

FROM THE REGISTERS . . .

10 May David John Brooks—Funeral and Burial at Mulbarton
11 May Gary Norman Postle - Cremation Service at Bracon Ash

Heritage Group –

Mon 13th June: WALK on Mulbarton Common to look at ponds and plants with Helen from Norfolk Wildlife Trust.
Meet 7pm at Blakey's Bus by Village Hall. Wear suitable footwear! This is a follow-up to last November's talk on Ponds.
Jill Wright

Thank You

So many of you have been kind enough to ask how our Daughter-in-law Kate is doing, following her bout in hospital over Easter when she was diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis, that we wanted to bring you up to date following her recent appointment with Consultant 6 weeks from hospital discharge; it went well and next one will be in 4 months, although she'll see GP in between and can go back to Consultant if there's a need. The drugs she needs to take can be timed to help her cope with longer days eg special occasions and holidays etc so all in all she's doing ok and we are grateful to you for praying and caring.
Much appreciated, Chris & Marina

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Mulbarton Benefice Newsletter



FROM THE RECTORY

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In or Out: The EU Referendum

Strong views, big assertions, fear of the unknown. I don't know how you're finding all the talk about our big decision this month. This is a much more significant vote than a general election. It will chart a course for the future of our nation, the EU and the wider world and it's something that will be felt far and wide and for generations to come.

Surely the simple thing is to work out what the Christian way to vote is, and then we can all do that. Just as within the political parties, however, we find within the church there is a wide range of opinions. So, if our minds are made up, how can we check that our views are consistent with our Christian convictions? And if we are unsure how to vote, how can we think Christianly in order to come to a decision? Andrew Goddard has recently published a Grove booklet, aiming to help us identify the key areas to consider. From that, here is a checklist of questions for starters:

- Have we understood something of the history and founding vision of the post-war European project, and the widening and deepening relationships between European countries over the last 66 years?
- Can we be clear on the difference between the EU and Europe?
- Can we sum up the political, economic and ethical foundations of the EU?
- OK, so having a foundation of understanding, are we committed to loving our neighbour and maintaining the best possible relationships with neighbouring nations?
- In coming to a decision, are we considering the common good rather than individual interests, relinquishing "what's best for me" – including considering minors who can't vote but will have to live the longest with the consequences?

- Likewise, can we relinquish “what’s best for the UK”, instead considering consequences for EU neighbours and the wider world?
- Finally, and as a springboard to deeper engagement, are we striving to think biblically and theologically, beyond specific policy issues, to broad debates on the nature of the EU and the UK’s relationship to it? Notably, considering the EU’s composition, ethos and structures?

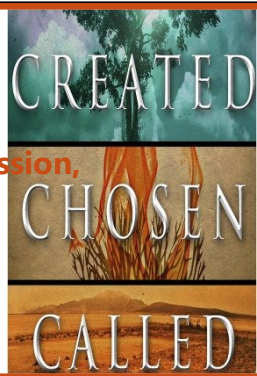
From this last point, Goddard delves into the theology of nations, ungodly empire-building, identity, migration, peace, solidarity, money, consumerism, debt, justice, subsidiarity, democracy and representative leadership, while examining some of the intricacies of how the 7 political institutions that make up the EU operate and seeks to relate theology to practice.

He then shows how a strong Christian case can be made for remaining in the EU, centring around its foundational Christian values, the good that has been achieved, the need to stay in relationship with neighbours, and the potential damage caused by leaving. He also shows how one could construct a strong Christian case for leaving, arguing from the current failings and recent damage caused by putting economic issues too high on the agenda, failed reforms, the lack of spiritual vitality or acknowledgement of Europe’s Christian heritage, the inability to adequately represent the people of the EU, and the democracy-deficit.

