

News from Flordon

Fun for all the Family !

Beetle Drive with Sausages and Mash

Flordon Church



Saturday 14th November 7pm for 7.30

Adults £7 children aged 12 and under £4

Book with Pam 470439 or Janet 471070

When we read the newspaper it seems they can't wait to hasten then months away, already there are adverts telling us where it would be nice to go for a new year and next spring!. To me each day is a precious gift and often when I get to bed I apologise to God if I have wasted my day. There are so many jobs to do in the greenhouse and garden, I do waste time just sitting wondering what to do first. But I call the greenhouse my happy place, its full of promise of things to come.

So "head gardener" and I will just get on with things day by day and enjoy each one as they come.

Jean Cook - Flordon P.C.C

P.S Just getting ahead we will be having our

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA IN CHURCH- SAT 5th DEC -

everyone welcome, pay at door.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral 23rd September Ethel Freeman at Bracon Ash

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THE MARDLE

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Newsletter of Mulbarton, Bracon Ash, Hethel and Flordon Churches

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Verse for 2015

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

John 13 Verse 35

FROM THE RECTORY

Building Team!

In our group of churches, we've been working hard on thinking about what it means to be team and how the Lord is calling us to develop team. There's something in the very identity of God that tells us team matters. God is a triune team - three distinct persons in one. Diversity in unity. Just like the universe God has made, where time and space and matter, seemingly distinct and diverse, yet all related, all connected, and all functioning as one entity. And so it is with us, the people of God. Diversity in unity.

Teams have always been God's way. Moses had his 70 elders; David had his mighty men; Gideon had his army of 300; Nehemiah had his brick-layers; the prophets had their own "schools"; Israel began with a band of 12 brothers; Jesus had the Twelve, as well as a wider team of disciples. When Paul planted churches, he appointed elders to act as shepherds and overseers to the people of God. The local church always had leadership from teams, and everyone in the church had a valued role to play to contribute to the outworking of God's purposes - bringing good to the people God had made in the world God loves.

Wherever churches today have been able to follow the leading of God's Spirit in working these team principles out, church has been better for it. We have just launched a new leadership team in Mulbarton Church, in which 8 people will be taking on the co-ordination and leadership of different areas of ministry. We have also been working at getting the right structures for improving teamwork across the benefice, and making positive steady progress there.

It is such a privilege to be able to join in with what God is doing, and my prayer is that we each discover the fullness of what it is that God is calling us each into, as we work together to become a fruitful team, that glorifies God and earns the respect of our communities.

Holly Moving On

Holly Newbery has served with us for 8 months as Pastoral Assistant, and she's done that with commitment and diligence. She's been willing to put her hand to anything that has arisen, and has shown a real flair for the creative and a real sense of compassion and care in all that she's done. She has been a great asset to the team, competently attending to a variety of work, and will be missed. In summary, Holly's 36 hours per week have been averaging out in the following way:

- Youth - 4 hours
 - Children - 2 hours
 - Young Adults - 2 hours
 - Sunday Church - 3.5 hours
 - Practical support - 4.5 hours
 - Schools - 1.5 hours
 - Pastoral - 3.5 hours
 - Communication & Admin - 8.5 hours
 - Training, devotional, supervision, support & one-offs - 6.5 hours
- We prayed Holly on her way with a bunch of flowers and a bring and share lunch on Sunday 18th October. Holly will continue to worship at Mulbarton Church, and we wish her well in the next stage on her journey. If anyone would like to test a call for leading youth or children sessions on a Sunday morning, or would like to exercise the spiritual gift of "helps" on a Tuesday evening, setting up for the youth group, then please be in touch with Sarah or Adrian.

NEWS FROM BRACON ASH

Harvest Festival weekend

Saturday October 3rd saw over 50 people from Bracon Ash and Hethel enjoying a delicious Harvest Supper which was held in the village hall. The entertainment included a wonderful quiz produced by Alice Lince using photographs of local landmarks. This was followed by Peter Bailey playing his ukulele and singing some old favourites. A harvest of talents.

