

The Mardle

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Newsletter of Mulbarton,
Bracon Ash, Hethel &
Flordon Churches

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“By this everyone will
know that you are My
disciples, if you love
one another”

John 13 v 35

Summer Reflections from The Rectory

We made our annual pilgrimage to East Sussex for Revive camp at the start of August and once again it proved to be a great blessing - refreshing, motivating, stimulating and spacious. I hope others have had similar space for recharge and refocus this summer. As well as much needed time to stop, enjoy the lakes and woodland, and de-clutter my mind, there was useful input on a range of topics, to give food for thought. I spent time considering:

- children's work and parenting
- the threat and challenge of Islamic jihadists
- the role of spiritual gifts
- the difference between relational and calvinistic theology, and why the former is preferable
- the need to be serious about evangelism
- the challenges of being part of the state church, and the role of the new churches in our nation
- some ways of handling the problem of violence in the Old Testament
- the wells from which I do/should draw to sustain me in life and ministry
- what it might mean to truly embrace our Jewish roots in today's church

All good stuff, and all moving me a bit further along in my own Christian journey. I also managed to chat with Steve Benton, who leads the children's work at Revive. I'm very excited that he will be joining us at Letton Hall to lead our children's work there and inspire us in what we're doing and where we're going with our own children's ministry.

Through the summer in our churches, we've been considering a broad sweep of the whole of Jesus' life. It is apparent that building a team was key to what Jesus was about. This term, I'll be aiming to make progress in team building. Our profile will also arrive in theological colleges, with the hope of attracting a curate to join us end of June 2016. Food for your prayers.

Ram, Mulbarton's CMS mission partner, will be joining us in September and appearing in Hanover Gardens Lounge at 7pm on Sunday 13th September. He will update us, following the earthquake in Nepal, and bring much to encourage. The meeting is open to all.

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We'll be running an Alpha Course on Thursday afternoons at Hanover Gardens' Lounge, beginning at 2:30pm, meeting weekly from 17th September until the end of November.

Please let me know if you or anyone else would be interested in attending
Praying for you all for strength and joy as we journey together, learn together and work together

Adrian

HARVEST HOUSE REFRESH

The next stage following on from the roof work, is to start working through the various rooms with a lick of paint together with any other refurbishment that is required. (e.g. replacement flooring).

There are a few things that are needed before we can start :-

- Does any one have a plasterer contact that we could ask to look at the ceilings in the Bouncer 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 of September and possibly into
- October). Again, please let me know.
- Once all this information is available, we will be back in touch, with a time table and the necessary materials for work to commence. Many thanks in anticipation of your support.



Ian Dunlop and the Fabric Committee.

WHAT HAVE I READ THIS SUMMER?



I've been reading Tom Wright's latest book 'Simply Good News' (SPCK 2015 – I think £9.99). Tom Wright was Bishop of Durham before becoming a Professor at St Andrew's University. He's written loads of books – all worth reading. This one is subtitled 'Why the Gospel is NEWS and what makes it good'. The point he really wants to drive home is that Christianity is NOT a philosophy, it is NOT advice on how to live better, it is primarily NEWS – about facts (Jesus' life, death and – especially - his resurrection) as a result of which the world is no longer the same. As with most news

there is the back story (the people of God in the Old Testament and their expectation of a Messiah) and there is the need for a response (believe it or not). And he spends several chapters

correcting misconceptions about our faith which made me think again about how I talk about the gospel. Well worth reading – and thinking about.

Jill Wright

Christian Broadcasting—changes to UCB

Please note **United Christian Broadcasters** are no longer on SKY but can be found on DAB radio, on-line, or via UCB Player app; also Freeview HD box connected to internet go to Freeview Channel 241; as well as on internet connected or Smart TVs

You can tune in to **TBN on Sky 582 or Freeview 65** for a TV channel with Christian teaching and worship; and **Premier Christian Radio on Freeview 725 & DAB Radio.**

If anybody has any queries on Christian broadcasting please contact UCB direct 0845 60 40 401, or speak to local contact Marina, tel. 578186 or e mail carters4@waitrose.com

News from Flordon

Sunday 6th September at 1pm

Flordon's Annual Hog Roast and BBQ

on St Michael's Green, behind the Church
Vegetarian options, salads, desserts, tea/coffee etc.

