



Worlington Pump

February 2017

Dear Friends

In the chilly days following Christmas and New Year, whilst we were battling coughs and colds, Lawrence and I spent some time cheering ourselves up by planning our summer holiday. One of the things that I least enjoy about holidays is the travelling, especially where motorways, airports and hurry are involved, so this time I suggested that we make the travel part of the holiday, take a leisurely ferry across the channel and drive the pretty way to our destination over a couple of days. So that's what we plan to do. Instead of racing to our destination, we will enjoy journeying together.

The life of faith is often seen as a journey; interestingly 2,000 years ago no-one had heard of the word 'Christianity', and believers called themselves simply 'Followers of the Way'. Later on that theme of journeying carried over into the practice of pilgrimage – travelling slowly, often on foot, often with companions, not solely to reach a destination but also to use the very rhythm of walking to draw closer to God and to each other.

This year we will be using the theme of journey in each of the themes of our Lent Groups. In Worlington and Barton Mills we will be reflecting on the film 'The Way' featuring Martin Sheen as a man who embarks on a pilgrimage in Spain along the 'Camino de Santiago' (The Way of St James) taking with him the ashes of his son who had died attempting the pilgrimage. Along the way he meets various characters taking the journey for different reasons, and together they discover much about themselves and each other.

In Freckenham we will be looking at 'A Green Way', exploring what the Christian faith has to say about the environment and our care for it. We will be discovering together how as churches and individuals practical ways in which we can have a positive impact on the world around us.

In West Row we will be looking at 'The Way of Faith' – a conversation about the basic tenets of the Christian faith which will also act as preparation for those who wish to be confirmed on Easter Saturday at the cathedral. However those who are already confirmed, or who are just interested, are also very welcome to come along.

Finally our two Bishops, the Rt Rev Martin Seeley and the Rt Rev Mike Harrison will be passing through our group of parishes during their Lent walking pilgrimage. They will be walking from Red Lodge to Worlington for a service of Evening Prayer at All Saints' at about 4.30pm on Monday 26th March, then spending the night in Freckenham where they would love to meet local people at a social evening in Freckenham Village Hall. The next day they will set out towards Mildenhall.

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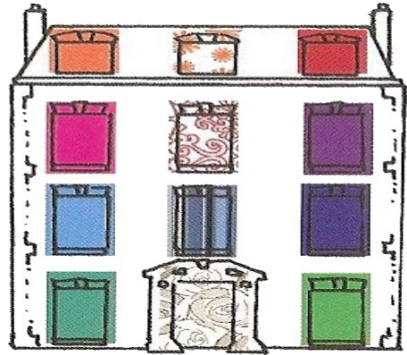


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Sunday 11 th	11:00 am	Messy Church (Worlington Village Hall) <i>No Evensong</i>
Sunday 18 th	8:00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th	11:00 am	Holy Communion by Extension

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Flowers

Sunday 4 th / 11 th	Poinsettias - Mrs A. Thornalley
Sunday 19 th / 26 th	Lent - No flowers

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Flower Rota

A special 'thank you' to all ladies on our Flower Rota who, along with those who help on special occasions, make All Saints Church look so beautiful. So many lovely compliments are made about your work!

February 14th starts the season of Lent and therefore no flowers until Easter Day. This is a sombre time and we all look forward to having spring flowers with all the colour they bring to the church.

If you would like to be on the rota and/or be part of decorating at special seasons, do please contact Ann, 714873 or Val, 714336. We would love to hear from you.

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We would be delighted for anyone to join us as we journey through Lent, whether or not you are a member of a church. We will all learn from each other as we travel. If you would like more details please do contact me on 01638 720770. - Love Sandie x

Portable speed indicating device scheme

As I am sure you have all noticed by now, the village has, for the last few months been deploying a speed indicating device (SID) at various points around the village. The main reason for this is obviously to try and get motorists to reduce the speed at which they travel through the village. Every couple of months we will be publishing the results from these checks. Please note that only those vehicles travelling over 30mph have been included in the table.

