

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

10 May Emilie May Scarborough at Mulbarton
14 June Rose Janner-Burgess at Mulbarton

Weddings

23 May Jessica Taylor and Grant Meyers at Mulbarton

THE PIANO

Wishing to encourage her young son's progress on the piano, a mother took her boy to a Paderewski concert. After they were seated, the mother spotted a friend in the audience and walked down the aisle to greet her. Seizing the opportunity to explore the wonders of the concert hall, the little boy rose and eventually explored his way through a door marked "NO ADMITTANCE."

When the houselights dimmed and the concert was about to begin, the mother returned to her seat and discovered that the child was missing.



Suddenly, the curtains parted and spotlights focused on the impressive Steinway on stage. In horror, the mother saw her little boy sitting at the keyboard, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." At that moment, the great piano master made his entrance, quickly moved to the piano, and whispered in the boy's ear, "Don't quit. Keep playing."

Then leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in a bass part. Soon his right arm reached around to the other side of the child and he added a running *obbligato*. Together, the old master and the young novice transformed a frightening situation into a wonderfully creative experience. And the audience was mesmerized.

Whatever our situation in life - however outrageous, however desperate, whatever dry spell of the spirit, whatever dark night of the soul-- God is whispering deep within our beings, "Don't quit. Keep playing. You are not alone, together we will transform the broken patterns into a masterpiece of my creative art. Together, we will mesmerize the world with our song"

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The Mardle

July/August 2015

Newsletter of Mulbarton,
Bracon Ash, Hethel &
Flordon Churches



FROM THE RECTORY

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The Welcome Challenge!

There are many reasons why church attendance figures are falling, and why church seems to be becoming ever more marginal. Yet, there remains a surprisingly large number of warm-hearted individuals in our communities. Bob Jackson, church growth researcher, has this to say:

"The supply of people interested in being part of the Church has not dried up. Statistical enquiry shows that God is still giving us the people. A large-scale telephone survey sponsored by Tear fund suggested that three million people in this country would go to church if someone invited them. It's just that nobody ever has. Huge and increasing numbers of people are showing interest by attending church at Christmas. Most churches of any size have a constant trickle of people showing interest in them through the year. And most churches have a wide range of friendly contacts."

It is still Jesus' own job to draw all people to himself (Matthew 1 6:18) and he is still doing his job. The main problem and opportunity for the growth of the Church today is how well we who are already in the Church welcome the people whom God is sending to join the Church. It is as surprisingly basic and simple as that."

Adrian

WHAT'S ON IN THE BENEFICE THIS MONTH . . .

MULBARTON



ICE CREAM SUNDAYS

Sunday 16 August from 2:30 - 5pm and

Sunday 30 August 11am - 1pm.

Come along to the Rectory for a free ice-cream, cuppa, and fellowship in the garden, weather permitting.

Adrian Miller

SATURDAY EARLY MORNING PRAYER CHANGES

There will be no early morning prayer meetings at Harvest House from July 18 - August 30 inclusive. However please do continue to use the Prayer Room during the summer. In September we will be meeting at 8.00 am using the House of Prayer pattern of prayer as used at Ffald-y-Brenin. This is a new venture in prayer and we have moved the meeting time to respond to the comments made by those previously unable to attend.



If you would like to know more about Ffald-y-Brenin and the work of Roy and Daphne Godwin you should read Roy's book *'The Grace Outpouring'*. This story sees God intrude into the mundane rhythms of life in a Christian retreat centre, run by a couple who would have been forgiven for opting for a quiet life when they arrived in this quiet Welsh hamlet. God's intrusion has not only sparked the growth of a House of Prayer but also touched many lives with healing, repentance and encouragement. The tangible

presence of God has released visions of Jesus, angelic messengers and a steady stream of non-believers seeking to understand the encounter with God that they experience as they venture near this converted farmhouse. The multiple miracles will provoke the reader to wonder and worship but the book also imparts a fresh understanding of how the church might bless a community through prayer as a prelude to the breaking in of the Kingdom of God into every area of local life. A fresh perspective on evangelism emerges from this inspiring insight into how God might work in our community. A number of church members have this book available to borrow.

