

# The Coastal Group of Parishes

Bacton, Happisburgh, Hempstead with Eccles and Lessingham,  
Ridlington, Sea Palling with Waxham, Walcott, Witton And Hickling

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**Ian Watton, Licensed Lay Minister, writes...**

## NEW BEGINNINGS

I can remember, with great sadness, a certain cricket captain who was interviewed on TV after the last game in the series. His team had lost every match. Then he added "I wish we had another chance and could play the series again".

Many of us know what it is like to wish for a new beginning, perhaps after an argument with someone when we had said something which we regretted. Perhaps we have thought "I wish I had a second chance and could begin again".

Sunday 19th May is Pentecost or Whitsunday and as we reflect on the work of the Spirit of God in our own day we might pause and ask - could this promise of the love of God be true for us?

The Spirit of God continues to enter into us and is present with us, offering us a second chance just because God is God.

Like the people of past generations we realise that, at times, we have gone our own way. We might even perhaps have had some moments in life when we have felt that there was little hope for us.

The wonder of Christian faith is that what we cannot do for ourselves God has done for us. God sent Jesus into our world to show us His love and, by the Holy Spirit gives to us a new experience, a new life. By the grace of God and for no other reason we can each begin again.

***Ian***

## SERVICES FOR MAY

<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Sea Palling
<i>Easter 6</i>	9.30	Morning Worship	Walcott
	10.00	Morning Worship	Bacton
	11.00	Morning Worship	Happisburgh
	11.00	Holy Communion	Hickling
	15.00	Afternoon Service	Ridlington
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Hempstead
<i>Easter 7</i>	10.00	Morning Worship	Bacton
	11.00	Holy Communion	Witton
	11.00	Morning Worship	Hickling
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30	Holy Communion	Walcott
<i>Pentecost</i>	10.00	Morning Worship	Bacton
	11.00	Holy Communion and Baptisms	Happisburgh
	11.00	Morning Worship	Sea Palling with Hickling
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.30	Morning Worship	Lessingham
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Bacton with Walcott
	11.00	Morning Worship	Hickling
	11.00	Morning Worship	Sea Palling
	11.30	Morning Prayer	Witton

### Celtic Morning Prayer 9am every Wednesday

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sea Palling	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	Hickling
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	Hempstead	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Happisburgh
May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Walcott		

### Funerals

9th April	Gary Lester	Bacton
12th April	Rodney Linn	Lessingham

### Advance notice

There will be an Intercessions workshop for new and current intercessors on Tuesday 2nd July at 10.30am- 12 noon at Happisburgh Church Room. Please speak to Revd Coryn if you are interested or for more information.

### Mobile Library Dates for May

Hempstead/Eccles/Lessingham/Sea P/Waxham: Weds 1<sup>st</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Hickling: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Happisburgh/Walcott/Bacton/Ridlington/Witton: Tues 21<sup>st</sup>

### Coastal Group Prayer Chain

If you would like to be prayed for or know of someone who would like to be prayed for (with their permission) please contact John Prince: 01692 581841.

### WITTON St. Margaret's

St. Margaret's welcomed a congregation of about 30 to the Easter Day service, a big thank you to Paul Downes for playing the organ and to the Rev Charles Read for conducting the Holy Communion service.

Services in May are on 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am and on 26<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am, this should be the pattern for the coming months, everyone welcome. We still find the occasional mouse and the bats are beginning to wake up again after their winter slumbers, so more cleaning!

A reminder, the Bluebell Tea at Witton Hall on Bank Holiday Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May from 12noon to 4pm. Usual stalls and refreshments, in aid of St. Margaret's.

Our thanks to Karl for his hard work with his scythe during the winter, this has meant that now more of the churchyard can be mown yet still leave an area for the Churchyard Conservation scheme.

