

MARDLE

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FROM THE RECTORY

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Following Jesus, Sharing the Journey

This benefice needed fresh vision. That's what I read in the parish profile 4 years ago. It was true. I came with John 17 on my heart, where Jesus shows us through his prayer for the church something of what he desires for church. As I preached into this, it seemed to resonate, so we pursued it. Over the last couple of years, PCCs and others have helped me translate the principles of John 17 into a set of vision and value statements that I find personally inspiring and exciting.

Last weekend saw the launch of this fresh vision at a benefice day held at the local school. Thanks go to all who helped make the day such a success. It was quite a full programme, and not a few people were tired by the end of the day! But it was encouraging to see so many others grasping the vision and the values, and being inspired by them.

We explored the vision statement in our morning communion service, before sharing company over coffee and lunch. In the afternoon, we explored the value statements in both Radio 1 and Radio 4 style. After a cuppa, we enjoyed a quiz. And finally, the day rounded off with a fish and chip supper. Throughout the day, there was opportunity to look at some special prayer guides, for different aspects of the ministries in the benefice, and there was space to offer feedback, prayers and reflections, relating to the vision and values.

This process has been thorough, as we have discerned what is best for us for the coming years, and the outcome is something that will stay with us for a while, and help shape the direction of things. Please do have a look at the summary I've written for this copy of Mardle (see pullout at the centre of your Mardle).

Among other great prayers, people were asking for God to be with us in this, for clarity and boldness to each do our bit, for us to go deep in understanding these things and to maintain unity in diversity.

In seeking to listen to God, folk felt encouraged that God would help us, that this was right, that we need it, that relationships are key, and that as we put away the past, and press on, we will see good fruit.

Yours in Christ's service,
Adrian

Lots of opportunities for prayer ...

Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October is **National Prayer Weekend**. The church is again taking part in this initiative. We will be holding a prayer meeting in each of the parish churches over the weekend, see the diary for times and venues.

We will be praying for the needs of our communities. You might like to use the opportunity to ask people, outside the church, what issues or concerns they have for their communities that they would like the church to pray for. We will also be using the prayer guides launched at the Benefice Day to help us pray. Hope you can join us to pray at some point over the weekend.

Bishop's Day of Celebration & Prayer

Sat, 14 Oct, 2017, 10am - 4:30pm @ Norwich Cathedral

A day for everyone across the Diocese to come together to celebrate and pray.

- Mark Russell, Chief Executive of the Church Army, will be the guest speaker.
- Be inspired by innovative ways churches are serving their local communities, discover how the Mission Strategy 2021 is enabling local mission and explore different styles of prayer.
- Take part in music workshops and rehearse and perform in a scratch choir.
- There will also be activities for children and youth.
- No booking required. Just turn up.

See <https://www.dioceseofnorwich.org/event?id=9129> for further details.

Coffee & Prayer Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:15 a.m. in Harvest House.

Would you like to take some time out of your week to pray, but struggle to find the time? Then why not join us after the school drop-off on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays for Coffee & Prayer.

Join us downstairs in Harvest House from 9:15am - 9:45am where tea and coffee are available. During our time together we read and discuss a passage from the Bible. There is also space to pray for the needs of our world, as well as things which are on your own heart and mind. You don't need to be an experienced pray-er, beginners are

always welcome! If you've got little ones with you, don't worry, as noisy children are also welcome!

Morning Prayer on Fridays in Bracon Ash Church 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. with refreshments.

Join us in the beautiful, tranquil and peaceful surroundings of Bracon Ash Church on Fridays as we hear from God, read the Bible and pray for the needs of the world, others and ourselves.

We hope you will find space to think and a place to pray. For more information, speak to Andrew.

A Chance to Remember ...

Remembering Loved Ones- Sunday 29th October

Hethel Church, 3pm – an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those we love but see no longer. Please come if you want to dedicate a bit of space to remember fondly and give thanks to God for a mother/father/wife/husband/son/daughter/friend whom you have lost. Please tell anyone you know - in any of our parishes - who might value this opportunity. Tea and legendary Hethel cakes served afterwards.

