

August 2018

Morning Prayer every Wednesday at 9.30 am. Metton Church

5th August Trinity 11

9.30 am Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer Sustead
11.00 am All Age Worship Roughton

12th August Trinity 12

9.30 am Holy Communion Common Worship Hanworth
11.00 am Morning Prayer Metton with Felbrigg Felbrigg
3.15 pm Sing For Joy St. David's Nursing Home Sheringham

19th August Trinity 13

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11.00 am Holy Communion CommonWorship Roughton

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9.30 am Morning Prayer Book of Common Prayer Hanworth
11.00 am Holy Communion Metton with Felbrigg Felbrigg
3.15 pm Sing For Joy St. David's Nursing Home Sheringham

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I'll be glad when it cools down a bit

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Water of Life

Water is very much in the news just now – or rather the lack of it. All around as we see trees, plants and animals suffering for lack of water.

However at Felbrigg Church we are rejoicing that water at last comes out of a tap, we no longer have to carry it. We hope that this will soon be so for Roughton as well. But we remember those in other parts of the world who have to walk miles to fetch clean water.

The Bible was written in a hot dry country where water was scarce. We read how God provided water for his people in the desert and it is often used as a sign of God's blessing. In psalm 23 - "He leads me beside still waters" and Isaiah speaks of "Streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land"

Jesus knew what it was to be hot and tired and on one of his journeys he sat by a well and asked a lady who was drawing water, for a drink. But Jesus knew that she had a different kind of thirst - for peace and satisfaction in her life and so he offered her living water which would lead to eternal life.

Later he was in the temple in Jerusalem for the festival at the end of harvest when they gave thanks for the crops and reconised that rain was a gift from God. There was a ceremonial pouring out of water and we read that Jesus said loudly "If anyone is thirsty let them come to me and drink".

We all experience times when we thirst for peace, satisfaction and fulfilment in our lives. Well, the offer is there – at the end of the book of revelation; Jesus says "Come! Whoever is thirsty let him come and let him take the free gift of the water of life.

Mary Llewlynn

From the Registers:

Baptism of Holly Williams at Felbrigg Church on 30th June:

Wedding: of Jefferson Halley Clements and Lucy Ann Carter on 21st July at Bessingham Church

Funeral of Karen Pyke at Metton Church on 3rd July.

Time for Prayer

Tuesday 14th August at 13 The Green, Felbrigg led by Mary

Tuesday 28th August at 5 Orchard Close, Roughton led by Heather.

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MOTHERS' UNION

Thursday 9th August – Mary Sumner Day Service at East Runton Church at 2.30pm

There will be no branch meeting in August. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th September at Felbrigg Village Hall @ 2.30pm. when Rev. Janet Stewart will give a talk entitled 'Angels'.

From Margaret

May I please take a small space in the Ambassador to thank all you lovely people who offered to help when I came out of hospital? If I had taken every offer my flat would be pristine and my

cupboards and fridge/freezer stuffed with food. Special thanks to John who lifted me from hospital, to Sue Wells who arrived at the opportune moment to organize the servicing of my car, to Marion who cared for me, fed me, sorted me (tried to) and told me off – all in equal measure.

Blessings on you all

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Christians had been ejected from the Holy Land, the Knights moved their headquarters to Acre and then to Cyprus where they went into decline. At that point the King of France took over much of their property though some of it was transferred to the Knight Hospitallers. Then the King forced the Pope into a sudden dissolution of the Order in 1312. Many of their buildings still survive including the Temple area of London focussed on the round Temple Church where effigies of knights can still be seen. Much mystery surrounds the Order and it was steadily revived from the 18th century onwards. Today it is a non-denominational Christian organisation. In the early 1900s the 'Young Crusader' movement began to attract children to Sunday Schools. Since the publication of the popular book, the 'De Vinci Code' and the film 'Star Wars' with its Jedi Knights, the Templers have become a subject of popular interest - it is strange that they should descend on Hanworth Church but it seems that the fame of Bartholomew's knife has spread far and wide.

Richard Harbord, Gunton

We know about Prides of Lions & Packs of Wolves but what about the group term for the various beasts below.

Bats:	Giraffes:
Hyenas	Otters:
Porcupines:	Rhinoceroses:
Crows:	Eagles:
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**Bible a Month
Eyewitness report
by Alan Kember**

The Parable of the good Samaritan speaks today.