Wednesday early morning prayer meetings will continue as usual. *Becky Taylor*

MEMORIES DEMENTIA CAFÉ - Volunteers needed

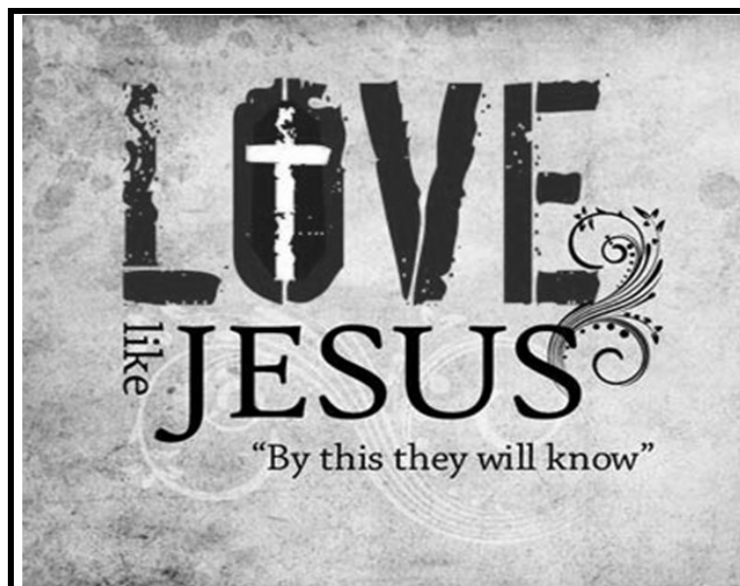
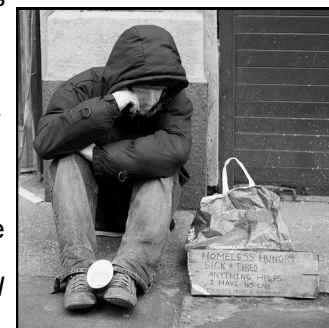
This new initiative kicked off in June with coffee, cake, word searches, drawing activities and chat. There was also some keyboard playing and singing. Please spread the news about this important new work. If you are interested in volunteering to help, contact Debra Genery on 01508 578172.

Adrian Mil-

REACHING THE HOMELESS IN NORWICH

At 8.00 pm every Thursday evening the homeless people of Norwich gather in the Haymarket where the Salvation Army and other charities meet to serve them with hot food, and provide them with clothes, blankets, and other essentials for living. Tom and I recently visited them with some clothes and I met a young girl, I'll call her Hannah, who was pregnant and homeless. It was a cool evening and as I pulled my coat around myself over a top and a jumper, she stood in her T-shirt and jeans which was all she owned, the clothes she would still be wearing in the morning. It was difficult to talk to her, she seemed silenced by something or someone. When I pulled out a coat from the bag I had brought Hannah's face lit up and as she tried it on she was obviously delighted. On prompting from her boyfriend she quietly said, "Thank you" and I gave her a hug.

The 'whys and wherefores' of the circumstances that have brought people to this place can be debated at great length but talking about it will not put food in their mouths or clothes on their backs today - tonight. If you have clothes, blankets or toiletries which you can spare we would be happy to deliver them to the Haymarket or better still take them yourselves and share your time with those who need to know that someone cares. As it says on this young man's notice, *'Homeless, hungry, sick & tired, anything helps I have no-one. From my heart - Thank you'*. *Becky Taylor*



**By this
everyone
will know
that you
are my
disciples,
if you love
one
another.**

John 13:35

HANDY HINTS

Sweet Cicely - Elsie Page

Did you know that if you put a few sweet Cicely leaves in with your rhubarb you won't need as much (or any) sugar?



Kettle cleaning - Tom Taylor

Instead of expensive de-scaling liquid you can use malt vinegar or a spoonful of citric acid. Quicker and cheaper.



Dirty Gardening Nails - Becky Taylor

Before going into the garden scratch a bar of soap making sure that you get soap under your nails. When you've finished gardening just wash your hands and give your nails a light scrub.

Cleaning the Pond - Becky Taylor

There are a lot of expensive things you can buy to put in your garden pond but cheaper is a couple of large handfuls of barley straw in an old sock or leg chopped off a pair of tights.

Cleaning One's Clothes - Alice Lince

(from CWS Household Hints - probably 1940s or early 1950s)

1. A good remedy for mud spots on clothes is the old-fashioned one of the raw potato. Cut it in half and rub over the stain, the way of the material, cutting a slice off the potato as soon as the surface becomes soiled.
2. Shiny places on clothing should be sponged with vinegar before the clothing is pressed.



Health Hints from the same book (*see footnote on p 12! Editor)

Mix equal quantities of Vaseline and honey in the form of pills. The children like these and they are excellent for relieving a troublesome cough.

Troublesome Night-time Cough - Becky Taylor

Rub Vicks Vapour Rub on the soles of your feet before going to bed.