And now for a bit of history ...

The Heritage Open Day Report -from Hethel Church

Held on 9 & 10th September went well. Both days saw a steady trickle of visitors to the exhibition about the dynasty that has been associated with the church from 1600 to the present day. The hatchments were enjoyed in all their restored glory and carefully interpreted by Dick Barham. The underground vault was open, the ledgers spelt out and the genealogy of the Branthwayts and Beevors explored by Alison Lee, all in the context of a 400-year timeline along one wall of the church. The icing on the cake was a visit from the

wife and son of Sir Thomas Hugh Beevor, the 8th Baronet. Julie Wilkins needs credit for presentation and additional research. *Pepys' Playlist* gave us a stunning Saturday evening of music and storytelling, punctuated with fabulous period food and drink. Peter Nicholls

The CAVELL Festival at Swardeston –

Commemorating Edith Cavell, the World War I British nurse who is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers in Brussels from all sides without distinction.

Sat 7th - Sun 8th October, 11 - 5 each day: in Swardeston Church, Churchyard, Cavell Room, and Village Hall. Details at www.edithcavell.org.uk.



Edith Cavell 1865-1915

Wednesday 11th October 7.30pm in The Lounge, Hanover Gardens - the Heritage Group has arranged a talk about **The Life & Hard Times of Bishop Joseph Hall**, Bishop of Norwich in the mid-17th Century when it was hardly safe to be sticking up for King and Church with a Civil War raging! And there is a LOCAL connection - Bishop Hall's daughter, Anne, is buried in BRACON ASH church and the family had a number of local connections. Meeting open to all, £1.50 entry fee to cover expenses. Further info from Jill Wright (570532) or at www.mulbartonhistory.org.uk.



Mulbartonhistory website at www.mulbartonhistory.org.uk.

When the Village Sign was unveiled in 1979 by our then recently-retired Rector he said: "*Mulbarton has NO history*". This site proves him wrong....! There is history everywhere - but of ordinary people in an ordinary village

Remaining SEPTEMBER 2017 Diary

Sun 24 (4 th Sunday of month & 15 th Sunday after Trinity)	8:30 a.m. Flordon Church	Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m. Mulbarton Church	Morning Worship
	10:30 a.m. Hanover Gardens	Church @ Hanover
Tue 26	2:30 p.m. Mulbarton Village Hall Social Club	Mulbarton Mardlers – see p.3
Fri 29	9:15-10:15 Bracon Ash Church	As part of the NATIONAL PRAYER WEEKEND there will be a prayer meeting in each parish, praying for the needs of our community – see p.3
	7:00-8:00 p.m. Hethel Church	
Sat 30	7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Mulbarton Church	
	5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Flordon Church	

5 miles south of Norwich.

Jill Wright

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Sun 1 (1 st Sunday of month & 16 th Sunday after Trinity)	8:00 a.m. Mulbarton	Holy Communion
	9:00 a.m. Bracon Ash	Morning Prayer
	10:00 a.m. Jubilee Room, Mulbarton Village Hall	Café Church
	12 noon onwards Hethel	4th Sunday @ 4 barbecue & treasure hunt
	6:30 p.m. Flordon Church	Flordon Harvest Festival. Any gifts of garden produce or tinned and