Goddard finishes by encouraging us to disagree well as we debate these issues, keeping in mind to be honest, open and attentive, resisting caricaturing opponents or parroting standard arguments. He encourages us to see this vote in the context of God’s coming kingdom and God’s plan to gather people from all nations to Himself and His service, and urges us to work hard at developing principled views, which we can defend biblically and theologically. Some food for thought...? To think and pray more, come along on 18th June.

Adrian

**"You are a chosen race,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people for God's own possession,
that you may proclaim
the excellencies of Him
who called you
out of darkness**



Mulbarton Benefice Verse

MULBARTON WORDS WEEK (organised by Mulbarton Book Club)

The second words week starts on **Sunday 5th June** with an event at Café Church **10.30am 'Book of Books'** in Village Hall Jubilee Room – quizzes, exhibition, short talk about the Bible in our life & culture, lots of coffee & cake – a Café Church free event

7.30pm The BIG quiz at The Worlds End (teams of up to 6 £2 per head)

MONDAY 6 JUNE

7.30pm Ladies Who Write - Village Hall (Four lady fiction writers: Elly Griffiths, Alison Bruce, Margaret K Johnson and S E Craythorne)

TUESDAY 7 JUNE

Afternoon with Children’s Book illustrator Grace Sandford at Mulbarton Infants School

7.30pm Four by Four theatre group perform several radio plays Village Hall £5

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE

3pm Vintage Tea Party with Phyllida Scrivens author of 'Escaping Hitler' (featured in the Spring edition of Parish News) Hanover Gardens £2

7pm dep from World’s End: **Heritage Walk** around Mulbarton Common (FREE event - limited numbers: reserve a place email

chrislansdowne910@gmail.com)

THURSDAY 9 JUNE

Afternoon - **Music Arts Project** visit to Mulbarton Junior School

FRIDAY 10 JUNE

7.30pm Village Hall **'Conserving Wildlife'** Mike Toms (BTO); Matt Howard (RSPB) & Gemma Walker (NWT) discuss conservation. Plus Wildlife quiz! £5

SATURDAY 11 JUNE

2pm - 5pm Family Event, Village Hall: Singer/Songwriter Lana Bruce; Soprano Emma Nuule; Broadbeat Choir; Music Arts Project with local Junior School children. FREE event with donations welcome to support two local charities:

Keeping Abreast (support for those requiring post cancer reconstructive surgery)

Music Arts Project (working with young people across Norfolk & Suffolk)

7pm - 10.30pm Village Hall: Emily Winng Band; Ben Winn (Music/Poetry/Adult Comedy) & Morganway (back by popular demand)

Not recommended for under 16's £6 advance £7 on door

HURRY! HURRY! Tickets for most events still available from Blakeys Bus Café by the Village Hall, The Worlds End or Kett's Books, Wymondham.

Full up to date details on the web site <http://www.mulbartonwords.org/>



I'd like to remind everyone to check they have registered to vote. The 23rd June is the EU Referendum. If anyone thinks they will be away they can get a **postal** vote and if away even longer, can get a **proxy** vote for someone else to vote on their behalf. Just go on South Norfolk

Council Website or ring 533633 and ask for democratic services. They can confirm you are on the register as well. You have the choice to be on the closed register which is not seen by third parties, or the public one which is open to everyone and is the one mailing companies access to write to you. Anyone abroad who has voted in the UK in the last fifteen years will have the right to vote where they were last living and on the register. Worth checking that too. The system changed last year so each individual has to register so some people may have missed out. Thought this was important.

Thanks
Vivienne

BARNABAS GROUP meets
Mon 20th June
Mon 4th July
All 7.30pm at 22 Birchfield Gardens,
All welcome

Dear all,
A huge thank you to all who came along on Sunday morning 15th May for the Christian Aid breakfast, and all who made donations to this good cause. We made £127 so with gift aid on top of that that's pretty fantastic! A very big thank you to Lynne and Rupert who were my fabulous kitchen team, and to Julie W for drawing it to our attention in the first place. Let's try to remember to do something similar next year.
Sarah x

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

Come along to Messy Church which gathers again in half term on Thursday 2 June

from 10 am to 12 noon including lunch.

