

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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Long summer evenings, swallows nesting, cuckoo calling, lilac scenting the evening air, may blossom in the hedges - it's Maytime.

The first bank holiday of the year – after 2 years of Covid restrictions, now over and with the warm sunny weather expected, we are all beginning to experience a better social life. Holidays are in the minds of many and having such wonderful broads and beaches in our benefice, holiday makers and day trippers will be heading our way.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated the most wonderful time in the Christian year! Easter Sunday. But the Easter season continues as we hear how the disciples gradually realised that although Jesus is not physically present, he will be with them always - the Comforter- that he has promised will come at Pentecost, 10 days after his ascension to Heaven.

Countless men and women have found their need of God in good times and the sad times. Our churches are always open for prayer or times to reassess or meditate, whether it is your personal worries or concerns for our troubled world.

In this season of Eastertide, may we find the love, joy and peace of knowing that God is always with us in all situations of life.

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SERVICES FOR MAY

1 st May	9am	Holy Communion	Hempstead
<i>Easter 3</i>	10.30	Holy Communion	Bacton w Walcott
	10.30	Holy Communion	Sea Palling
	10.30	Family Service	Happisburgh
	10.30	Morning Service	Hickling
	3pm	Easter Celebration	Ridlington
4 th May	9am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Witton
8 th May	10.30	Holy Communion	Walcott
<i>Easter 4</i>	10.30	All Age Worship	Bacton
	10.30	Christian Aid Service	Sea Palling
	10.30	Songs of Praise	Hickling
	11.30	Holy Communion	Witton
	12noon	Family Service	Lessingham
11 th May	9am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Bacton
15 th May	10.30	Holy Communion	Happisburgh
<i>Easter 5</i>	10.30	Family Service	Walcott
	10.30	Morning Service	Hickling
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Sea Palling
	10.30	Family Service	Bacton
	12noon	Holy Communion	Lessingham
18 th May	9am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Waxham
22 nd May	10.30	Zoom	
<i>Easter 6</i>	10.30	Holy Communion	Hickling
	10.30	Songs of Praise	Bacton
27 th May	9am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Sea Palling
28 th May	10.30	Holy Communion	Happisburgh
<i>Ascension Day</i>			
29 th May	10.30	United Holy Communion	Happisburgh
1 st June	9am	Celtic Morning Prayer	Hickling

CHRISTENING

9th April Marlowe Shilling, Hickling

FUNERALS

23rd March Ruby Nudd, Sea Palling

13th April Angela Gibbs, Hickling

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who have been bereaved.

Library Dates

Happisburgh/Walcott/Bacton/Ridlington/Witton May 24th
Hempstead/Eccles/Lessingham/Sea Palling/Waxham

May 7th

Hickling May 5th & 31st

Deadline for June New Sheet.

Please send your contributions for June's news sheet to sandrews487@gmail.com no later than May 13th

Zoom Services

You can join on line or from your home phone.

Meeting ID 729 970 4803

Passcode 016926

Ring 0131 460 1196 and key in the numbers using your telephone keypad.

For further information please ring John on 581841

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 on 01692 581841

Coastal Group Community Volunteers

Our volunteers continue to support our community by collection prescriptions and local shopping.

Please ring 650359 and leave your name and number, and a volunteer will get back to you. We will help if we can!

LESSINGHAM AND HEMPSTEAD WITH ECCLES

The PCC thanks Patrick Kerrison for the renovation of the Hempstead Church gates.

Also thanks to John Nicholson for keeping the path in good order.

We regret that so far this year we have had to cancel three services. This is partly due to Covid but mainly due to lack of personnel to organise the service.

In our struggle for survival the PCC is grateful for all help received either in kind or financial. Thank you to those unable to attend church in the last two years who have maintained their financial support.

During the summer months we hope to have our usual cake stalls and coffee mornings.

Donations of cakes are always welcome, also jigsaws and books. Collection can be arranged if needed. There is a secondhand bookstall in Hempstead Church.

Margaret Henderson 581 858

WITTON St. Margaret's

Regrettably, the Covid pandemic has taken its toll, even in the parish of Witton!

Our Palm Sunday service had to be cancelled, and now the Annual Meetings have had to be postponed. The meetings will now take place on Tuesday 17th May, at 2.30pm in the church.

On a more optimistic note, hopefully the churchyard will soon be once again very colourful, but unfortunately any warmer weather will for sure awaken the resident bat population.

The next service is Sunday 8th May at 11.30am.

Plans for the Vintage Harvest weekend, 20th and 21st August, are going ahead, the 1950's wheat is growing but will soon need a drop of rain!

Take care, remember "hands, face and space" and be considerate to those around us.