Mozambique: a land of beautiful beaches and laid-back culture, according to the travel guides. But more than half of the 26.6 million people living here are poor. The country is overwhelmingly Christian but there are pockets of ethnic tension. And it has one of the highest rates of HIV in the world.

My visit took me to Maputo, Mozambique's capital and most densely populated city, and to a small Assemblies of God church.

The pastor greeted me with a broad smile and a big hug and introduced me to 12 women, who had come to meet me. We began by singing songs of praise to God – the ladies in the local Xichangana language and me following along as best I could! It was a joy to worship alongside these women and I wondered if this was a picture of heaven, with people from every tribe, nation and language standing before God. But I soon learned of the sorrow behind this happy scene. All 12 women I met had HIV passed on

to them by their husbands. Most of the women were also widows; their husbands had died from AIDS-related illnesses.

The great tragedy was that this was preventable. This virus was passed on through ignorance, and the stigma prevented people from seeking treatment. It's a downward spiral that I heard about in communities across Mozambique.

The good news is that your support has helped to bring a unique programme of ours to this church – and things are changing.

The Good Samaritan programme unpacks Jesus' famous parable and challenges people to think about what the story means for HIV-affected parts of Africa. The impact is extraordinary.

The pastor began running the Good Samaritan programme in their mid-week service. By acting out the Bible story, the people with HIV were able to see that they themselves were victims who should not be left 'on the side of the road'.

Despite the stigma, men and women in the congregation began to open up about their status. 'Our people are starting to support and care for those with HIV and vitally, people are getting the anti-retroviral drugs they need to survive.'

Seeing how the Bible has powerful and direct application to their lives has also made people eager to see what else it has to say.

I met one lady, Nora, who told me her story. She knew she was HIV-positive after her husband died, but she only told her pastor after attending the Good Samaritan workshops. 'At first I was in despair,' she said. 'I thought my life had ended. But after attending the Good Samaritan programme I realised that God had not abandoned me, there was still hope for my life.'

Nora began to read her Bible more regularly, sharing Psalm 32 as a passage of Scripture that has spoken to her strongly. I was touched as I read along with her, thinking of her situation. 'I will rejoice and be glad in your steadfast love because you have seen my affliction; you have known the distress of my soul,' Psalm 31.7 (ESV).

'Now my heart has gone from despair to hope,' Nora said. 'I have lost my husband but I still want to be a woman who serves the Lord. Before, I was nothing. Now I am a member of this church community.'

These days, Nora also helps to run the Good Samaritan programme in the area. I thank God for touching Nora's life, for giving her new hope and purpose. And I thank you for your faithful, regular gifts which help to make this life-transforming work possible.

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The Templers

When a stained-glass window was offered for the east window of Hanworth Church there were some trepidations. The panel showed its patron saint, Bartholomew holding the emblem of his martyrdom, a large knife. Uncertainty continued when the Bishop's Faculty was applied for so a long delay followed. Several things carried it through - for years the window had happily adorned a Victorian church in London before it was demolished; its rich red glazing takes attention away from 'that object' and anyway from a distance the blade looks more like large feather than a knife. Since its blessing by the Rural Dean last year, the window seems to be universally accepted and admired. As the Disciples were continually on the move following Jesus they carried their cutlery around with them including table-knives. When Jesus was arrested, St Peter used his knife to fend off the arresting officers and was lucky to escape into the darkness. Despite the recent and alarming escalation of knife crime; sensitivity towards blades is still a city thing.

At the end of April, a group of people in strange garments arrived at Hanworth Church - carrying swords! Being members of what was once a secret society, discretion was used to arrange an 'impromptu service' of blessing. Even one of the Wardens was unaware of what was happening. Afterwards, the 'Grand Master of the Sovereign Templers Council'; Grand Master of Temple Portugal; representatives of the Walsingham Branch and Chibburn Priory Preceptory in Northumbria etc, signed their thanks for the service in the Visitors Book, declaring that they were indeed 'Knight Templers'. This was certainly a first for Hanworth.

The Templers were a Catholic Military Order operating during the Crusades from 1119 onwards, in the Holy Land. They occupied a building reputedly sited over Solomon's Temple on the Mount in Jerusalem so there has been speculation they may have found there, the Holy Grail. Their role was to protect pilgrims - a sort of 'RAC in chain-mail'. It became the first international order; immensely rich with 1000 'Commanderies' and 20,000 members though only a small proportion of those were actual knights. They wore a white surcoat and mantle with a red cross, symbolising their offer of martyrdom. They followed chivalric ideals with a strict code of behaviour enforced by a Grand Prior. After