Different venue! this time we will be meeting in the Jubilee Rooms at Mulbarton Village Hall.

We are continuing to explore the parables of Jesus, so come and enjoy (and get messy!) with The Hidden Treasure and The Lost Pearl.

More information: Cyndy Bowles (578510) or Cathy Nicholls (570557).



Bracon Ash and Hethel celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday with a **Barn Dance and Barbecue** on **Saturday 4 June** at Hill Farm, Cranes Road, Hethel from 7.00 pm -11.00 pm.

Doors open 7 pm.

Come and join us!

Live music with Bishy-Barn-A-Beat Ceilidh Band, licensed cash bar.

Patriotic dress optional!

Tickets which include barbecue: adults £15; children (4-12 years) £7.50.

Contact Cathy Nicholls (570557).

Come and join in with 4th Sunday @ 4!

4th Sunday @ 4 is a short (40 mins) family friendly service planned by families for families, which happens on the 4th Sunday of each month at Hethel Church at 4 pm.

Children and adults of all ages participate together in a variety of activities. as we explore a Biblical theme to nurture our faith for everyday life.

Next dates:

Sundays 22 May, 26 June, 24 July.

Come and join in!

More information Cathy Nicholls (570557).

village picnic

to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

12th June

12 to 3 p.m.

on the common



Bring your own PICNIC and RUG...

... free CAKES and FACE-PAINTING

BEST DRESSED ROYAL TEDDY competition...

... ROUNDER'S game

Ordination Celebration!

Andrew North will be ordained at Norwich Cathedral at 11am on Saturday 2nd July. If you would like to go along to support him, please let Adrian or Caroline know, so that we can arrange sharing of lifts, since parking will be limited.

We will welcome Andrew, Helen, Poppy and Grace with a benefice service in Mulbarton Church at 10am on Sunday 3rd July, and with a shared lunch afterwards.

Offers of plates of food (savoury or sweet) to Caroline please.

There's also "Music by the Lake" on Sunday 12 June, from 2pm to 5pm. at The Grove (Cheshire DisAbility. East Carleton Road

June 12th at 10am Flordon Church

A special service to CELEBRATE the official 90th Birthday of our Queen: THE SERVANT QUEEN & THE KING SHE SERVES (each household will be offered a FREE souvenir book of the same title, written as a tribute for Her Majesty's 90th birthday).

Happy Birthday Mrs Windsor!

In celebration of the life and faith of our Queen, we will be holding a special all age service at 10am on Sunday 12th June in Mulbarton Church, which will be followed by the village event on the common, with picnic and games, 12noon to 3pm.

Beating The Bounds



Just a short note to give a huge well done to everyone for making Beating the Bounds and the Songs of Praise such a positive occasion on Sunday 1st May. Everyone played a really important part and 21 of us and a lovely collection of dogs took part in the walk (with fabulous weather, praise

God!), 16 of us worshipped at the Songs of Praise and in the middle a good number of us enjoyed wonderful refreshments.

All good wishes

Cathy

Congratulations!

We congratulate Holly and James on their wedding day on 4th June at Mulbarton Church, and pray for God's richest blessing on their marriage and their future life together.

MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



TO STAY OR TO LEAVE THE EU Informal Discussion

Saturday 18 June at 10.00am at Harvest House

An opportunity to think together about the issues surrounding the referendum on whether we leave or remain in the EU. More details to follow. Please reserve the date in your diary now and contact Adrian if you would like to be involved. Bishop Alan will be in attendance

Check out: <http://mulbchurch.org.uk/news>

Adrian



ART EXHIBITION FLORDON Saturday 16 July – Sunday 17 July



An art exhibition is going to be held at Flordon church and we are hoping to show the work of as many local artists as possible.

