchen to clean later on!!!

A prayer for our own Mothers

Loving God, we thank you for mother’s –
for all they mean or have meant,
for the love they have shown and the care they have given
We thank you for the qualities of mother’s –
their patience, kindness, concern and understanding.
For mothers, and motherhood, for children and families
we bring you our grateful thanks.

With love, in Christ Deirdre

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DIARY FOR MARCH 2014		
Thursday 6 th	10.00am	<u>Brandeston Coffee Morning, 100+ Club Draw</u> at Village Hall
Friday 7 th	10.30am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning</u> at Kettleburgh Village Hall
Friday 7 th	2.00pm and 7.00pm	<u>Women’s World day of Prayer</u> at Sweffling or Earl Soham Church – see below.
Tuesday 11 th	7.00pm	<u>Start of Lent Course</u> – see below
Friday 14 th	7.30pm	<u>Film Club – ‘Flight’</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Saturday 15 th	10am – 12 noon	<u>Coffee Morning, Bring & Buy, Raffle and Cake stall</u> at Rose Farm Cottage, Brandeston iao Nansambo Primary School, Malawi – see below
Friday 28 th	6.30pm for 7.00 start	<u>Whist Drive</u> at Brandeston Village Hall – see below.
Saturday 29 th	7.30pm	<u>Phoenix Singers Concert</u> at St Michael’s Church – see below

WOMEN’S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Women’s World Day of Prayer is on Friday 7th March. This year the service has been written by the women of Egypt. It has the title “Streams in the Desert” and reflects Egyptian culture and the present situation. Everyone is warmly invited to attend either of the two services:-

LENT COURSE 2014

There will be a Lent course as usual this year, for everyone from the seven parishes starting on Tues 11th Mar. It is called ‘A journey to the Cross’ and is based on art work produced by the Benedictine Sisters of Turvey Abbey.

We will be looking at two or three pieces of their art in each session, all of which are accompanied by prayerful meditations on each of the images, plus scripture readings and music. Think of Stations of the Cross, only we will be sitting in front of a TV or other means of projection.!

I have booked the meeting room at Hacheston, for 11th, 18th, 25th March and 1st and 8th April but this course would work equally well if someone had a large screen TV and DVD player, plus a sitting room large enough for people to gather around it.

So any offers would be appreciated, and that way we would not be limited to Tuesday evenings, which has been chosen as it is the only night the hall is available. If you can help in any way please call me.

The Revd Deirdre West

BRANDESTON FILM CLUB Membership is £10 for the year.

March 14th	Flight	An airline pilot saves almost all his passengers on his malfunctioning airliner which eventually crashed, but an investigation into the accident reveals something troubling. Director: Robert Zemeckis Writer: John Gatins Stars: Denzel Washington, Nadine Velazquez, Don Cheadle
April 11th	Captain Phillips	The true story of Captain Richard Phillips and the 2009 hijacking by Somali pirates of the US-flagged MV Maersk Alabama, the first American cargo ship to be hijacked in two hundred years. Writers: Billy Ray (screenplay), Richard Phillips (based upon the book "A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy SEALs, Director: Paul Greengrass Stars: Tom Hanks, Barkhad Abdi, Barkhad Abdirahman
May 9th	Railway Man	A victim from World War II's "Death Railway" sets out to find those responsible for his torture. A true story. Director: Jonathan Teplitzky Writers: Frank Cottrell Boyce (screenplay), Eric Lomax (autobiography), Stars: Nicole Kidman, Stellan Skarsgård, Colin Firth

NANSAMBO PRIMARY SCHOOL IN MALAWI, AFRICA

Background Information

Most children in Malawi start formal education at primary school between five and six years of age but many are older than this. Primary school education takes a minimum of 8 years to complete. Many pupils are sixteen years of age on completion of this stage of their education when they sit the Primary School Leaving Certificate examinations. Students have

to pass this examination and get selected if they are to attend secondary school education in a government secondary school.