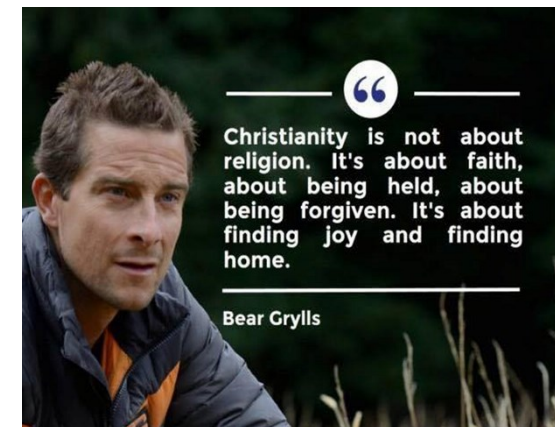
Sunday morning breakfast was served in the church. Tea, toast, croissants and fruit. Cups of hot tea and coffee warmed up the congregation ready for 'Messy Harvest' which was greatly enjoyed by a record number of adults and children. The harvest gifts went to support Food Bank.



Adrian's sermon was based on 'The Harvest of Talents'

Look out for the Crib Service 4.00pm Christmas Eve. It promises to have a lot of crackers!

Cyndy Bowles - Churchwarden



Pauline Jones' Thanksgiving Service

Saturday 7 November, 11:30am, Mulbarton Church We meet in Pauline's beloved Mulbarton Church to celebrate her life, to remember all that she meant to us, and to say thank you for the fellowship that we were able to enjoy. Please do come along to share in this occasion. There will be sandwiches in Harvest House immediately afterwards, and we hope to unveil a bench in Harvest House, in memory of Pauline, donated by her daughters. There will be a memories book available on the day to write down our memories of Pauline, so please do come prepared, or if you'd like to contribute to that ahead of time, please do be in touch with Adrian with words, and even photos. We'll present the book to Pauline's daughters after the event.

"Can we disagree well over same-sex relationships? The Pilling Report and Shared Conversations"

Monday 16 November, 7 - 9pm, Norwich Cathedral

This free evening event, hosted by the Diocese of Norwich for its clergy and people, will have four speakers, from differing viewpoints, leading a discussion on whether we can find ways to disagree well over issues of human sexuality. Speakers include: Phil Groves; Frances Henderson; Arnold Browne; & Andrew Atherstone

Confirmation Service at Mulbarton (TBC)

Monday 23 November, 7:30pm

We hope to hold a confirmation service for Norman Fenn in Mulbarton, with Bishop Alan presiding. Please pray that Norman and Margaret's health allows for this special occasion. Stay posted for confirmation of the confirmation, to which all are warmly invited. Adrian

Adrian

BARNABAS MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER:

Monday 9 Nov and Monday 23th Nov, 7.30pm at 22 Birchfield Gardens. More details from Jill Wright

Church Finances

We have produced a consistent representation of the finances for each of the four parishes, which should help us talk together about how we cope with increasing demands, and help church members to understand a bit more clearly what's going on financially.

We'll be meeting with representatives from the diocese at 9:30am on Sat 7th November to put in our plea for some assistance to meet the 15% increase to parish share for 2016.

If you'd like sight of the user-friendly financial summaries for any of the parishes, please do be in touch with Adrian or Caroline in the church office.

Adrian

WHAT'S UNDER MY SUNGLASSES?

A Seattle thief did his victims a favour when he broke into their car and snatched a pair of sunglasses - leaving behind an old lottery ticket that was sitting underneath them. The ticket had been lying around in the car for three months – its owners had rather forgotten about it. But after the break in, they looked up the numbers and found they'd won one million dollars!

This really made me ask myself, 'Is an opportunity lurking in my problem?' When I hit tough days or even temporary defeat, I now ask myself, "What's under my sunglasses?"