Date / Location	Total Vehicles	31-39 mph	40-49 mph	50-54 mph	55-59 mph	60-64 mph	65-70 mph
28/9/17 - 13/10/17 Old Bridge Close	17669	8855	2503	169	27	9	2
27/10/17 - 6/11/17 Opposite Bell House	25267	8402	461	20	3	2	1
7/11/17 - 18/11/17 The Street	24488	7189	393	26	7	3	1
18/11/17 - 16/12/17 Worlington Hotel	106183	39718	2119	201	0	1	2

Council Tax Precept Increase 2018/19

Due to the new General Data Protection Regulations being enforced from May 2018, and our statutory obligation to comply, the following is the Precept increase for the financial year 2018-19. We have calculated that our precept would need to increase by £700 for the year, an increase of 5.88% (£3.19 per household), this equates to approximately 26p for a band D property per month. This increase will show on your 2018/19 Council Tax Bill. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Clerk on worlingtonparishcouncil@live.com or 07712 232920.

Bell Lane Junction

Could we please ask that all residents and visitors to Church Lane be aware of the possibility of vehicles emerging from the track beside Bell House. With it being somewhat of a blind junction, cars need to edge out in order to see if the road is clear. There have been a number of occasions when cars have nearly been hit because drivers are already looking down the Freckenham Road to see if it is clear to pull out onto the main road. Many thanks

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Pre-season training sessions for the senior sides have been booked at Culford School. Sessions take place on Friday evenings throughout February and early March.

In addition, we are once again taking part in the Suffolk Indoor Cricket League, which similarly takes place at Culford School. Fixtures for the league take place on Sunday evenings during February.

Details for these and all other club news is available on our website at www.worlingtoncricketclub.co.uk

Bury Bach Choir

Saturday 3rd March 2018, 7.30pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds

AN EVENING OF GLORIOUS MOZART

Mozart: Mass in C minor K427

Mozart: Vesperae Solennes de Confessore K339

Mozart: Overture to Lucio Silla K135

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Worlington Village Hall

Friday 2nd February

12:00 noon - 2:00pm

Menu

Vegetable Soup (With Crusty Bread)

Sausage meat Pie

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Tuesday 27th February

10:30am - 12:00pm

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Friday 16th March

Worlington Village Hall

7.30pm



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Val: 01638 714336 or Linda 01638 515068

By Wednesday 14th March please

Thanks

Our thanks to everyone who attended our last quiz night. Quiz master, Brian Cole, on top form as usual. His questions are always extremely well thought out and the content always challenging. Thank you also to those who helped on the night and for wonderful raffle prizes donated, it's all very much appreciated.

Congratulations to the winners, 'The Magnificent Seven'. Come along and see if your team will win. If you haven't enough to make up a team, don't let that stop you! Let us know beforehand and we'll do our best to find one for you.

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Thank You

I have had 2 emails this month both asking me to thank the same person on behalf of the village; for the tireless work he does around the village, for his help in keeping the cricket pitch and playground free of rubbish, for clearing up the scrub and debris from the cemetery, etc.

I am happy to oblige, so thank you George Pooley, your help is appreciated, as are the smiles and stories.

Bird Talk

On the morning of Sunday 10th December 2017 it was snowing heavily. Not long after dawn I looked across the few meters separating our kitchen window from the bush in the churchyard to see what was going on — plenty was the answer. Having survived the first truly vicious night of the winter the birds were keen to get to the fat balls and the nyger seed to recover the weight they had lost overnight.

Every feeder perch was occupied with about a dozen birds squabbling to get a place in the queue, but what was unusual was what was happening on the ground under the feeders. There were well over twenty small birds in a state of feverish activity; there are invariably a few on the ground and often over a dozen but over twenty is unusual.

There was no sun to light up the multiple colours of the various species but the snow provided a white backdrop which made it easier to pick out the shapes in the poor light. The large wet flakes fell onto the backs of the birds but melted quickly. This didn't seem to bother them as they were single minded in their quest for food.