Please bring your own cutlery, plates & drinks

If you can bring chairs, it would help

Games, Raffle

£7.50 adults £4 children

To book ring Tony 471593 before August 30th

COME and JOIN THE FUN!

Sat 12th Sept is CYCLE RIDE DAY...

..when we at Flordon are looking forward to greeting
all our friends old and new. This is such a happy day,
just wish we could find some keen cyclists in our village
to carry the flag for Flordon, they don't know what they are missing.

The kettle will be on ...see you on the 12th

Jean Cook

Sunday 20th September is Harvest Festival 6.30pm

'Gifts of garden produce and tins or packets of food, will be given to ARC, the
Salvation Army's drop in centre in Pottergate, Norwich, and used for the low cost
meals that they provide for the needy

Saturday 26th September 7.30pm at Flordon

Keith Skipper and Ian Prettyman present a *MARDLING AND MUSIC EVENING*



Two of the area's best-known entertainers again join forces. Well known writer,
broadcaster and mardler Keith Skipper
shares the platform with Ian Prettyman, a former teacher, still busy
as local Methodist preacher, and popular
purveyor of traditional East Anglian songs.

Keith will do most of the talking, sharing favourite yarns from
Church and Chapel as well as a bible reading in his beloved Norfolk dialect.

Ian will provide musical items -
including a rousing medley on his trusty melodeon.
Book with Janet 471070 Suggested donation £9.50

Refreshments Raffle

Janet Negal

SEPTEMBER 2015

Monthly Calendar

Please check Pews News for any changes and latest information

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| Sunday 6 | 8.00am | Mulbarton Communion |
| | 9.30am | Flordon All Age |
| | 10.00am | Bracon Ash Morning Prayer |
| | 10.30am | Mulbarton Café Church in Village Hall |
| | 1.00pm | Flordon annual Hog Roast and BBQ
(See page 3) |
| | 2.00pm | Hethel Churchyard Mowing (See page 7) |
| | 7.00pm | Mulbarton Healing and Wholeness Service |
| Monday 7 | 7.30pm | Barnabas meets at 22 Birchfield Gardens.
All welcome |
| Thursday 10 | | <i>No Hanover Gardens Service today</i> |
| Friday 11 | 7.30pm | Why should Christians care for the Planet? Dr Ruth Valerio at Hethel Church
(see page 6) |
| Saturday 12 | 9am to 5pm | Churches Cycle Ride (see page 3 and 7) |
| | 10am to 5pm | Hethel Church “Care for our planet: Care for our neighbour” (See page 6) |
| | 7.30pm | Hethel Church Mike Hulme (Professor of Climate & Culture, Kings College London) in dialogue with Adrian Miller, Plus Ruth Valerio on “What can little me do to make a difference?” (See Page 6) |
| Sunday 13 | 8.30am | Hethel Communion |
| | 10.00am | Mulbarton Morning Worship |
| | 10.00am to 4pm | Hethel Church “Care for our planet: Care for our neighbour” (See page 6) |
| | 4.30pm | Hethel Church short service to close event |
| | 7.00pm | Hanover Gardens’ Lounge, Ram CMS Mission partner from Nepal. (See page 1) |
| Thursday 17 | 2.30pm | Alpha Course at Hanover Gardens in the Lounge. (see page 2) |

COPY FOR OCTOBER'S MARDLE to Becky by today, 20th please!

Sunday 20	9.00am	Bracon Ash Communion
	10.00am	Mulbarton Communion
	2.00pm	Hethel Churchyard mowing (See page 7)
	6.30pm	Flordon Harvest Festival
Thursday 24	2.30pm	Alpha Course at Hanover Gardens in the Lounge. (see page 2)
Saturday 26	7.30pm	Mardling and Musical Evening at Flordon Church (see Page 3)
Sunday 27	8.30am	Flordon Communion
	10.00am	Mulbarton Morning worship
	10.30am	Church at Hanover Gardens
Monday 28	7.30pm	Barnabas meets at 22 Birchfield Gardens. All welcome

LOOKING AHEAD

10th October at 8.00am : Early morning prayers begin again (*not in September as previously advised*). These will take the new format which was explained in the previously published article. See Patrick for more details

HARVEST WEEK END AT BRACON ASH.