The introduction of compulsory Free Primary Education in Malawi has seen a large increase in the number of pupils going to primary school but this increase in access has also brought major infrastructure problems and a big decline in quality. This decline has been brought about by a variety of factors: Class sizes have increased, there is a national shortage of qualified teachers and insufficient government resource funding is available for even basic education provision for all pupils.

The Nansambo Primary School is a church founded school now funded by the Malawi Government. However since the introduction of free primary education the number of children attending school in Southern Malawi has risen nearly 40 percent.

All Saints Church, Brandeston PCC is committed to supporting the Nansambo School where relatively small amounts of money can make a huge difference to the pupils. A coffee morning can provide an extra teacher for a year so please support the event below and enjoy raising money to help the Nansambo pupils to achieve a better, brighter future through education.

Saturday March 15th 10am to noon
COFFEE MORNING, BRING AND BUY, RAFFLE AND CAKE STALL
At Rose Farm Cottage, Mutton Lane, Brandeston
Bring your friends for a relaxed and friendly morning

Current Situation at Nansambo Primary School

In May 2011, approximately 1200 children between the ages of 6 and 17 were registered on the primary school role at Nansambo but the six year olds accounted for the largest of the eight year groups and totalled over 200 children. Approximately one quarter of the pupils are orphans – with aids and malaria being the main causes. The school has a staff of seven teachers, and this includes the Headmaster who has a full time teaching commitment. There is a bare minimum of educational provision except for the oldest pupils who do have provision of paper and books however they have to be shared between pupils.

In 2007 there were nine classrooms, all in an extremely poor condition. Holes in the walls, no fitted windows or doors, no electricity, no exercise books, no pencils. No desks or chairs – not even for the teachers. The children sat on the floor which is part concrete and part earth to be taught and learn parrot fashion – by repetition. The chronic lack of basic school materials in Nansambo, and in Malawi as a whole, is a serious factor in preventing the children from learning effectively. The biggest challenges facing the school are the pressures on inadequate classroom facilities, insufficient teachers and inadequate supply of instructional materials.

Mary Mitson-Woods

MAD MARCH HARE WHIST DRIVE AT BRANDESTON VILLAGE HALL ON
FRIDAY, 28TH MARCH, 2014

Once again we would like to remind you that our Mad March Whist Drive will take place on Friday, 28th March, 2014 and all are invited to attend. The doors of Brandeston Village Hall will open at 6.30 p.m for you to sign in and collect a welcoming glass of fine wine or fruit juice. You can then enjoy a chat with our friendly players before settling down promptly at 7.00 p.m. for play to begin. Whether you hold good cards or poor, you will most certainly enjoy the interval when a spread of tasty refreshments and beverages will be served and you may win a prize on the raffle. All this is offered at the unbelievably low and inclusive fee of only £2.50 per person.

We would ask that you contact us on 685920 if you wish to attend as this is so helpful in planning how many tables and covers are required. It also prevents Pam from becoming too stressed out in the preparatory stages of the evening !

Pam and Rick Reade

ADVANCE NOTICES

Friday 11 th April	7 for 7.30pm start	Quiz Evening at Kettleburgh Village Hall – see below
Thursday 8 th May	7.30pm	Eastern Angles - ‘Palm Wine and Stout’ at Brandeston Village Hall – see below
Tuesday 3 rd June	10.30am	Cats’ Protection Coffee Morning – see below
Saturday 28 th June		Brandeston Fete – see below
28 th August	9am	Deanery Pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral – see below.

Kettleburgh's Quiz

**Friday 11th April 2104
7.30pm prompt**

Kettleburgh Village Hall

**Supper, Bar, Tables of Four, £7.50 per person
Contact Vickie Neilson 723226**



Palm Wine & Stout

by Segun Lee-French

Directed by Ivan Cutting

Brandeston Village Hall

Thursday 8th May at 7.30pm.

For tickets ring: 01728 685807

Price of tickets: £8 (£7 for concessions)

Eastern Angles are back on the road this spring with their latest show, *Palm Wine & Stout*. Written by acclaimed poet and playwright Segun Lee-French, this funny and emotional play is based on the writer's own visit back to a small Nigerian village in search of his father.