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Mon 2	7:30 p.m	Potters Barn Bow Group. All welcome.
	Prayer Ministry team meeting	at C. J. Wright on 01508-570532.
	Gardens	570532.
Tue 3	3:45 p.m. Earlham Crematorium	Funeral for Ron Robinson
	6:30-8:00pm Bracon Ash Social Club	Youth Club Social – see p.10
Thu 5	7:30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Eaton	PCC Tonight – all PCC members strongly encouraged to come along for an inspiring evening.
Sat 7	3:00 p.m.	Welcome to Mulbarton – see p.9
	7:00 p.m.	Flordon Harvest Supper - tickets Janice 470353 or Janet 471070
	11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day Swardeston	Cavell Festival – see p.5
Sun 8 (2nd Sunday & 17 th Sunday after Trinity)	8:30 a.m. Hethel	Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m. Flordon	Morning Light
	10:00 a.m. Mulbarton	Morning Worship with Harvest Celebration
	12 noon Hethel Church	Baptism of Ayla Fletcher. All church family invited including for lunch afterwards.
Mon 9	7:30pm Harvest House	Mulbarton PCC
Thu 12	2:30 p.m. Hanover Gardens	Mid Week Hanover
Sat 14	10am – 4:30 p.m. Norwich Cathedral	The Bishop's Day of Celebration & Prayer – see p.3

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Sun 15 (3 rd Sunday of the month & 18 th Sunday after Trinity)	9:00 a.m. Bracon Ash	Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m. Mulbarton Church	Holy Communion
	6:30 p.m. Flordon	Evening Prayer
Mon 16	7:30 p.m. The Rectory	Café Church Planning Meeting
	7:30 p.m. 22 Birchfield Gardens	Barnabas Group. All welcome. Contact Jill Wright on 01508- 570532.
Sun 22 (4 th Sunday of the month & 19 th Sunday after Trinity)	8:30 a.m. Flordon	Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m. Mulbarton Church	Morning Worship
	10:30 a.m. Hanover Gardens	Church @ Hanover
	4:00 p.m. Hethel	4th Sunday @ 4 – see p. 10
Thu 26	10am – 12noon Mulbarton Primary	Messy Church
Sun 29 (5 th Sunday of the month & 20 th Sunday after Trinity)	8:00 a.m. Mulbarton	Holy Communion
	10:00 a.m. Mulbarton Church	Meditative Service
	3:00 p.m. Hethel	Remembering Loved Ones – see p.4
Mon 30	7:30 p.m. 22 Birchfield Gardens	Barnabas Group. All welcome. Contact Jill Wright on 01508- 570532.
Tue 31	6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Bracon Ash Village Hall	Light Party – contact Adrian or Sarah for more details on 01508- 571167
	7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Norwich Cathedral	Taking Back the Night with Burn – see p.11

Mardlers go on the Road ... A big thank you to all who helped with or prayed for last Tuesday's coach trip to Great Yarmouth – the weather was fantastic and everyone had a good time. Sufficient a good time was had, that when I asked back in Mulbarton: 'Shall we do it again?' we got a resounding 'Yes' in reply.

It has been a real answer to prayer that we took a coach load of 31 to Great Yarmouth this week. As we approach our first anniversary in a couple of months I want to praise God for guiding us in this venture and for His timing. A big thankyou to Mulbarton Social Club who provide our usual venue and many of the lovely goodies each month. Thanks also to those who have faithfully turned out to give lifts each month and stayed to chat, and to those who have baked cakes.

Please continue to pray as we move forward. You would always be welcome to join us on the 4th Tuesday each month, there's always a lot of chat and laughter. Plus if you know anyone who might benefit from a mardle and a laugh each month please let me know or give them an invitation (available at the back of church).

Welcome Afternoon

Saturday 7th October. Drop in anytime 3-5pm.

It's just 2 weeks to our 3rd Welcome event in Hanover Gardens Lounge. We want to welcome any new people to the village and this is **where we really need your help**. Please look out for anyone new in the roads near you and pop an invite through their door – we would like to include anyone who has arrived in the past year or so.

Mulbarton village organisations and groups send representatives and/or information to the event, giving all who attend a very warm welcome.

Invites are available at the back of church, from the church office or from Sue M. If you have somewhere that you could display an A5 flyer that would also be very helpful – please speak to Sue.

Thanks in anticipation for your help.