At the time of writing we are enjoying a warm dry day and we have had picnickers in the churchyard, long may it continue. *Charles and Gillian Owles 01692 650223*

### BACTON

Services for St Andrews Bacton can be found in the rota opposite. All services start at 10am, this is a permanent fixed time. All are invited to the services. We are a very welcoming church and would love to see new people. As always thanks to Louis and his band of helpers who keep the churchyard looking beautiful. *Keith Bronze*

### HICKLING

The Greyhound Bible Discussion Group will meet at the Greyhound Inn NR12 0YA at 3pm on Tuesdays 14 and 28 May. We welcome visitors and those who might join us. We are making our way through The Psalms and the book of Mark at each meeting.

The Julian Meeting for Christian Silent Prayer takes place at St Mary's Church, Hickling NR12 0BQ, at 10.30am on the second Tuesday of the month. In May we shall meet at 10.30am on the 14<sup>th</sup>. We start with a friendly cuppa and a chat before settling for prayer.

Please contact Zephney should you wish to know more, zlkndy@gmail.com

### The Coastal Walking group

For our next walk we will meet outside Ingham Church on the 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9-30 am. Everyone welcome including dogs on leads. The walk will be about four and a half miles and nice easy going, just turn up and tag along. For more information I can be contacted on 01692 651609. *Ray Allcoat*

***To sign up for a weekly email with reminders of upcoming services and events in the Coastal Group churches, please contact me on the email address below. Thanks, Emma***

### DEADLINE FOR JUNE NEWS SHEET:

Please send your contributions for the June news sheet to Emma at eclawrence@btinternet.com no later than May 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

## HAPPISBURGH

**ST. MARY'S CHURCH TOWER** will be open on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> and Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, weather permitting. *Joan 650728*

**Thank you** to all who attended and helped with a very successful Easter Egg Hunt this year which was held in St. Mary's churchyard with refreshments being served in the Church Rooms. Nearly 40 children took part with friends and families and it was a delight seeing so many folk getting together and having such a joyous time. The Easter Bunny had her work cut out distributing chocolate eggs and posies of daffodils around the village, so a special thank you to her and hopefully we will see her visiting Happisburgh next year.

### Happisburgh Community Hub at the Wenn Evans Centre

Every Wednesday from 11.30am till 1.30pm. Homemade light lunch served (donations towards providing this always appreciated). Occasional guest Speakers. Everyone welcome.

### Happisburgh Knitters and Stitches

Our next meetings are on 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May in the Pavilion between 2 and 4 pm. If you would like to learn to knit or crochet do come along to one of our meetings or have a chat with Janet on 01692 651179.

### Happisburgh and Walcott Bowls Club

Fed up of sitting at home and want to meet people and have some gentle exercise, then come along and try your hand at bowling. We meet Saturday 2-4pm, starting 20th April at the Happisburgh Bowling Green near the Wenn Evans Centre. Come and have a fun, social afternoon with a cup of tea in the middle. Equipment will be provided. For more info tel 01692 651372.

**Seated Zumba** A class is held on Mondays at 2pm at the Wenn Evans Centre. For further information call or text Nicola on 07901982414.

## HAPPISBURGH ORGAN & CHORAL FESTIVAL 2024

This month we celebrate our fifth year of recitals as we welcome Robbie Carroll to get this year's events underway with his much-anticipated recital on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Robbie, who is Assistant Organist at Norwich Cathedral, is a very talented and amiable young man and he will prove to be very popular. Robbie will be the third organist from the cathedral to play in our festival concerts. Do please come and give him a really enthusiastic welcome if you possibly can. Other recitals this year follow on Saturdays 1<sup>st</sup> June (David Ballard); 6<sup>th</sup> July (Matthew Bond) and 3<sup>rd</sup> August (Timothy Patient) – all events are FREE and start at 7.30pm and conclude with light refreshments at 8.45pm. Donations towards the organ fund would be gratefully received. For more details please see [www.organrecitals.uk](http://www.organrecitals.uk)

On SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm we welcome the Choir of Norwich Cathedral who have agreed to sing Choral Evensong for us during this year's music festival. Under the direction of their Master of Music, Ashley Grote, the boys, choral scholars and lay-clerks will be an absolute joy to hear. I believe the organist will be David Dunnett. To have this service in St. Mary's Church surely has to be seen as a once-in-a-lifetime occasion. Please come and help fill the church! Refreshments follow the service at approximately 4.30pm. A warm welcome awaits you on all the above occasions. *DAB*

## SEA PALLING WITH WAXHAM

**Sea Palling Community Hub** is open every Saturday from 10 to 12noon with good coffee / tea/ chocolate + bacon butties in the Nissen Hut. A good selection of preloved clothes at bargain prices, and books galore to suit all. All welcome including well behaved dogs on leads.