God does his best work in the middle of the night – it's often through the darkest moments of our lives that we find great jewels, like grace, humility and peace.

'Lord, all of us would like the touch times to go away but please help us find the gold that is to be found in the painful place. Amen'

(Extract from 73rd Trust September News)

Becky Taylor

Update from National Mission Commission of Nepal

Ram Prasad Shrestha, September 2015

Shelters for the Homeless



The Gorkha District is still a most shattered district due to the earthquake, but still the Dalit people of this the district is overlooked in the distribution of relief materials. The National Mission Commission of Nepal has been able to do an assessment based on needs through the missionaries and networks working in the devastating areas.

Our missionaries with Resham Pariyar, vice chairman of NMCN, along with local leaders distributed corrugated sheets in Amppipal



Gorkha. The distributed corrugated sheets have been used to build shelters to stay safely under in the rain and in winter.

We have distributed Zinc sheets to about 60, most of

them have built shelters and wish to say they are thankful to partners like you who have prayed and sent generous funds to build the shelters for the victims of the earthquake.

Missionary Purna Builds the Shelters:



Another missionary through whom we distributed the zinc sheets has also been able to build a few houses in Ramechhap Districts. Besides distributing the food and house materials, we could also distribute zinc sheets and tents for them. Due to our involvement the church has been recognized by the society and by the government. The society who used to be hostile to the Christians has become a friend and

a good neighbor. Now Purna has been able to establish a good relationship with the government officials. He has been appointed as relief coordinator in this region because he has shown his integrity and accountability in the society where there are other community leaders who have been found corrupt in terms of delivering relief materials to everyone regardless of caste and creed.

We bear the guilt for the state our world is in (Isaiah 24: 4–6) and so we have a responsibility to act.

God has a purpose for it

God's plans for salvation involve all he has made (Colossians 1: 19–20).

God has promised that, when Jesus returns, this world will be radically renewed: all that is evil will be destroyed; all that is good will shine out (2 Peter 3: 10; Revelation 21 – 22:6).

Let's play our part in his work!

Our pledge

We pledge ourselves to live responsibly and to progressively reduce the share of the earth's resources that we use.

And we promise to call upon those in positions of power and influence to bring honour to your creation and redress the injustice of climate change.

Peter Nicholls

Do you have old /broken/unwanted jewellery male or female?



Alzheimer's Society can recycle any jewellery of any value including odd earrings! Get a freepost padded envelope to send items from;

Alzheimer's Society, Devon House, 58 St Katherine's Way E1W 1LB tel; 020 7433 3500;

info@alzheimers.org.uk;

alzheimers.org.uk/oldjewellery 0844 477 0035 for questions.

They have raised nearly £200,000 by this means, unbelievable but true. Good stewardship too.

Vivienne

Vivienne

Care of our Planet; Care of our Neighbour

Phew! The event at Hethel over the 11-13 September weekend went off without a hitch. Not as many people as we hoped for, especially from the wider community, but those who came seemed to find it all interesting, not least the short 'TED talks' on Saturday.

Too much to report in detail, but here's what Ruth Valerio from A Rocha UK shared to kick us off on Friday evening, and the pledge that those present said as the conclusion to the weekend.

Why should Christians care for God's Earth?

God made the world and he loves it

God is the creator of the world and he thinks it is 'very good' (Genesis 1:31).

God is involved with his creation, sustaining it and caring for it (Psalm 65:9-13; Matthew 10:29; Hebrews 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17).

If God loves the world, then we want to love what he loves and take care of it for his sake.

God created us to look after it

We are created beings, part of the whole community of creation, joining together to praise God (Psalm 148).

But we have also been given a special task – to look after the rest of what God has made (Genesis 1: 26-28; Gen. 2:15). This is not an optional extra for a few keen environmentalists, but a fundamental part of what it means to be human.