Saturday October 3rd 7.30 pm: Harvest Supper. Bracon Ash Village Hall. Tickets available £10.

Sunday October 4th 10.00am: "Messy Harvest" Service at Bracon Ash Church. Bring the children

Saturday and Sunday OCTOBER 3rd & 4th 11am – 5pm Swardeston's Cavell Festival, Flowers & music in the Church; exhibition & new DVD; village tours; & more.

MULBARTON HERITAGE GROUP

WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER at 7.30pm PONDS are a feature of our Common and of the fields around Mulbarton. **THE VALUE OF PONDS & THEIR CARE & CONSERVATION** – an illustrated talk by a Norfolk Wildlife Trust expert **in the Hanover Gardens' Lounge**. Entry is only £1.50 pp. (including refreshments) to cover expenses.

Hethel 'specials'

Why do we do it? We run events that are likely to interest the whole community because we want to explore interesting topics, including from a Christian perspective. We want to bring people together: to meet us, their friends and others they haven't met, and thus to 'build community'. We want to promote Christian values and we want to introduce people to Christians and to the inside of the church building. And it's valuable to have events to knock on doors about, to introduce ourselves and subliminally to communicate that this church is alive and interested in the world around it.

So we were delighted when 110 people came to the *King John* talk on August 1st. A full house, a lively input from Prof Stephen Church and a wonderful warm Saturday evening atmosphere.

Next up is *Care for Our Planet; Care for Our Neighbour*. We believe passionately that this is God's Earth, he made it, he cares for it and he doesn't want it desecrated. That's at the heart of the Gospel ("Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven) and at the heart of God's mission (Anglican Mark of Mission 5 is: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth"). Why not come? Why not bring your neighbours and friends?

Friday 11th September

7.30 pm Why should Christians care for the planet? Dr Ruth Valerio (A Rocha UK)

Saturday 12th

10.00 Exhibition opens
11.30 'TED talk' 1: Heat from fresh air John Torbitt (Shotesham)
12.00 2. Electric Vehicles and the Nissan Leaf Alex Bilham (Nissan UK)
12.30 3. Community pig farms Dr Ruth Valerio
1.30 4. Renewable energy in your community – blight or benefit? John Moore
2.00 5. Prague, Madrid, Corsica and Rome: Europe by rail is much more fun
Peter Nicholls
2.30 6. Love food; hate waste – five behaviours to make a difference David
Hawkyard
3.00 7. Biodiversity: what is it and why does it matter? Dr Anne Edwards
3.30 8. Electric Highways Paul Woodmin (Green Britain Centre)
4.00 9. How to cook sustainably Dr Ruth Valerio
5.00 Exhibition closes
7.30 Mike Hulme (Professor of Climate and Culture, Kings College, London) in
dialogue with Adrian Miller, chaired by ex-Radio Norfolk presenter Susan
Bowden-Pickstock. Plus Ruth Valerio on "What can little me do to make a
difference?"

Sunday 13th

10.00 Exhibition opens
11.00 to 16.00 Local people present who have experience to share – of installing solar PV,
solar thermal, electric car ownership, air-source heat pumps,
international rail travel, woodburners, building insulation...
16.30 A short service for a summer afternoon on a climate change theme to close
the event with prayer and dedication

All events in or around Hethel Church. Lunch and teas (sustainable of course) available both days. Up-to-date programme and timetable at www.acny.co.uk/hethel.

No charge, but retiring collections will be made to cover expenses and hopefully to contribute to Hethel Church's heating fund.

Peter Nicholls (01508 570557 / peternic@allbelievers.org)

Come and help manage God's Acre at Hethel!



On Sundays 23th and 30th August, 6th and 20th September (if necessary) at 2 pm. We will be mowing Hethel Churchyard as part of its management as a Conservation churchyard. Tools provided (bring your own if you wish) and also great refreshments. All welcome to any of the Sunday afternoons for as long as you can stay.