Sue Mellows

YOUTH CLUB SOCIAL Tuesday 3 October, 6:30-8:00pm at Bracon Ash Social Club. For youth aged 10 or over. A social occasion with tuck shop, pool table, electronic dart-board, table tennis, Lego competition, games and occasional craft activities. Those who come are free to move between activities as they wish, or simply sit at a table and chat. £1.50 on the door which covers the cost of hiring the hall, all activities and several hotdogs. *Adrian*

Messy Church - Messy Church meets again on Thursday 26 October from 10 am to 12 noon including lunch, at Mulbarton Primary School. Come and have fun, getting messy creating the crafts to tell the story. Cost: £1 for each adult and child to help cover costs. Contact: Cyndy Bowles (01508 578510) or Cathy Nicholls (01508 570557).

4th Sunday @ 4 - Hethel Church – Sunday 22 October, 4 pm 4th Sunday @ 4 is a short (about 40 mins) service planned by families for families. There is a lot of participation as we explore a theme related to everyday life, searching the Scriptures and responding to Jesus' teaching. Do come and join in! For more information, contact: Adrian Miller (01508 571167 or adrian@mulbartonchurch.org.uk).

Reclaiming All Hallows Eve ...

Light Party

Tue 31 Oct, 6:30-8pm at Bracon Ash Village Hall

- - contact Adrian or Sarah for more details 01058 571167

**'TAKING BACK THE NIGHT' with BURN – Tuesday 31
October 2017, 7.00 pm – 9.00pm, Norwich Cathedral**



Norwich Cathedral is hosting us at an evening of worship continuing at House of Prayer until midnight. Join us as we take back this night in worship and spread the love of Jesus on the streets of Norwich as we move from the Cathedral to the House of Prayer. Ask Tom or Becky Taylor if you want to know more.

Some events coming up in November ...

Sunday 5th November, 7pm - "The Gathering" - a special New Wine event, welcoming John McGinley to Mulbarton church for a time of worship, word and opportunity to receive prayer

Caring for the weakest: ethical challenges in managing sick and premature babies

Monday 6th November

7.30 – 8.45 pm

Trinity Meeting Place, Essex St. NR2 2BJ

SPEAKER: Dr Amanda Ogilvy-Stuart, Clinical Director of Rosie Hospital Cambridge and Senior Member of St Edmunds College Cambridge

(Organised by Science & Faith in Norfolk)

We are looking forward to another visit from **RAM PRASAD** from Nepal on 26 November.

Ram has had a challenging year with his mission training and other work, and it will be great to catch up with him in person to hear his news.

We support his work financially via CMS.

Rupert Wilkins

FRIENDS FROM FLORDON WRITE ... In Flordon we have had a happy summer with the usual events and ever hopeful fundraising. Our Flordon Family Fun Day went well, blessed with fine weather. A big THANK YOU to ALL who made **FLORDON'S FAMILY FUN DAY** such a success. We had a wonderful Produce and Craft Show, with over 80 entries and enough dogs in the Dog Show to make it FUN! The amazing sum of £503 was raised which will go towards the upkeep of the church and community centre. We are already making plans for next year's Fun Day – we hope to see you there!

THE SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE saw us welcome visitors, who we enjoyed meeting - a long but happy day. Maybe next year we can find a Flordon cyclist to fly the flag for Flordon?

But as the last bursts of summer sunshine bring out rich colours in the garden, and we plant bulbs full of promise for another season, our many blessings show in stark contrast compared to TV scenes of distress in other parts of the world. We hold them in our prayers.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

25 June	Grace Elizabeth North	Hethel
25 June	Poppy Rebakah North	Hethel
13 Aug	Jack David Pigney	Mulbarton

Weddings

19 Aug	Matthew Daniel Newson & Emily Rose Todd	Mulbarton
26 Aug	Harry Gladwell & Rosie Vaughan	Flordon

Burial of Ashes

3 Sept	Peter Robert Walker	Mulbarton
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