I only have fat balls and nyger seed at this site because the attentions of squirrels, pigeons, jackdaws and collared doves have forced me to remove the nuts and mixed seeds to other locations. The birds on the feeders always spill some seeds and spray crumbs from the fat balls onto the ground, where other birds peck them up. Today the feeding was so frantic that more was getting spilt, hence the exceptional number of ground eaters.

All the species that are usually there at various times during the day were there at this particular moment. On the fat balls were two starlings plus three or four goldfinches with others fluttering around trying to get a foothold. On the nyger feeders were more goldfinches, many chaffinches, blue tits, great tits, and sparrows. On the ground were all the above except starlings, plus two dunnocks and a single robin. I never see more than one robin, except in the breeding season, and the dunnocks never go on the feeders. Also present on the edge of the melee were three black birds and five or six collared doves. I think that makes ten species.

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All this was entrancing enough but then came the bombshell — a song thrush! I couldn't believe it — we have not seen a song thrush in the churchyard or our garden since 2007. What followed was more than I could possibly have hoped for.

The thrush was hopping around in the leaves just under the window some metres from the feeders. Eventually it found what it was looking for — a snail. It started banging the unfortunate mollusc against a sharp flint in the churchyard wall to break its shell. This I know from experience can take some time but I was more than happy to continue watching.

All this activity attracted the attention of one of the male black birds on the edge of the mass of ground feeders, so it came to investigate. Being bigger than the thrush it chased it off its snail and had a go at shell breaking for itself. Unfortunately black bird's bills are not designed for dealing with snails and the clumsy bird threw the shell into the air losing it amongst the leaves.

Meanwhile, the thrush had not flown away but was sheltering from the snow under the lee of a tilting gravestone. The expression on this bird's face was utterly forlorn; if birds can swear what this bird was saying under its breath was not fit for the precincts of a church, but oh! I had to sympathise with it.

The black bird, having deprived the thrush of its well found breakfast and having failed to capitalise on its easy picking, went back to join the feeding frenzy under the bush. The poor thrush then went to look for its snail but couldn't find it. To my delight it spent another couple of minutes looking for another snail but was unsuccessful. I really do feel sorry for that song thrush and I fervently hope it survives the winter.

Don MacBean

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Friday 9th February, 7:00 for 7:30pm, Excalibow by www.Bowjangles.org, with Creative Arts East support, singing, dancing, comedy, magic – and of course music! All whilst still playing their musical instruments! Bar opens 7pm. Suitable for all ages. Tickets Adults £9 under 18's £5. 01638 720118 or 07542 198933

Friday 23rd February, 7:00 for 7:30pm, Macmillan Big Quiz. Teams of up to 6 people. Free entry but please donate generously as all proceeds go to support Macmillan Cancer Support here in Suffolk. Doors & Bar open 7pm. Raffle. To book text or call 07770 477688 or email: freckenhamvh@mail.com

Saturday 24th February, 10:00am - 12 noon, Farmers & Crafts Market. Bacon rolls, cakes hot drinks free entry – MEAT, bread, seasonal produce, cheese, olives & more from Barleycorn Deli, pies, preserves, pickles, honey, eggs, WI, homecrafts knitting, cards, jewellery, pin boards, bags, candles, diffusers & more. Farmers & Crafts Market dates for the diary 24 March (week early to avoid Easter).

Friday 2nd March, 7:00 for 7:30pm, Victoria & Abdul.

For further details - check the village website. The weekly events at the village hall include Freckenham Fun Time for the Under 5's (term time only), Karate, Zumba, Yoga (day & evening), Meditation, Strength & Balance (now FABS), FitSteps. Table Tennis & Swing Jive dance club. Pilates! New Move it Or Lose It class. To check activities, phone, check out <http://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall>, Facebook or Twitter @FreckenhamVH

Old Photographs of Worlington

Hi, I am hoping to compile an 'online scrapbook' to publish on the village website.

All the photos online are of the same old scenes and buildings and I thought it would be nice to try and find some photos of the whole village and how it looked in days gone by. So if anyone has any old photos of buildings that may or may not still be here, old characters from the village or anything that shows village life in the past I would be very grateful if I could make copies of them.

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