Dr Anne Edwards who heads up the mowing team has written :

"Hethel churchyard is a remnant of the ancient meadows, flower-rich grasslands, which were once widespread in the countryside but are now disappearing at an alarming rate. It has been estimated that since 1945 Norfolk has lost 98% of its meadows to development, overgrazing, ploughing or by herbicide and fertiliser usage. Since the early 1990s this churchyard has been managed by volunteers from the Wymondham Nature Group (WyNG) and from the PCC via the Norfolk Wildlife Trust conservation scheme. The churchyard is mown only once a year, at the end of the summer, in the manner of a traditional hay meadow. The cut vegetation is raked and taken away to ensure that the fertility of the ground is kept low. If the grass was mown regularly then delicate wildflowers could not survive and any increase in fertility would mean they could not compete with more vigorous plants like nettles. The undisturbed nature of the churchyard makes it a quiet refuge for all sorts of wildlife and there is a magnificent floral display throughout the year."

Come and join us if you can!

For more information contact Cathy and Peter (01508 570557) or Irene (01953 604228)

NEWS FROM BRACON ASH

HARVEST WEEKEND AT BRACON ASH.

Harvest Supper. Saturday October 3rd 7.30 pm Bracon Ash Village Hall.

Tickets available £10.

'Messy Harvest'. Service at Bracon Ash Church on Sunday October 4th 10.00am

Bring the children.

Cyndy Bowles.

Norfolk Churches Trust and Walk. September 12th, 9am - 5pm.

Choose your own route, visit as many Churches and Chapels as you wish, by bicycle, horse, car or on foot.

For inspiration go to www.norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/sponsored-bike-ride:

- Enter the photographic competition.
- Plan your route
- Compete for the Prince of Wales' Certificate or to join the Wall of Fame
- Download children's activity sheets

All proceeds are divided between the local sponsored Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. Sometimes we ask NCT for grants for our Churches and they always ask if we take part in the Bike Ride.

My friend Celia and I are taking part for Bracon Ash and would love lots of support.

Thank you. Alice Lince

Nepal Updates: Building Houses for the Earthquake Victims, July, 2015

Dhading is one of the hardest hit districts by the earthquake. Ninety percent of houses have been affected, either they are destroyed completely or cracked which are quite dangerous to live in. Most of the people are forced to live in the plastic tents. The plastic tents are not durable, after few weeks of rain and heat, the tents start tearing down with lots of holes in it. Now the rainy season has begun, people must find a strong shelter to live with their family. One of the families in Gorkha shared a scary story. They said, 'we find snakes and scorpions crawling under our plastic bed which are much dangerous to us. Kids hardly sleep at night due to fear of snakes and wild harmful insects. Moreover, the mountain where they live are cracked due to the earthquake which is prone to trigger landslides because of out pouring of the rain.

Witnessing such a pressing and desperate need for strong housing, we, through the help by the generous partners and supporters, have built 21 houses partnering with LTD/NCFN. We have financed to put the roof of every house which is coloured and high quality zinc sheets.

The blue almost a dozen houses you could see on the mountains are in one area that we built houses for the earthquake victims who are now homeless. We held a handing over ceremony inviting government officials and local representatives. This handing over ceremony has given us an opportunity to witness Christ. Now the perspective of Christian by the Hindu has been changed from the religious an invader to integral part of the society, who cares for the people in the time of needs and struggle. A handed over the house where a small family would live comfortably. The total cost of the house is USD 1,000.00. It is a semi permanent house where families can live over 10/15 years.

The Distribution of Zinc Sheets

The National Mission Commission of Nepal has distributed 54 bundles of zinc sheets to 54 households in Pida Village Development Community. Two missionaries Ram Chandra and Yakub are tirelessly working to serve the people in their communities. The household who has received the zinc sheets will build the shelter by themselves. We will send the updates when they finish it. We thank God that the District officer of Dhading district has given official permission to build houses and supply food materials to the earthquake victims.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all for giving sacrificially and praying unceasingly to serve the people in Nepal in the times of crisis and natural disaster.

In Him,

Ram Prasad Shrestha

FROM THE REGISTERS

Burial of Ashes

4 Aug Nancy Huggins at Mulbarton Church

Baptism.

16 Aug Hugo Lincoln at Mulbarton Church.

The latest Mulbarton Church Group Internal Directory is available at the back of Mulbarton Church at 50p per copy (to cover printing costs).
Any queries: please contact Caroline Dunlop.