### Sea Palling with Waxham Community Trust

Full time residency in the villages of Sea Palling and Waxham, students are eligible for school vouchers re school uniforms - for those entering year 7 in September 2024. Please see posters at end of April re application.

## SEA PALLING & WAXHAM VILLAGE HALL

**PRIZE BINGO** - on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and on the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. Eyes Down at 7.30pm. Cash accumulator stands at £55! Everyone welcome. Raffle and refreshments available.

**QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING** - This popular event, usually held on the third Saturday of every month, but this time will be on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May in the village hall. Booking essential. Please check for availability as spaces are limited or for more information call Margaret on 01692 598828.

**CRAFT FAIR** - on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am - 3.00pm at the village hall and on the last Sunday of every month until October. Refreshments available.

**THE SEA PALLING CARPET BOWLS CLUB** meets in the village hall on Thursdays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Beginners welcome. For more information, please call John on 01692 598478 or Steve on 01692 598052.

**"COME ON IN"** - Join us in the village hall for a cuppa, chat and maybe a game of cards or board game on Weds 29<sup>th</sup> May, 10.30am - 12.30pm. We will then be taking a break for the summer and return again on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Free admission. A warm welcome awaits. Hope to see you there.

**THE SEA PALLING TABLE TENNIS CLUB** meets in the village hall on Wednesdays from 2.00pm - 4.00pm. All equipment provided. £2 per person. Everyone welcome.

**ZUMBA CLASS** - On Wednesdays 7pm - 8pm in the village hall. Only £4 per session. For more information please call Tina on 07341360389 or find her on facebook at Zumba with Tina.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - The **Village of Yard Sales** will be on Sunday 25th August this year. More details to follow.

## LESSINGHAM AND HEMPSTEAD WITH ECCLES

### Choral Evensong at Hempstead Church.

On Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4.00pm there will be Evensong sung by King's Voices, a choir from King's College, Cambridge. All are welcome. Kings College is the patron of the parish. Until the end of the hundred years war in 1453 there was a cell of the Abbey of Bec in Normandy at Lessingham. At the end of the war the French were banished and their lands confiscated. The land at Lessingham was granted by Edward IV to King's College in 1462. In 1740 Hempstead and Lessingham parishes were united and Hempstead then came under the patronage of King's College who remain supportive patrons.

Many thanks to everyone who helped or visited the coffee morning on Easter Saturday. We raised £458.00. This will go towards our struggle to keep our two churches open.  
*Margaret Henderson 581 858.*

## WALCOTT

**Lepra.** The total raised at the social in February was £518.50. This will provide healing treatment for 21 people. Thank you so much from Lepra.

**A Gardening Question Time** with Charlotte Philcox (the Common Gardener) and Bill Le Grice. Come along to Walcott Village Hall with your gardening questions on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for 7.30 start. Tickets are £8 each which includes hot refreshments. Payment at the door but please book your ticket by calling Sue 07501 465930, Edward 07974 800918 or Sylvia 01692 650795.

**Garden Sale** This will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 10.30am - 12.00 at Channings, The Crescent. Coffee – cakes – raffle – plants & bric a brac and a chance to chat with friends in a sunny garden (last year it was rained off). Come and join in. Eiler.

## WALCOTT VILLAGE HALL

The booking clerk is Mr John Paul who can be contacted on 07791804872 or 'e' mail - bookwosvh@gmail.com. All bookings will be confirmed by John with the individual concerned - please don't use the calendar in the village hall until confirmed.