If you would like to exhibit your pictures or need more information please contact Tony Taplin 01508 471593.

Pictures can also be offered for sale if you wish.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Becky and Chris would like to say a huge thank you to all those who contribute to Mardle and make it an interesting and informative read. It is really helpful for us to have all contributions in early so that articles can be typed, edited, proofread and printed by Friday ready for circulation to the churches. The last date for copy is always included on the Diary page. Mardle is a great way for us to communicate across the benefice so please keep your ideas, recipes, jokes, poetry, prayers, advertisements and articles coming in.

Becky Taylor & Chris Carter

PS How do you like the new format?

St Michael's Community Centre, Flordon

Friday 1st July 7.30pm

TUDOR TALES

An Evening of Stories told by Dave Tonge,

author, historian and Yarnsmith of Norwich

Admission £5 includes a glass of wine and nibbles

Raffle

Book with Tony Taplin 01508 471593

United Christian Broadcasters (UCB)

There are a few UCB Free Daily Devotional booklets at the back of each of our Churches – do take a copy if you wish, or consider signing up for your own free copy to be delivered to your door each quarter!

Let me know or call them direct 0845 60 40 401

Local Contact, Marina 578186

WELCOME

Andrew and Helen North will be moving into 2 Minnow Way (the house on the left as you stand with back to the show home on new Hopkins estate) on Wed 1st June. If anyone wanted to pop their head round their door and say hello during their first settling in month, or send a card or anything to welcome them, that would be most welcome.

Poppy and Grace will follow on Friday 3rd June, and start at new school on Monday 6th June. Andrew will be heading back to Nottingham to finish his dissertation, and his leaving ceremony is on 13th June, after which he'll come and base in Mulbarton. I go over to Nottingham for a day on Wed 8th June. Andrew retreats for a few days before the ordination on 2nd July, 11am at the Cathedral. (See Page 9).

Both Andrew and Helen will start their new jobs on Monday 4th July. Also, please do keep the family in your prayers during what can be a traumatic time of transition.

Adrian

JUNE 2016

Monthly Calendar

Please check Pews News for information and Changes

Thursday 2 10.00am Messy Church In Mulbarton Village Hall (See page 3)
 Saturday 4 Wedding of Holly and James at Mulbarton
 Saturday 4 7.00pm Barn Dance and BBQ at Hill Farm Cranes Farm,
 Bracon Ash (See page 3)

Sun 5 8.00am Mulbarton Holy Communion
9.00am Bracon Ash Morning Prayer
10.30am Café Church at Mulbarton Village Hall -"Words
Week - Book of Books"

Thurs 9 2.30pm Hanover Gardens' Service in the lounge

Sun 12 8.30am Hethel Holy Communion
10.00am Flordon Celebration Service for Queen's Official
90th Birthday (See Page 4)
10.00am Mulbarton Special All Age Service to celebrate the
Queen's Official Birthday (See Page 5)
Noon Mulbarton Village Picnic on the Common for
the Queen's Official Birthday (See Page 4)
2.00pm Music by the Lake at The Grove, Cheshire Home

Mon 13 7.00pm Heritage Group walk on Mulbarton common looking at
 ponds/plants meet at Blakeys Bus Café (See page 12)

Sat 18 10.00am Harvest House. Informal discussion about the EU
 Referendum (See Page 8)

Sun 19 9.00am Bracon Ash Holy Communion
10.00am Mulbarton Holy Communion
6.30pm Flordon Evening Prayer

COPY FOR JULY/AUGUST MARDLE TO BECKY TAYLOR BY TODAY
19TH JUNE

Mon 20 7.30pm Barnabas at 22 Birchfield Gardens

Thurs 23 7.00am EU REFERENDUM POLLING DAY

Sun 26 8.30am Flordon Holy Communion
10.00am Mulbarton Morning Worship
10.30am Church at Hanover
4.00pm Hethel 4th Sunday at 4

LOOKING AHEAD

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