

# Newsletter

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024



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Serving God, Serving the Community

Dear Friends,

I return from a very busy and nostalgic week away from you. Busy, because I went to a wedding in a barn (I still think the church does it better but it was lovely), visiting family and friends and journey around the North and West Norfolk Coast.

Up until I was 22, my family and we went every summer to Kings Lynn in Norfolk to visit my dad's family. There were certain required rituals in this time. We visited aunts and cousins, and they came to us at my grandparent's house. There was a trip to the Tuesday market and a morning at Castle Rising. We also toured the seaside towns. Cromer was always bitterly cold – and I can confirm it still is relatively so, and Sheringham stays in my mind for being windy. Wells next the Sea was great for the amusement arcade and an ice-cream. It has been modernised but changed little. We always spent one morning at the fair in Hunstanton. That has been gone for many years and I would hardly know the place but for the water tower that sits on the hill above it now surrounded by houses on land which was once green fields. Finally, I went to Heacham.

Heacham has a special place in my heart. I could tell you that I was always happy in that place. I could recount many funny stories like the time my inquisitive father walked swiftly towards a curious box far out from the shoreline, only to be shouted at by an irate man who was trying to warn him to leave the area as the were about to detonate an unexploded bomb. Thankfully all was well, and the story has been a source of laughter ever since.

In truth, our afternoons at Heacham were not always perfect. On a cold windy day, the wind was bitter and the shingle filled sand was whipped up into our eyes. The tide could go out for miles leaving not sand but thick sticky mud and putting a bunch of adults and children into a small beach hut for the afternoon could always bring trouble. However, I prefer to remember the sunshine and the incredibly warm water that is a feature of The Wash. It was a place for kite flying and sandcastle building as well as picking up cockles which were later boiled at home creating a fishy stench in my grandparent's home. However, I have come to realise my memories are imperfect. That many things that I have forgotten are clear in my brother's mind and vice versa. Often, we have slightly different memories of the same events. I am sure that you have similar conversations with family and friends. All in the same place, sometimes the same room but with a variation in the memory. As the queen famously wrote of a situation in her own family, 'Recollections may vary.'

As I walked on the beach for a short time last week I was struck by the obvious realisation that I am so changed from the little girl who went there 50 years ago though those places, events and people have helped form who I am now.

Given that we accept there is variation in the way we perceive and recall things, I wonder why some people can get so worked up by the differences in the four gospel stories, as though these variations mean that the accounts we find there are not real. For me the differences affirm the validity of such writing. The accounts are written by individuals. Of course there are variations.

The other thing that I was thinking on my travels is that change should not surprise us though humanity is often disturbed by it. Scripture tells us that the only thing in a believer's life that remains constant is God. Hebrews 13.8 tells us that, 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.' In 1 Samuel 2:2 Hannah sings with joy at the gift of the birth of Samuel. She says "There is no one holy like the Lord, Indeed, there is no one besides You, nor is there any rock like our God."

I encourage those of you who have not done so for a while to lift your Bible and read or listen to its pages. I encourage those of you who have not done so for a while to attend a church service. I encourage you all to build your life on God who is our rock. I can testify that sands shift and change, life has many ups and down, things change but the Lord God is with you and available and constant in our world and in the lives of all who turn to him.

May God bless you in all that you do this week,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jenny Callies'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

# What's on this week

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	The Centre is open Monday-Friday 9.00 am – 2.00 pm 1.30pm Knit and Natter in the Centre
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30 am -12.00 pm in the Centre. Caritas drop-in. Drink and a chat. Advice. All welcome. 12-2.30pm The Club House meets in the Village Hall. All welcome 2.30pm Mothers' Union in the Centre
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> July	10.30am Holy Communion in the Centre 1.00 pm The Bible Course at The Rectory
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am Little Church meet in Church 12-2.30pm The Club House meets in the Village Hall. All welcome 7.00 pm PCC meet in the Centre
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.15 am Holy Communion 11.00 am Word and Worship with baptism

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Trinity 7

Amos 7: 7 – 15  
Ephesians 1: 3 – 14  
\*Mark 6: 14 - 29

## Wednesday 17th July

Isaiah 10: 5 - 7, 13 - 16  
Matthew 11: 25 - 27

## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Trinity 8

Jeremiah 23: 1 – 6  
Ephesians 2: 11 – end  
\*Mark 6: 30 – 34, 53 - end

\*Denotes 11.00 am Reading

# Notices

## Big Breakfast on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

It will be held in the centre from 9.30 am. No need to book, just get the word out and attend. The cost is £5. Do invite friends to come along.

## Silent Disco

This is taking place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July in the upstairs room of Bromborough Social club. You pay £10 and get a headset. You listen to the type of music that you like. Most popular music tastes catered for. It's funny watching people dancing to different sounds. Bar available. All welcome but you need to be able to climb the social club stairs! The other good thing is that if you switch off the headset you can talk to each other because the room is quiet! Don't want to come? That's ok but do you know family members who might be interested? Please let them know. For tickets speak to Carol Jones.

## Rector's day off

Just to remind people that currently my day off is on Monday. When you Whatsapp message me and say, 'I know it's your day off but...' know that on some Mondays that is a lot of messages to ignore. I work Tuesday- Sunday inclusive. Occasionally, I work Monday too as in next week but it is not the norm. Thanks for your understanding. Jenny

## A note to intercessors

There is no requirement on you to pray each Sunday and Wednesday for everyone mentioned in the 'For our prayers' section of the newsletter. I will always include our more house bound members so that we keep them in our minds and our prayers at home. Refer to the sheet at the entrance of church for Sunday intercessions.

**Our Scout Group, the 13th Bebington, will be 70 on Sunday 19th October** An afternoon tea and fun day will be held on that day. All past members & family are welcome to join the celebrations. To book tickets (it's a free event) email [70thbirthday@13thBebingtonscoutgroup.org.uk](mailto:70thbirthday@13thBebingtonscoutgroup.org.uk) Please share this with family members who may have belonged to the Group in the last 70 years.

#### **We pray for...**

- The growth of our congregation and God's protection around all who attend and serve at St Barnabas.
- Our new government and for all our MPs. Our local MP is Justin Madders.
- In our parish we pray for; Jean Horan, Wendy Walker, Gordon Simmonds, Val and Pete Jones, Craig Dillon, David Hart.
- Our Church family at home, Josie Davies, Thelma Williams, Eddie and Hilary Griffiths, Mr Maelor, Pat Porter, Jan Harper and Barbara Tharme.
- Our link Missionaries Marcio, Noemi and their children and thank God for the work that they are doing in Indaiatuba.
- We pray for Revd Deborah our brothers and sisters at St Barnabas Church Limassol in Cyprus.

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