### Weekly groups:

**Mondays** 6.00pm Circuits with Harriet 07790 317095  
7.15pm Zumba fitness with Jo 07919 923753

**Tuesdays** 10.00am Ballet Bums with Carol 07748 825748  
7.15pm Zumba Gold with Loraine 07748 985940

**Thursdays** 10.00am Seated Zumba with Nicola 07901 982414  
7.15pm Zumba with Jo 07919 923753

**Fridays** 11.00am Dog training with Pauline 07917 821682

**Saturdays** 10.00am Zumba fitness with Jo 07919 923753  
11.15am Zumba Gold with Loraine 07748 985940

There are regular slots available in the hall or the committee room for hire during the day – visit our Facebook calendar on the Walcott on Sea Facebook page or contact John, the booking clerk above.

Saturday 11th May – 10am – 3pm -The **annual plant and garden tools sale** in aid of our local Community Ambulance First Responders takes place. Any donation of plants or tools / garden paraphernalia would be gratefully appreciated. If you need help then please phone George on 07918193341.

**Book swap cupboard** – The cupboard is to the right of the hall entrance and can be accessed at any time. Please only leave books if they can be placed in the cupboard due to the inclement weather.

Keep an eye on our notice board & Facebook page: WalcottVillageHallNorfolk for detailed posters.

**Used postage stamps** - the village hall is collecting used postage stamps on behalf of the Happisburgh RNLI lifeboat. There is a collection point in the hall and also the book swap cupboard outside.

**Unwanted jewellery** - We are still collecting any unwanted jewellery whether damaged or not in the red bucket in the hall for Alzheimer's UK.

**Wild Touch** need newspapers, sheets and towels to see them through the winter and would appreciate any donation to be delivered to their premises.

## SEA PALLING INDEPENDENT LIFEBOAT

Following on from last month's shore crew update, let's introduce the fundraising team who work tirelessly to raise money including selling our merchandise on the beach stall and at local events, collecting our charity pots, organising events, such as our Easter Egg event and arranging for Santa to visit, and building relationships with local businesses. These are just a few ways they raise money so that we may continue our valuable rescue work. Our beach stall predominately runs Sunday mornings May to September when the weather is a bit warmer, maybe you could help us by spending an hour or two once a month or more on the stall, or perhaps you could help by raising money in other ways. For further information please contact rita@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk or come and say hello when we are on the beach.

On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding a commemoration on the beach to remember the 80 years since the original D Day of 1944. Further information will be available on our social media pages closer to the time and we would love it if you would come and join us for the evening including the lighting of the lamp ceremony.

## RIDLINGTON St. Peter's

*Sonnet 18 - William Shakespeare*

*Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?*

*Thou art more lovely and more temperate:*

*Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,*

*And summer's lease hath all too short a date;*

*Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,*

*And often is his gold complexion dimmed;*

*And every fair from fair sometime declines,*

*By chance or nature's changing course untrimm'd;*

*But thy eternal summer shall not fade,*

*Nor lose possession of that fair thou own'st;*

*Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade,*

*When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st:*

*So long as men can breathe or eyes can see,*

*So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.*

Most of us will have been introduced to this at school; surely one of the best. Our Easter Holy Communion service, preceded by the clocks going forward the night before, got bleary eyed worshippers out of bed on a fine morning.

The Annual Meeting followed our service in April when the PCC was re-elected. Vanda stood down as Secretary after 6 years for which she was gratefully thanked and Nicky was welcomed as she stepped up to fill the role. Our service in May will be on 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm as usual. Everyone is welcome.

*Barbara Penn 07564536262*

## LESSINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH

**Coffee mornings** 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10.30 - 12 noon.

**Monthly hot lunches** on the fourth Thursday each month, cost £7.00. Booking for this is essential with Lay Pastor Ros Peedle 07976 720440/email ros.peedle@live.co.uk at least by the Monday of that week.

**Sunday Worship** at 11.00am every Sunday.

Everyone is welcome to any or all of these events.