Removing Sticky Labels - Becky Taylor

Squirt a little WD40 on the label and leave for a couple of minutes to soak in. Wash off.



Paint brushes- Jill Wright (told me about this years ago and it really works!)

Instead of wasting paint by washing them between coats, wrap them in cling film.

Moles - Becky Taylor

Pour a cupful of dilute TCP into the top of the mole hill. Doesn't harm the mole but he hates the smell and will move on.



SUMMER POP UP CAFE



Following the success of the 'Primrose Café' in the Taylor's garden last summer we are using two venues for this summer's Pop Up Cafés. Come along and enjoy coffee, tea, cold drinks, scones and cream, scrumptious cakes, and more. Donations received at the cafés will go towards Katrina's YWAM Leadership Training and outreach expenses. The cafés will be open from 9.30 am - 12.00 noon on the dates below - weather permitting.

Tuesday 5 July	18 Primrose Close
Tuesday 14 July	Harvest House
Tuesday 21 July	Mulbarton Rectory
Tuesday 28 July	Mulbarton Rectory
Tuesday 4 August	<i>Venue to be arranged</i>
Tuesday 11 August	18 Primrose Close
Tuesday 18 August	18 Primrose Close
Tuesday 25 August	Mulbarton Rectory

As you can see there is no café arranged on 4 August so if anyone would like to open their garden or use Harvest House for a pop up café please contact Becky Taylor 570746 or Sarah Miller 571167 to find out more about what this involves.

Sarah Miller and Becky Taylor

HARVEST HOUSE REFRESH

As you may all be aware, we have recently had the roof work completed, so hopefully later this year we will not be contributing too much to global warming! The next stage is that we want to start working through the various rooms with a lick (or more!) of paint, together with any other reasonable refurbishment that is required (e.g. replacement flooring).



So there are a few things that are needed before we can start:

- Does anyone have a plasterer contact that we could ask to look at the ceilings in the Bouncers and Prayer Rooms? The roofing work has highlighted the need for these to be looked at before we can start any decorating. If so please let me know.
- To work up a schedule of work, we need to know who would be able to help in any decorating, and when (thinking of the period over the summer - August and September and possibly into October). Again please let me know.

Once all this information is available, we will be back in touch, with a timetable and the necessary materials for work to commence!

Many thanks in anticipation of your support!

Ian Dunlop & the Fabric Committee

GERSHWIN AND GOD - SATURDAY 18 JULY **7.30 pm at Flordon Church**



Salmon sandwiches and champagne light supper to accompany a musical party.



Stories and laughter from John Wright.

Sing along to your favourite old-time hits.

Come and hear the incredible story of a man who founded a successful merchant bank in Norwich, despite having no money nor knowledge of banking and then went on to survive a seventeen month criminal trial - still in the Guinness Book of Records!

Suggested donation £7.00

Please book with Adrian (5711670) or Janet (471070)

Tickets on the door £7.50

HETHEL . . .

CARE OF CREATION; CARE OF NEIGHBOUR

Care of Creation; Care of Neighbour – Hethel Church's 'flagship' event for 2105 takes place over the weekend 11-13 September. The programme of nine 'TED Talks' on the Saturday is taking shape, from John Moore on national energy regulations and the possibility of community 'grids' to Alex Bilham giving the once-over on a Nissan electric car, and from Ruth Valerio on community pig farms to me on travelling to Prague, Madrid, Rome and Corsica by rail. Oh, and Paul Woodmin on Electric Highways plus Master Composters on, er, how to compost. Ruth will kick us off on the Friday evening with a discussion on *Why we should care for God's Earth* (Hethel Church, 7.30pm). I expect it will be mainly followers of Jesus who come to that; please put it in your diary. There was a great turn-out at the recent midweek talk in Mulbarton Church on creation; this topic is just as important!

We have a great team (Irene Woodward, Janet Negal, Diane Robinson and Dr Anne Edwards BEM) working on a biodiversity 'thread', with exhibits and lots of activities for children and adults in the churchyard. And Hethel Church's new kitchen unit will be invaluable for providing food and drinks all day both days – low carbon impact, of course.

If you camped for the whole weekend, you wouldn't be bored, so if it's not yet in your diary, do that now! Finally, I've had just one kind offer to help deliver flyers in Mulbarton and Flordon; can anyone else help please?

(570557 / peternic@allbelievers.org).