It has gone wrong because of us

It is a sad truth that the many problems our world and its inhabitants face are caused by human activity.

Our acts of human sin have ecological consequences (Hosea 4: 1-3; Amos 8: 1-8).

Orphans without Food and Shelter:

Krishna and his two brothers aged between 10 & 14 are orphans without food and shelter. However, they have a Grandmother who is 70 years old, but they do not know her whereabouts. Sometimes she shows up but then disappears. She is surviving with the food that is



given by the villagers. Krishna and his brothers Shantosh and Pradeep live in their relative's house working for them. Unfortunately, they dropped out of school after their parents' deaths. Krishna's father went to India to earn a living for his family. Due to his sickness he had

to return home after a few years. He was not able to bring much money, only his things, but what he also brought was a killer and deadly sickness called HIV. Without knowing, the HIV was transferred to his wife who died of HIV. When Krishna's mother died of HIV, people were not aware that her death was due to HIV, so she was cremated with dignity. His father kept drinking wine and smoking while taking care of the children. However, after two years his father died of HIV. When he died, nobody would touch his body in the village because most of people knew about his sickness. After his death, nobody came to his house to get the body to be cremated, so the body was left at home decaying. After a few days, the worms started eating his Body. When the smell was unbearable, the villagers came to the house and cremated the body beside his house itself. Now the boys are left without parents' care and concern. Now Krishna says, if my house is rebuilt, I and my brothers and grandma can live together and make our living by working in the village or elsewhere. He further says my grandma has the skill of stitching cloth; she can make her living and we can be together as a family. By realizing such a pathetic and heartbreaking circumstance, the National Mission Commission of Nepal has helped to build a house (picture above). Now boys along with their grandma live together in their home comfortably and their lives with dignity and pride.



We are ever grateful for your continued prayer and sacrificial giving for the sake of the Love of Christ and his people. In Him,

Ram Prasad Shrestha

NOVEMBER 2015

Monthly Calendar

Please check Pews News for more information and changes

Friday 30 Oct—Sunday 1 Nov

LETTON HALL WEEKEND

- Sun 1 8.00am Mulbarton Communion**
10.00am Bracon Ash Morning Prayer (Benefice Service)
- Sat 7 11.30am Thanksgiving Service for Pauline Jones at Mulbarton Church (See Page 10)
- 2.00pm WI Autumn Fair at Mulbarton Village Hall
- From 6.00pm Mulbarton Village Fireworks at Mulbarton Scout HQ (posters in village and on village website with details of timings)
- Sun 8 8:30am Hethel Communion**
10.00am Mulbarton Remembrance Sunday Service
10:30am Flordon Remembrance Sunday Service
- Mon 9 7.30pm Barnabas group meeting at 22 Birchfield Gardens Mulbarton
- Wed 11 10.30am Hanover Gardens Remembrance Service
- 7.30pm Heritage Group Ponds talk at Hanover Lounge
- Sun 15 9.00am Bracon Ash Communion**
10.00am Mulbarton Morning Worship at The Village Hall
3:30pm Flordon Evening Prayer
- Details to Becky Taylor for December/January Mardle by today 15th October**

Mon 16 7.00pm Norwich Cathedral Can we disagree well over same-sex relationships? The Pilling Report and Shared Conversations (See Page 10)

Sun 22 8:30am Flordon Communion
10.00am Mulbarton Communion at The Village Hall
10:30am Hanover Gardens Church at Hanover

Mon 23 7.30pm Barnabas group meeting at 22 Birchfield Gardens Mulbarton

7.30pm Confirmation Service for Norman Fenn at Mulbarton to be confirmed. (See Page 10)

Sun 29 8.00am Mulbarton Communion
4.00pm Hethel Advent Service of Light

LOOKING AHEAD

SAT 5th DEC - Flordon CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA IN CHURCH- everyone welcome, pay at door.

Look out for details of the Christmas Services in the December issue of The Mardle and the separate Christmas Services card