Charles and Gillian Owles 01692 650223

HAPPISBURGH

Organ Recital Series 2022. At the conclusion of the final organ recital last year on 14th August I remember telling the audience we only had nine months to wait for the next series of recitals to commence. Well, the wait is nearly over because the first recital this year is next month on Saturday 7th May, when it will be a great pleasure to welcome George Inscoe, the Assistant Organist of Norwich Cathedral, to get this year's concerts underway.

Music with a wide appeal will be played. FREE entry. Retiring donations will be very gratefully received and these will be divided between the main church fund and the organ fund.

The recital starts at 7.30pm and concludes by 8.45pm when light refreshments will be available. As ever, a warm welcome awaits you. The following recital is on 4th June (Timothy Patient). (DAB).

Happisburgh Knitters and Stitchers

We will be having our usual meetings on June 20th and July 4th & 18th. If you wish to join our team of happy crafters contact Janet on 01692 651179.

Wenn Evans Centre Have you a little time to spare to volunteer to help with the running of the Wenn Evans Centre ? For a chat please contact Dave Mole on 01692 650826.

Happisburgh Bowls Club will be open for the summer season every Saturday afternoon from April 24th 2-4pm. New and old members welcome. Come and have a go, further details tel 651372.

HAPPISBURGH RIGHT ROYAL CELEBRATIONS

Treasure Hunt Collect entry forms from Manor Caravan Park Shop or The Village Store from Wednesday 1st June. Return completed answers with your team NAME and contact details to the shop or store by end of Saturday 4th June. Winners and Prizes by a draw of entries at Picnic on the Park, 5.30 to 6pm Sunday 5th June.

House Decorating Competition Decorate and adorn your house for the Jubilee. TAKE A PHOTO. Entries by end of Friday 3rd June. Judging on Saturday 4th June. Winners and Prizes at Picnic on the Park, 5.30 to 6pm Sunday 5th June. Email your name, address, contact details and the PHOTOS of your decorated house to: righroyalhouseadorn@gmail.com

Monday 30th May 1pm to 4pm. CRAFT afternoon at Wenn Evans. All welcome and bring the children for ideas and making decorations, bunting etc for House Decorating and or Fancy Dress entries, Contact Sharon on 07717 825299 for more details.

Thursday 2nd June 21.00pm Cliff Top BEACON LIGHTING. Refreshments by "Sarnies at the Sea" and "Hill House Inn"

Friday 3rd June 10.00am 5k Village FUN RUN/WALK. All children 16 years and under to be accompanied by adult. Medals for all entrants. Registration by 23rd May. Email details to: righroyalrun.walk@gmail.com

Sunday 5th June Wenn Evans 1pm to 6pm PICNIC IN THE PARK with music. Family Event and visitors welcome. Bring your chairs and blankets. Dogs welcome, but on leads. Collect your QUIZ and Song sheet on the way in. Licensed Bar. Catering Vans selling yummy food, teas and coffees and cakes and/or bring your own picnic.

Programme: 1pm Opening Song and Ribbon Cutting by local legend

2pm to 3pm Fete Games and competitions, Craft Tent, 3pm Band "Kindred Spirits" to 5.30pm 3.30pm Tug - of - War

5.15pm Fancy Dress Parade, medals for all entrants.

5.30pm Prize giving for Quiz, Treasure Hunt, House Adorn, Fete Games and competitions.

6pm Closing Songs.

For more info follow: "Happisburgh's Right Royal Celebrations" Facebook Event page.

All volunteers and interested parties please come to our next meetings at the Wenn Evans Centre on Mondays MAY 16th, 23rd and 30th at 7pm to help and support the planning of the celebrations.

Species Protection (Beach Warden)

Come and join our amazing team of volunteer wardens protecting beach-nesting bird colonies in east Norfolk and north Suffolk. You will monitor and protect our rarest shorebirds and educate and inspire visitors to celebrate their local wildlife! volunteer.rspb.org.uk

RIDLINGTON St. Peter's

The month of May is named after the Roman Goddess Maia and is a month that celebrates the blossoming buds of flowers as nature prepares itself for summer.

Very much like the Christian calendar when Christ's Ascension to Heaven was a new beginning.

Our next service at St Peter's is to Celebrate the Risen Lord and will be held on the usual first Sunday of the month, the 1st of May at 3pm.

The Coastal walking group

For this months walk we will meet at Happisburgh church on Tuesday the 3rd of May at 9-30am. Everyone is welcome including dogs on leads.

For more info I can be contacted on 651609. Ray Allcoat

BACTON

After celebrating a Joyful Eastertide St Andrews are looking forward to welcoming back our regular summer visitors, and also making part of the Church grounds into a Wildlife area to encourage wild insects and butterflies for the coming summer months, our services are at 10-30am each Sunday all welcome.

WALCOTT

Walcott Village Hall To book the hall for public groups or private hire please ring Sheila on 07826033801.

Queen's Jubilee celebration Saturday 4th June 1.30 – 5.30pm – there will be musical entertainment from Roger Bean, warblers delivering a selection of 50s and 60s numbers and afternoon tea of finger food and YES THERE WILL BE CAKE !!