Peter Nicholls



SUMMER WORDSEARCH



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SANDCASTLE
ICE-CREAM
SUNBURN
RELAX
HOLIDAY

DAYTRIP
PADDLING POOL
SWIM
SEAWEED

PICNIC
CAMPING
BARBECUE
ROSES

WINDBREAK
SANDALS
SHORTS
ALFRESCO





SUMMER UPDATE

Developing Crisis Intervention

Last year we stated our intent to be in a strong position to respond in crisis situations. This intention is our aim, and as we grow in support, we are enabled to step closer and closer to this vision becoming a reality. Nepal is the most recent step. Brad Moore (Charity MD) went directly after the first earthquake to assess the situation and figure out the best way we could help. In many cases, charities give what they think people need. People are grateful for absolutely any help, but for us to be true to our core values - we wanted to find a response that was both culturally relevant and somehow sustainable.

The outcome? Corrugated metal sheets - these provide shelter for families who lost EVERYTHING during the quakes. Tarpaulin is OK as temporary relief but will not withstand the monsoons. Brad worked with the locals to come up with this solution providing families with temporary, immediate shelter in the short term and a roof, ready for when their homes can be rebuilt.



Brad managed to identify one young girl, Anita, who lost her support structure during the earthquake. We are committed to looking after Anita but feel even more committed to making this emergency response a priority. The public have been so generous and through our simple appeal to help the people of Nepal we have raised over £7,000.

In the Autumn, once the rain has stopped, we plan to take a team of people to distribute winter clothing and offer manual support to help families affected by this earthquake. If you would like to join us please e-mail globalexpeditions@operation-orphan.org

Becky Taylor from Operation Orphan News

PICNIC BLANKETS AND FLEECES FOR SALE

Summer is here and the picnic season is upon us but have you got a blanket? We have a number of green and blue tartan waterproof-backed blankets and white fleece blankets which have been used once at the wedding. If anyone would like to have a blanket we are just asking for a donation which will be sent to Operation Orphan. Any blankets left at the end of the summer will be donated to Operation Orphan for distribution to those in need. Give us a ring (570746) or just call in at 18 Primrose Close, Mulbarton.

Becky Taylor

KING JOHN AND HETHEL: TRUTHS AND MYTHS



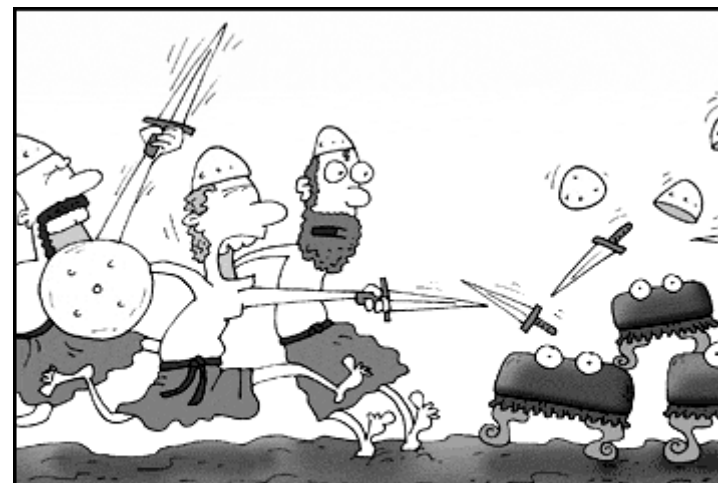
Stephen Church is Professor of Medieval History at UEA. He has been on TV and other media a lot recently because he's an expert and a lively writer and presenter on King John and Magna Carta.

Hethel and its Old Thorn (NWT reserve) has long had rumoured associations with King John – Kelly's Directory of 1883 notes that the thorn "dates as far back as the time of King John, 1214", for example. It's interesting that the renewed Mulbarton Village website claims a bit of King John, too! "Mulbarton is believed to be one of the possible locations for King John's lost caravan of gold in 1215" says one of the scrolling pictures at www.mulbarton.info.

On Saturday evening, 1st August at 7.30pm at Hethel church, Prof Stephen will give an illustrated talk confirming (or debunking) the stories and sharing something of what life must have been like in the Norfolk countryside in the 13th century, when Norwich was England's second city. Before questions, appropriate refreshments (spiced wine; sweet beer; cider...) will be served in an interval. Suggested donation £6.50.

Don't just come yourselves, tell your neighbours and friends! Tickets from Peter or Cathy (570557 / peternic@allbelievers.org) or on the door (unless we sell out!)

Peter Nicholls



Thanks to Josiah Gilman (See Psalm 110:1)

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THE VERY MOMENT WHEN GOD MADE THEIR ENEMIES INTO THEIR FOOTSTOOLS