The story, which focuses on Taiye, a young British man on a quest to find out more about his African heritage, draws some fascinating parallels with English village life. Along the way Taiye experiences both the vibrant bustle of modern Nigerian city life and the mysterious rituals of rural African villagers. With half-brother, Femi, as his guide, Taiye's journey becomes a challenging culture clash incorporating music, dance and a host of spiritual ancestors.

Director Ivan Cutting said; *"This is a fantastic play. We took the show out in 2010 when it got some great feedback from critics and audiences so now we want more people to experience this heart-warming piece of theatre. It's got some really great atmospheric music, some very funny moments and will certainly strike a chord with anyone familiar with the day-to-day eccentricities and petty politics of village life!"*

Mary Baker

CATS PROTECTION

A Coffee Morning will be held at Manly, Kettleburgh from 10.30a.m. - noon on Tuesday 3rd June in aid of the above charity (no. 2063644). Guest: Mr Rob Dunger from BBC Radio Suffolk. Mr Bill Clark will provide entertainment once again on his street organ, which was much enjoyed last year. There will be stalls and a draw.

Kathleen Lusted

BRANDESTON VILLAGE FETE

Because our village fete in mid June has been affected by poor weather over the last few years it has been decided to move the date to Saturday, 28th June i.e. 2 weeks later. It will be held in the grounds of the Queen's Head pub as in previous years.

DEANERY PILGRIMAGE

This year the Revd Jonathan Olanczuk has taken over from the Revd Deirdre West as organiser of the Deanery Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will take place on August 28th and will be to Ely Cathedral. The coach will leave Sweffling Church at 9.00am and will return by 5.30pm. Parking will be available in the village. The cost will be £20.00 per person. There will be a tour of the cathedral and the Bishop of Ely will preside at a service of Holy Communion during the visit. Please contact Sheila Tesh on 01728 663518 to reserve your place on the coach. If you have been on the previous pilgrimages you will know that it is a day not to be missed, so book early!

What and who are Lay Elders?

Well ours are: John Bradfield Linda Cadman, Graeme Hall , and Jane Slade from the Campsea Ashe Benefice, and Mary Baker, Jackie Clark, Jane Woodbury-Eggins, Eileen Leach, Carol Rook, and Valerie Upson from the Brandeston with Kettleburgh and Easton Benefice .

Lay Elder, is a form a ministry particular to Suffolk, and they are all Baptised and Confirmed members of their parish, who after being Commissioned by the Bishop are able to assist in providing flexible, assessable ministry widely throughout parishes. And, currently they are an essential part of the ministry team while we are without an Incumbent.

Their function is to **assist** the Clergy, for instance informing them when someone in the parish is ill. They may, when asked, help with pastoral visiting, some may choose to lead Morning or Evening Prayer, and family services from time to time. Some will assist with Holy Communion by administering the chalice.

This may seem like a rather huge job description, but not everyone is called to do all of it. Elders are ‘called’ to use their specific, unique and diverse backgrounds, as members of the ministry team, serving God in their community.

Carol says: I have been working with children in Easton Church for 10 years, and now run the COSMIC club with the help of a young mum. I also take family services every other month, and help with Communion by administering the chalice. I became an Elder two years ago, and I feel strongly that we must encourage young people into Church as they represent the future.

Valerie adds: I was Commissioned in 1997 about 18 months after becoming Churchwarden, and the dual roles have kept me busy. My remit was to be a liturgical elder rather than doing pastoral work. I enjoy leading Choral Evensong, and find that being a member of the choir is a great asset.

Jackie writes: I have been an elder for 9 years and I plan and lead a family service on alternate months. I also help with Holy Communion and administer the chalice, and take my turn in leading the prayers etc. Working with other Elders is immensely encouraging and affirming.

PAST EVENTS

FROST FEST

If you were at the benefice service in February, at Kettleburgh, you will have seen the T-shirts and have heard a little about Frost Fest. On 1 February, Brandeston Village Hall was the venue for the first venture aimed at 10 -14 year olds of our benefice and surrounding villages, organised by a team of helpers, led by Mary Baker. We were hoping for frost, snow even, thus the title, but the event would have been more aptly named 'Mudlarks'!

Around 20 children were greeted at 4pm with a warming (outdoor) fire and hot chocolate. Some welcome activities to get to know each other were followed by an activity linked to the theme of the afternoon - survival. In three teams, and with a multitude of cardboard boxes, parcel tape, and their imagination, the task was to build a shelter into which they could all fit, and to think about a message that they could leave inside it, to be read by others that might take shelter there.

During this time, Jane Slade had set up an 'ice bar' and she invited each group to test their senses, by identifying a selection of fruit and vegetable drinks. They were then able to mix their own (non-alcoholic!) cocktails, garnished with fruit kebabs and brightly coloured ice cubes. There were even green frog ice monsters involved...

As darkness fell, the shelters were abandoned for a while, and with the aid of torches, wearing wellies, scarves and hats, smaller groups ventured outside to attempt some Geocaching. Their task was, with the aid of a map and co-ordinates, to find eight locations where small boxes had been hidden, to deposit in each box one of their group's tokens (marbles, walnuts, holey stones or dice) and to collect eight letters which could be rearranged into a word relating to the afternoon.

Time was pressing, so just a few more moments to complete their shelters before Eileen Leach judged them. Three quite different approaches: one with a long narrow tunnel as an entrance, a second where a hinged door provided the way in, and the third, using boxes as blocks, rather like an igloo. Two messages were produced and they both bear repetition here:

"The past is history; the future is a mystery; now is a gift, which is why it is called the present."

"Adventure is out there: you only have to find it."

And then it was 6 o'clock and time to finish. Many thanks to all the other helpers involved - Alison Molyneux, Deirdre, Robin and D. There are plans for another event in the summer, so watch this space...and if you are wondering about the T-shirts - Robin had great fun designing them with a wonderful Frost Fest logo. And the word was - glaciers.

Jackie Clark

KETTLEBURGH GREEN TRUST LOTTERY

The following are the results of the February Lottery draw:

1st Prize: Deborah Bell
2nd Prize: Wendy Griffiths

Trevor Jessop

BRANDESTON 100+ CLUB

Winners for February 2014 were :-

First prize Graham and Jackie Rice
Second prize Jenny Ives

The draw for March 2014 will take place at the village hall on Thursday, 06 March

All members are reminded to ensure their subscription for the year 2014-15 (which commences on 01 April 2014) are promptly renewed to ensure entry into next year's draws.

Mark Hounsell

NOTICES

CONFIRMATIONS 2014

There is normally only one opportunity a year, when following a short course of preparation Confirmation can occur. This year the service will be held in Hacheston All Saints Church, on 20th July at 4pm, when Bishop David will be confirming members from all the church's in our Deanery. So, if you are a young person, or even someone not so young (there is no upper age limit!), or maybe you are someone who just needs the opportunity to consider whether now is the right time for you to make this conscious affirmation of faith. If you fall into any of these categories, especially if you customarily attend Communion services, and would like to participate more fully, or come to Church occasionally and would like to understand more please do consider joining the 2014 Confirmation group.

Confirmation is a 'rite of passage', which ratifies and confirms the promises made on your behalf by your parents and God parents if you were confirmed as an infant, and, even if you were never Baptised and wish to be a full communicant member of your local Church this too can happen as part of the same service.

So would you like to join this small group, or do you have young people who might? The preparation consists of three or four informal, friendly discussions and they will start after Easter, please do feel free to contact me for more information or to 'sign up'.

Deirdre

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The Children's Society boxes have now been emptied and many coins counted. The total this year is £266.65. A little bit down on last year but considering all the other appeals, a very good total. Thank you everyone.

Pat Peck

TRY YOUR HAND AT BOWLS

Easton Bowls Club invites those that wish to have a go at bowls to their 'Roll Up' on alternate Saturdays starting on the **3rd May**. The only requirements are an inquisitiveness about bowls and footwear that is absolutely flat soled. Sorry no footwear heels of any description. Woods and a helping hand are provided.

The 'Roll Ups' start at 2:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Turn up any time during the three hours for a go. The Green is at the top of Cemetery Lane and there is a clear sign on The Street '**Bowls Club**' pointing up the Lane.

If you have any questions or just require more information try Charles Pollock on 01728 747343.

SUFFOLK WALKING FESTIVAL 10th May – 1st June 2014

Now in its seventh year, the Suffolk Walking Festival is bigger and better than ever before, with nearly 80 guided walks planned, covering the whole of the county. We have a lovely mix of short strolls around medieval villages and market towns and longer rambles through the gentle landscapes of Suffolk, through Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and along the glorious Suffolk coast.

The Discover Suffolk Challenge Walk this year follows The Angles Way, which meanders for 90 miles along the Suffolk/Norfolk border, through the picturesque Waveney Valley and the sandy landscape of The Brecks. Do one day, two days or all six, the choice is yours, but as always, there will be treats and prizes for those completing the whole route.

Our themed, guided walks throughout the three week festival have some wonderful titles such as: 'Across the Marshes to the Castle', 'A Point to my Ramblings', 'Tiptoe Through the Heather' and 'Prickles' Story Walk'. You can Walk the Burma Road, learn about the Maritime Heritage of the Ipswich Waterfront, walk through Rolling Fields and a Cutting Garden and even try a free taster session of Nordic Walking.

More information and the full programme of walks can be found the festival website: <http://suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk>

KETTLEBURGH VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Your village hall has been in place since 1924 but apart from the 1987 hurricane I don't suppose there have been many winters as wet and windy as this one.' I'm pleased to say that the new roof has proved itself watertight and the high winds have left it relatively unscathed. The Ceiling has been re-painted but apart from a small upgrade of the main hall lights there are no plans for any further repairs.

The Keep Fit group continues to thrive and they and the Scouts/Cubs both use the Hall regularly on a Monday. As I write the Aladdin Panto is in full swing it is as enjoyable as ever. - A big vote of thanks to Liz & Robert Marzetti (& all their cast and crew of helpers) for putting on such an excellent and professional show.

GKM

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Just a small matter I have been advised of recently. Not an epidemic but may be worth a mention.....

" Recently a couple from Kettleburgh were approached in the car park at Waitrose in Saxmundham, by two smartly dressed men in a silver Alfa Romeo, asking if they wished to buy Armani waistcoats from them before they returned to Italy. Their offer was declined, but there are two possible scenarios to be wary of here. One is that the items were fake or

stolen. The other I have heard of is a similar story of persons trying to sell perfumes, or one male asking assistance with directions, whilst his companion takes something from your vehicle whilst you are looking at a map with him. If you are approached in such a manner, lock your vehicle before leaving it, and take note of the suspicious vehicle number plate if you can. Thank you.

Derrick Neilson
N/Watch

VILLAGE WEBSITES

For up-to-date information about your village, visit these websites:

www.brandeston.net

www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Please send, deliver or e-mail any contributions for the magazine by 15th of each month to:

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Please send e-mails in Microsoft Word format (97), PDF or jpg for pictures/scans.

Covers are particularly welcome!

CHURCH CLEANING

Brandeston

2nd Helen Fletcher and Karren Piper
9th Ruth Garratt and Mary Baker
16th Kelly Jeffery
23rd Marian Hutson and Julia Elson
30th Jane Mitchell and Louise Paget
6th Apr Christine Matthew and Don Evans

Kettleburgh

Val Butcher
Margaret Meadows
Alison Gibson
Jackie Clark
Dinah Reed
Jane O'Leary

CHURCH FLOWERS

2nd Mar Nancy Demetriadi
9th

LENT (No Flowers)

Valerie Upson