Charity for May and June We are supporting the Broadland First Responders who are our Ambulance service volunteer group. They are raising funds to purchase devices that gives them better and more timely access to information from Ambulance control as well as control being able to see where they are in case they get into difficulties and thereby ensuring their safety.

What to do if you find a Baby Birdie **by Sheila Mason, in her own words!**

Your nearest rescue centre is 'Wild Touch' on Mill Common Rd.; please telephone first for advice and to ensure assistance is available: 07765345441.

If you can walk up and touch a wild animal it usually does need your help, but remember that Fledgling birds have been jumping out of their nests for thousands of years and will usually survive if healthy and parent birds are still around to feed it. But what to do when you see a bird out of its nest? I understand you cannot leave what looks like a helpless animal alone: So: contain it, keep it warm, keep it safe and telephone for advice. Most importantly, please please DO NOT give baby birds any food (unless otherwise told to by rescue centre) and especially NO WATER.

If the bird is a Hatchling/Nestling i.e. not covered in feathers? I find the best thing is to place it in the cleavage of your bra with its head poking out to avoid suffocation! Gentlemen without wives could use a scarf or glove. Then pop it in a small tissue lined box in the airing cupboard or over a WARM, not hot, water bottle (averagely birds blood temperature is 40 degrees Centigrade) until you can ring and get it to a rescue centre ASAP.

Fledglings - have all or most of their feathers and leave the nest just before they can fly. Occasionally healthy Fledglings are seen bobbing around on lawns but should quickly be able to get up into bushes and wait for parent birds to feed; so they are just doing what fledglings do! But if looks pathetic when approached then bring it to rescue centre for assessment. It maybe that you can return it for undisturbed monitoring (birds have very poor sense of smell so your scent will not be noticed by mummy bird) but generally if you can easily catch it it needs help.

In exception: Pigeons, Corvids and birds of prey always need help if found on the ground. These birds fledging process takes place in trees and shouldn't be found at ground level.

Most importantly, please keep your cats indoors until the Fledglings are airborne. Lovely that they are, if a cat has 'mouthed' a bird in anyway a course of antibiotics is required. If you have any concerns over any wild animals just ring Wild Touch. Thank you for caring xx

SEA PALLING WITH WAXHAM

Library at the Nissen Hut; Many thanks to all who contributed many different plants and to those who came to buy at the recent Plant sale. Funds were for church and Nissen Hut improvements. Library opens at 10-12 on every Saturday for books and more - refreshments a speciality!

Sea Palling with Waxham Community Trust.: Children who are entering Year 7 in September are eligible for a grant towards the cost of uniforms. This applies only to those resident within the Parish of Sea Palling and Waxham. Please contact Pam Millsted - millstedpg@btinternet.com - for further information.

SEA PALLING AND WAXHAM VILLAGE HALL

SILENT AUCTION on Saturday 30th April with jewellery, toys, collectables, books, household items and more at the village hall. Free entry. Refreshments available. Doors open at 1.30pm, bidding commencing at 2.00pm and closing at 3.00pm.

PRIZE BINGO - on Friday 6th May and the first Friday of every month. Eyes Down at 7.30pm. Cash accumulator stands at £35. Everyone welcome. Raffle and refreshments available.

INTERNATIONAL ILLUSIONIST CHRIS NORTH PRESENTS - "CURIOUS TALES AND UNUSUAL PHENOMENA" You won't believe your own eyes at the village hall on Friday 13th May at 7.30pm! Doors open at 7pm. Tickets £8 (recommended age 12+) available from Sea Palling Village Post Office & Stores or Margaret Preston on 01692 598828. Raffle, and beer, wine, soft drinks, tea and coffee available.

QUIZ AND SUPPER EVENING - this popular event is held on the third Saturday of every month. Please check for availability or for more information call Margaret on 01692 598828.

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.

ROYAL PLATINUM PICNIC AND GRAND DRAW will be held at the village hall on Sunday 5th June from 2.00pm beginning with a childrens' fancy dress parade. Fun & Games for all the family with prizes to be won. Free entrance with free gift (subject to availability). Bring your own picnic, tables and chairs or blanket. Sorry no BBQs. Free teas, coffee and squash. Our Grand Draw with over 30 high quality prizes to be won.

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Sea Palling Independent Lifeboat Sea Palling Lifeboat would like to thank Andreas and Angela Schroer and Jennifer Roberts for their hard work, dedication and long service at the Station now that they have left. We will miss you and wish you all the very best. We are actively looking for new crew members in all aspects of the service to join the crew. If you are interested, please come up and see us at the Lifeboat Station, Beach Road, Sea Palling, on Thursday evenings or Sunday mornings. *For details of our supporters' merchandise, memorial plaques, business advertising space or how to make a donation please see our website, face book page or e-mail hannah@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk or dave@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk*