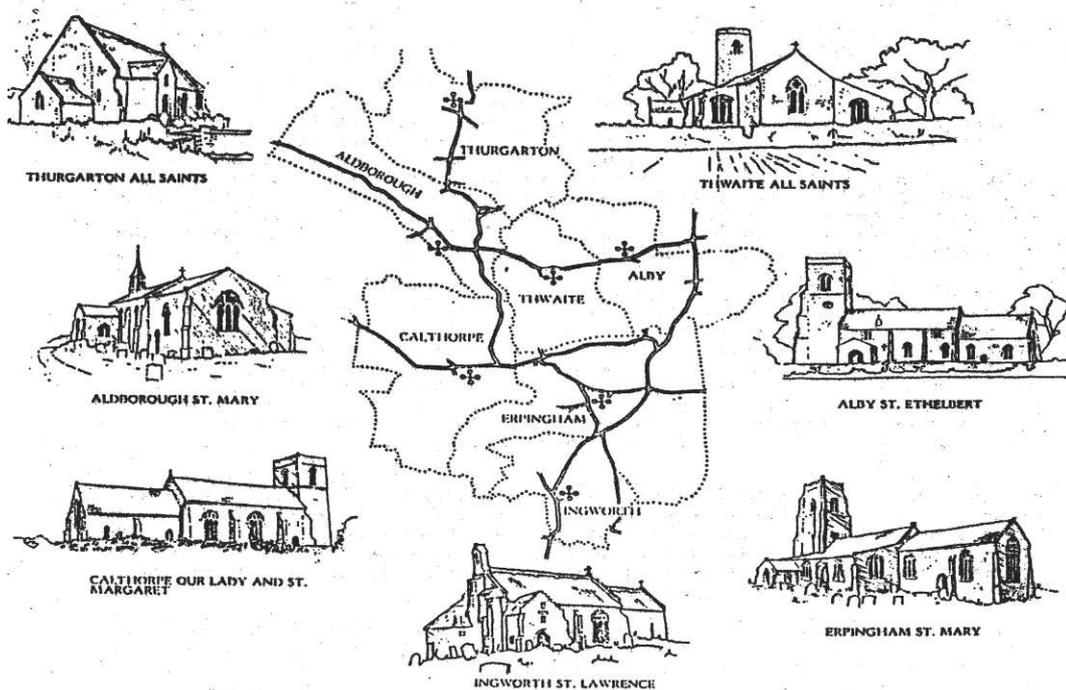


KEEPING IN TOUCH

SEPTEMBER 2012

News from the Scarrowbeck Group of Parishes

Alby, Aldborough, Calthorpe, Erpingham, Ingworth, Thwaite, Thurgarton



CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion unless marked M=Matins E=Evensong

SEPTEMBER	Trinity 13 2nd	Trinity 14 9th	Trinity 15 16th	Trinity 16 23rd	Trinity 17 30th
ALBY	At St Giles Church, Norwich 10.30	No service*	--	--	--
ALDBOROUGH		11.00	8.00	Family Service 11.00 Harvest Festival*	11.00
CALTHORPE		--	9.30	--	9.30
ERPINGHAM		9.30	--	9.30 Harvest Festival*	--
INGWORTH		11.15 M	6.30 E * Harvest Festival	--	--
THWAITE		9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E Harvest Festival*	--

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays 9.15 at Ingworth (not 26th)
 Thursday 7.30pm at Calthorpe (6th HC, 13th Benediction)
 Erpingham (20th HC, 27th Benediction)
 Fridays 21st 9.15 at Aldborough
 28th 9.30 at Alby

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FROM THE RECTOR

On Sunday 9th September some of us will go a-troshing at Ingworth, as something of our rich history of field and farm is celebrated among us.

Farming has changed, as its machines and skills are eclipsed by new things. Change is a concept not universally welcomed, yet without change life is unable to move on.



Fr Brian

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism	at St Mary's, Erpingham	12th August	Alfie James Paterson
Funeral	at St Mary's, Erpingham	3rd August	Kyra Medlar

GROUP SERVICE

Sunday 2nd September, 10.30, at St Giles Church, Norwich

The Community Bus will leave Aldborough Green at 9.30, with pick-ups at Erpingham Church and in Aylsham. To book a place contact Fr Brian, 01263 768073.

On Sunday 7th October the Group Service will be at 10.00 at Thwaite Church.

Week beginning Sunday

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

SEPTEMBER

2	Aldborough: Mill Lane and Church Lane
9	Erpingham: Jubilee Close, Birch Court, and Lowlands
16	Alby: The Common, Blacksmith's Lane and Church Lane
23	Thurgarton: Ringbank Lane and School Road
30	Ingworth: The Street

A JOURNEY THROUGH OUR DEANERY

Michaelmas Day, Saturday 29th September

Ingworth Deanery is made up of 6 benefices totalling 27 individual parishes. We seldom worship together. So, as a way of celebrating our common commitment to prayer and our cherishing of holy places, I am inviting you to spend a day travelling around our Deanery together.

A coach has been hired. We are asked to make our way to **Hainford** church by **9.45** and to leave our cars in the car park opposite the church, continuing by coach at 10.15 to the other venues, **Badersfield, Aylsham, Erpingham, Booton** and **Edgefield**. A ten minute meditation and short act of worship will happen in each place.

There will be tea, coffee and loo stops during the day and a longer stop for lunch – **please bring a picnic**. The coach will return to Hainford at 3.30.

To book a place, £5 per person, contact Fr Brian, 01263 768073, brian-faulkner@lineone-net

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough (+++ note change of venue)

Tuesday 2 October, 2.30 – 4.00

WHAT WAS LIFE LIKE FOR ST PETER'S WIFE?

1 Corinthians Chapter 9 reads: "Do we not have the right to be accompanied by a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas [Peter]?" So, what was it like for Peter's wife when he went on his travels, and when she occasionally accompanied him?

We have spent the summer break contemplating this and it should make for a lively discussion.

You too can join us – you will be most welcome.

Prince Andrews Chapel

Aldborough

Living out the message of Jesus in North Norfolk

We are part of God's family - ordinary people who believe that what the Bible teaches is relevant to each one of us.

Want to find out more? – You are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings @10:45am, for about an hour, where we learn together from the Bible about God's love for us all.

For more info, call Martin & Ruth (761468) or David & Jean(768416)

www.princeandrewschapel.org.uk



CLUB for 5 - 11 year olds may see some changes for the Autumn Term.

Look out for local posters or check-out the village diary

(<http://www.aldborough.org.uk/category/diary/>) in early September.

LONG BOW ARCHERS

at

INGWORTH TROSH

Sunday 9th September

Threshing (or Troshing in Norfolk) has an exciting new event this year. The Norwich and Norfolk Medieval Association (www.14century.co.uk) will be presenting a re-enactment of medieval times and demonstrating **LONG BOW ARCHERY**. Archery using smaller bows will be on offer for anyone to have a go! This has special significance as nearby Erpingham's famous son Sir Thomas Erpingham directed the archers under John of Gaunt at the battle of Agincourt. The group are hoping to demonstrate bread making using grain from the threshing, going through the process using a quern stone to grind the flour, and baking in their medieval bread oven. They will have their own encampment in which various crafts from the period will be demonstrated and there will be a lot of interactive activities including a 'knight school' (with Sir Thomas Erpingham!) especially for children.

Alongside this, an old **RANSOME THRESHING MACHINE** will be working hard during the afternoon threshing, bagging and baling wheat. Many other vintage tractors and machinery will be on display giving ploughing demonstrations with some of the old tractors. Also see some enormous modern machinery to compare. A **LAND ROVER LINE-UP** will welcome any model, rusty, dented or shiny new – contact Richard King, 01263 768077 or 07760304145.

Sheep shearing, alpacas, pony rides and the ever popular owls and reptiles from the rescue centre will be there and a repeat of the **FARMERS MARKET** with local producers.

Many stalls and plenty of refreshments – plus a bouncy castle for the children – should provide an action-packed afternoon.

The TROSH starts at 1pm. Admission is £4 per person (children under 16 FREE).

Follow the signs from the A140 Cromer to Aylsham Road.

If you have a vintage tractor/machinery you would like to bring or would like to book a pitch for a stall – country pursuits especially welcome – then please ring 01263 761156 or 768209

In aid of Alby, Erpingham and Ingworth Churches

ALBY CHURCH ROOF APPEAL

We raised the grand sum of **£273.00** on the Cream Teas Day and would like to thank all those who came and made this event a most enjoyable tea party. A special thank you to our helpers and to Aldborough Church Room for letting us use their facilities.

Monica and Ann

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting,

on **Thursday 20th September**, at **7.30** in the Church Room.

Terry Illsley: Trees and shrubs for a small garden.



ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

In December, Aldborough receives a Very Special Visitor, who gets the children to help him light the Christmas tree lights on the Green. He needs some helpers to provide the 100 bags of treats that he hands out to the children after they have managed to get the tree to light up. He is also looking for big-hearted sponsors to meet the cost of providing the bags (currently about £70 for the bags, ribbons and contents.) If you would like to help, please tell one of the Parish Councillors.

The Parish Council have been looking at **planting for the children's play area**. The first suggestion was that something should be planted to prevent, or at least discourage, children from running into the road. It needs to be non-prickly, have non-poisonous fruits/leaves/flowers, be low enough so that the children can be seen to be safe, high enough so they don't just jump over it, low maintenance and a barrier all year round. Do we need a hedge, or a flower bed with shrubs, or something else? Any ideas as to the planting, given these 'guidelines'?

During discussions, it was highlighted that a far bigger danger was that of children running between the cars parked on the edge of the actual play area. A suggestion was made that the Parish Council should put some wooden posts (like those outside Aldborough's new tea shop, the Tea Cozy) along the edges of the play area, from the driveway of 'The Haven' to just opposite the Church Room. Do we need these *as well as* some planting, or *instead of* the planting idea?

The Parish Council would welcome thoughts and ideas from people in Aldborough and Thurgarton. Please contact Ruth Elliott on 01263 761468 or e-mail ruth.elliott8@btinternet.com. Thank you.

The **next meeting of Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council** will be on **Monday 3rd September** at **7.30** in the Community Centre. Any resident is welcome to attend, just to listen or to have a (limited) time to speak.

The Minutes of the last meeting have not yet been received but may be available on the village website by the time Keeping in Touch is delivered, www.aldborough.org.uk

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

From the Editor's Postbag: I have been teaching Ballet at the Church Room for several years and from next term I am changing venue to the Community Centre and the day to a Monday. The classes for children will take place on Monday afternoon and Adult ballet on Monday morning. Children are prepared for Royal Academy of Dance examinations and we are awaiting results of our exam session which took place in June! Clare Parle, 01603871413 / 07917204682.

ALDBOROUGH CRAFT AND SOCIAL GROUP, will meet again on Thursday 27th September at 2.00 in the Community Centre, when they will become part of '**Norfolk Knitters**', a small group formed in 2008 which has grown to over 700 knitters in 40 groups across the county, sending items to the INTERNATIONAL AID TRUST which helps people in need in SOUTHERN ASIA as well as supporting orphanages, street children and families in EASTERN EUROPE, currently giving them about 50 sacks of knitting every month!

You can find out more from www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk. Trauma Ted goes to many parts of the world comforting children in war-torn areas, or travels in this country on ambulances or fire engines to comfort children in distress. If you are not a knitter you will be welcome with your craft. More details from 768280.

ALDBOROUGH CHURCH ROOM

Families have recently been re-discovering the suitability of the Church Room for children's parties. For bookings after 1st September please contact Ruth Elliott on 01263 761468.

The Church Room now has vacancies for bookings on Thursday afternoons and Monday mornings.



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 2nd September, 9.30 - 12.30**, in Aldborough Community Centre. **There will be markets on the first Sunday of each month.**

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP

On **12th September at 7.30** in the Church Room, Mike Stew will talk about 'The secret life of a Norfolk Wood'. Everybody welcome.

Moth identification: On the morning of Saturday 11th August, 30 members and friends gathered in John and Glenys Padgham's garden at John Brown's House, to see what was in the traps that had been put out the previous evening. Unfortunately the weather had been rather windy and cool so there were not as many moths as had been hoped. Colin Dunster, our expert, identified 35 different species, including 3 beautiful *Poplar Hawkmoths*, 3 different *Prominents*, *Swallow*, *Lesser Swallow* and *Pebble* with their interesting markings, several *Underwings* and pretty *White Satins*. After we had identified as many as possible, the moths were released into the bushes.

Grateful thanks to Colin, and to John and Glenys for the use of their garden and for providing us with tasty refreshments including bacon butties. C.C.



VILLAGE CARE AGM, 26th September at 7.30 in the Church Room.

Our Annual General Meeting is not boring! It is a celebration!

It will start with music from children at Aldborough School and finish with cheese and wine to thank all the volunteers who help at Lunch Club or drivers who take patients to hospital or the surgery. In between there will be a short, but important, business meeting and then Dee Jupp (our Chair) will talk about people and life in Nepal, where she has been working.

EXERCISE FOR ALL with a **Community gym?**

Currently North Norfolk District Council's Mobile Gym Service is at the Church Room in Aldborough every Wednesday, 10-00 - 2-45. The time has come for us to try and make the sessions sustainable for the local and surrounding communities.

On Monday **3rd September at 7-00 in the Church Room** I will be holding a meeting to discuss the way forward so that there can be a **Community Gym in your village**. This would mean that you could possibly have two or three sessions a week, so for those who are at work during the day there might be sessions in the evenings that you could attend.

I would like to invite you all along to the meeting to make this happen in your village so please come and see what a Community Gym can do.

The Mobile Gym Service has set up four Community Gyms so far in the past two years, at Hindolveston, Stalham, Aylsham and Neatishead. We are now in the process of setting up Hickling and soon Acle.

If you want to be part of the Community Gym process please come to the meeting. I look forward to meeting you all. Wyn Nurse, 01263 516305/07795265671 or e mail wyn.nurse@north-norfolk.gov.uk

BUTTERFLY COTTAGE, Aldborough Green. The sharp-eyed may have noticed a change in the advert on the back page. Janet and Peter are retiring from bed and breakfast on 1st October 2012 and all the B&B rooms will be converted into one self-catering unit with 3 en suite bedrooms, fully-fitted kitchen, dining room and lounge. The existing Garden Annexe will continue as a 2nd self-catering unit. We hope that existing customers will give self-catering a try as we will be offering short breaks out of high season and will continue to be open all year. Janet & Peter Davison, 01263 761689 www.butterflycottage.com

NB. This will NOT affect the Post Office which will carry on business as usual.

HEDGEHOG RESCUE in Erpingham

On a beautiful Saturday we raised **£3508.18**. Thanks to all those who donated and all the helpers on the day.
Sandra Craske



Coffee Club

In Erpingham Village Hall every Wednesday from 10:15 to 12:00.

Come and have coffee or tea and enjoy delicious home-made cakes or scone and jam at reasonable prices and browse/buy FairTrade goods on sale.

Take time for a chat and relax with friends.

NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR!

Please come on **26th September** for a special coffee morning in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**.

Second-hand books for sale Cakes for sale

Every penny taken on the day will be given to Macmillan.



Erpingham Café Church at the Village Hall

Sunday, 16th September, 2012

from 5:00 - 5:45, approximately.

This month we continue the series: **The Parables Jesus told.**

Described as “verbal hand grenades” by one minister, the Parables are often hard-hitting teaching in the disguise of apparently light-hearted stories.

Please join us for this enjoyable, informal, time as we look at our second parable - and its implications for us today - and stay for the shared tea together afterwards!

Tony and Jacky Peacock (01263 768041)

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presents ***Something Happened*** giving a performance of their musical sketches entitled

“Let’s Misbehave”

A hilarious musical investigation into the way the war of the sexes has changed over the past 100 years.

Terence Blacker and Derek Hewitson combine songs from the past with original material of the present, to prove that, when love is in the air, hopeless misunderstanding between men and women will never be far away.

7.30pm on Friday 12th October

Tickets: £8 in advance (£10 on the door) To book, ring Eleanor: 01263 768073 or Stewart: 01263 768992

Refreshments (including wine & beer) will be available for purchase during the interval

age suitability: 16+

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL Management Committee next meets on Monday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the Hall.

As always, this is an open meeting and residents are welcome to attend.

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

200 Club Results:

	<u>£150</u>		<u>£100</u>		<u>£50</u>
188	M. Clark	168	C. Wilson	193	L. Payne
	<u>£10</u>				<u>£5</u>
09-07-12	156 G. Craske			49	J. Peacock
16-07-12	196 A. Amies			132	C. Argent
23-07-12	171 A. Sharpe			113	M. King
30-07-12	94 M. Melville			84	Jack Payne

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

President: Yvonne Moore, 01263 768358 Secretary: Clare Wilson, 01263 761350



The July meeting took place on a warm summer evening. After the business of the meeting was discussed, through the open windows of the village hall, dog walkers, football players and the bowls team also enjoyed the delightful sound of tunes old and new played on hand bells by three talented ladies, The Windmill Ringers from Dereham. They entertained WI members and guests for an hour. The music was lovely, and we learned a little about the ringing techniques and their modern American bells, before examining a set of much older bells brought to the meeting by Eleanor. These were ancient leather handled bells, used for practice by the church bell ringers. Other bells were in evidence on the night as the competition was for 'A BELL' and from the variety of lovely bells brought in by members, one displayed by Anne Sheppard won the popular vote.

During the meeting we learned that, to celebrate the forthcoming Olympics, bells were to be rung throughout the land on the following Friday morning. Many of the members were inspired to join in, some using their own bells, others going up to the church to ring the ancient hand bells shown at our meeting.

If this all rings a bell with you, our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 26th September**, at 7.30 in the Village Hall, when Ms Jess Down will talk about the East Anglian Air Ambulance. Visitors will be welcome.



Erpingham Rural 5k Run Sunday 23rd September 2012



Erpingham and Calthorpe Youth Event

Come and run in the beautiful North Norfolk countryside along roads that you don't normally get a chance to see ! **There will be medals for the winning runners !**

There are various races taking place - the 5km run, children's races on the playing field, the "spare parts" race for the older generation, and team events. **All followed by refreshments on the playing field .**

All proceeds raised on the day to go towards the MUGA fund. This is the Multi Use Games Area we hope to build on Erpingham Playing Field for everyone to use.

Get your entry forms from The Erpingham Arms, Erpingham Primary School or from our web-site—www.erpinghamyouth.co.uk

STARTS AT 10.00 ON ERPINGHAM PLAYING FIELD—BE THERE !

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th September at 7.30, in the Village Hall.**

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **10th September at 7.30, in the Reading Room.**

**Fête and Treasure Hunt
Saturday 15th September at 2.30**

at

**Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Norwich, NR2 2PJ
in aid of Hospice Ethiopia.**

Hospice Ethiopia is the only hospice in Ethiopia; it gets no state funding. In 2011 a small group of staff at Priscilla Bacon Lodge began a twinning programme with this hospice with a view to help provide money, equipment and education to support their palliative care for dying patients. Come and support us on the day, or any plants/produce can be left on the day before with Sue Mumford at Greystones, Thurgarton Road, Aldborough.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

We know it's a bit early to mention the festive season but if you would like to take part in the Shoe Box appeal then it's a good idea to start looking out for small items to fill a box. If you haven't done one before, then here's what happens: decide if you want to buy presents for a boy or a girl. There are three age ranges : 2 - 5, 5 - 9 and 9 - 13. Fill the box with whatever you like - but no liquids.

Toys/gloves/a hat/toothbrush/soap/beads/a ball etc. You provide and wrap the shoe box and we provide a label stating the age group. There will be a collection point in the village and in early November the boxes are shipped around the world to children in war torn or poor countries. Their faith may not be Christian but we know they enjoy receiving gifts from people who are thinking of them. Posters and box labels will be available in September from either Pat (761602) or Sue (761310).

NNDC's Greenbuild event: building a greener future.

Felbrigg Hall, 8th & 9th September. For more information visit www.northnorfolk.org/greenbuild

RIDE & STRIDE!

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Cycle Ride & Walk
Cycle or walk, visit churches and chapels anywhere on
Saturday 8th September, 9.00 – 5.00.



Please cycle safely! Parents, check the condition of your children's cycles. Drivers, be aware that there may be more cyclists than usual on our narrow lanes. Have a good day!

More opportunities to Keep Fit in Aldborough

The **Zumba** class continues on **Monday evenings** in the Community Centre, and a new **Get Fit Evening** starts there on **Thursday evenings** between 7:45 - 8:45. It includes circuit training and boxercise (no body contact!!). The session costs just £4 and lasts an hour so bring a drink and appropriate footwear/clothing. Beginners are always welcome! You have to be aged 16yrs and up. Spaces are limited so call Tasha on 07818237891 for more information/booking.

Brains to be kept fit too - with CHESS!

Whether you are a novice or a budding Bobby Fischer, if you are interested in meeting others to play, please contact David Buchanan on 01263 768092



STOP PRESS!

**Visit by Norman Lamb MP on Wednesday 29 August
On Aldborough Green , by the village sign, at 3.30
At Erpingham Village Hall at 3.55**

LOCAL WEA COURSES STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

The Aylsham Branch

'ART AND SOCIAL CHANGE'

an examination of key moments of social change,
from Renaissance to contemporary times,
to see how change is reflected in the art of the time.

Tutor: Judith Stewart.

Fee: £45 concessionary rates available. Venue: The Friends' Meeting House, Pegg's Yard, Aylsham.

Date: **Tuesdays 2.00 – 3.30, 10 meetings from 18 September.**

Contact: Ann Dyball Tel: 01263 732637 or Glenys Thorneycroft Tel: 01263 733334.

The North Walsham Branch

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'THE EARTH ON FIRE', the science and history of volcanoes,
their causes, variety and distribution, and their influence on the origins and development
of the Earth and Mankind.

Tutor: Charles Lewis.

2

'LOOMS, LINENS, WOOLLENS AND WORSTEDS'

The textile industry made East Anglia one of the richest parts of the country from the Middle Ages to the
19th Century. We will examine the reasons for the rise, success and eventual fall of this great trade.

Tutor: Jean Smith.

Fee for each course £45, concessionary rates available. Venue for both courses: North Walsham
Community Centre, New Road, North Walsham. Date: **Tuesdays 10.00 – 11.30, 10 meetings from 25
September.** Contact: Laurie Ashton Tel: 01692 535699 or Susan Davison Tel: 01692 406305.

KNOWING THE FATHER - ONLINE LEARNING – no travelling involved after the optional initial gathering on Wednesday 26 September 2 - 4pm, at Emmaus House in Cathedral Close, Norwich.

Learn more about your faith by using the Internet to connect with others and tutor Peter Nicholls. The course takes 8 weeks (about 3 hours each week at your convenience) and covers: God, the Father of creation; God, the Father of Jesus; God, the Father of the kingdom; and God, the Holy Trinity.

Cost: Free. Please book in advance. Contact Caspar James, 01603 729815

caspar.james@norwich.anglican.org www.norwich.anglican.org/calendar/e5034

COME, HOLY SPIRIT – ONLINE LEARNING

This 8 week course covers: the story of the Holy Spirit, the indwelling, the transforming Holy Spirit, and the empowering Holy Spirit. Details and initial gathering as above.

Other courses are run by *Norwich Centre for Christian Learning* and are open to all. Courses are either in Norwich Cathedral Library or Hostry (Weston Room), and on weekday evenings or Saturday daytime.

For further details please contact Gudrun Warren on 01603 218327 or gwarren@cathedral.org.uk or visit www.norwichcentreforchristianlearning.co.uk

These are samples of courses available this autumn: leaflets in churches 'Everybody learning' will advertise the full range.



The birth, life and death of the Virgin Mary, in art

This one-day course on **Saturday 8 Sept** looks at depictions of the birth, life and death of the Virgin in fine art.



The Christian altar

A series of three lectures on the architectural context of Christian worship.

Thursdays: 27 September, 4 & 11 October

WHO WAS ST GILES?

All sources are agreed that very little is known about him, but some give a truly remarkable amount of information! Wikipedia tells us that he probably lived in retreats near the mouth of the Rhône and by the River Gard, in today's southern France. His early history, as given in the Golden Legend, links him with Arles, but finally he withdrew deep into the forest near Nîmes, where he spent many years, his sole companion being a deer, who in some stories sustained him on her milk. Giles ate a vegetarian diet, especially herbs. His retreat was finally discovered by the king's hunters, who had pursued the hind to its place of refuge. An arrow shot at the deer wounded the saint instead, who afterwards became patron saint of cripples. He is often depicted with an arrow and/or a deer. In the UK there are over 150 churches dedicated to him, including St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh where he is also patron saint of the city, and there has been a celebrated fair in Oxford around 1st September since medieval times. He became first abbot of the Benedictine foundation at St-Gilles, near Nîmes, and died in the early part of the eighth century, with the highest reputation for sanctity and miracles.

Our benefice visit to St Giles Norwich on 2nd September coincides with the weekend of his patronal festival and Fr Darrell has asked us to take some herbs in his memory.

Their annual **St Giles Fete** is on Saturday 1 September, from 11am to 3pm.

To find out more about this church, have a look at www.norwichstgiles.churchnorfolk.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES

In this benefice there will be 4 Harvest Services this month. Each church will have its own traditions and of course we shall all sing 'We plough the fields ...' etc.

It has been a tradition of this thanksgiving time that we stop to think about those who are less fortunate, as we decorate our churches with gifts of flowers and produce to be distributed later. This year some churches will be collecting tinned and dried food for Norwich Foodbank which supports local individuals and families on the edge of disaster by providing nutritionally balanced emergency foodboxes to cover an individual or family's basic needs for 72 hours - the critical time gap before the Social Services safety net "kicks in." Other churches have special collections for well known international charities such as Oxfam or Farm Africa.

In Aldborough Church on 23rd September we shall again have a special collection for the **Church Urban Fund** which works to alleviate poverty **in this country**, especially in the depressed and workless areas of some of our cities. This charity was founded 25 years ago but spends little on advertising. **Tackling Poverty together** is its motto – www.cuf.org will tell more about the organisation, summarised here:

We are Christians tackling poverty together in England.

We bring the Church together to support Christians called to work with the poorest and most marginalised in England, transforming lives.

We are the Church of England's response to poverty in this country, working in partnership with those who feel called to put their faith into action.

Our vision is for every church, in every community, tackling poverty together by giving time, money, action and prayer. We need people to join us now.

Our aim is to increase the passion within the Church for the poor and marginalised in this country and to make the Church's response more effective.

Each year we support over 300 church and Christian projects tackling poverty.

Even as you read this page, somewhere in your diocese, community heroes and volunteers are: reaching out to the homeless and the lonely; offering friendship and support to refugees and isolated elderly; helping young people to get their lives back on track; and reconciling broken families, plus much more.

In this Diocese CUF has been working in Great Yarmouth, Kings Lynn, and the Heartsease area of Norwich.

RB

"Poverty isn't something that just happens in far away places - it's a fact of too many people's lives on our own doorsteps. The Church Urban Fund challenges that poverty, tackles injustice and helps people who have been marginalised to reclaim their dignity through the projects it supports and the partnership it offers. This is an immensely valuable task and one which I am delighted to support." Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams



presents two concerts in September, both in St Michaels's Church, Aylsham. On **8th September**, at **7.30**, in aid of **Young Musicians of Norfolk**. Entrance £10, including wine, children free.

A lively concert of 4 groups playing works by Bach, Grainger, Chopin, Reinecke, and York Bowen, and including Debussy's Gollywog's Cakewalk, The Second Waltz by Shostakovitch, Autumn Leaves by Kosma, Czardas by Vittorio Monti and Habanera by Ravel.

and the usual lunchtime concert, **Thursday 20th September**, at **1.00**:

The Abbey Ensemble, Cathy Wilcock, *Oboe*, Sarah Andrew, *Violin*, Ian Willis, *Piano*, playing music by Telemann, Arne, Jommelli and Fauré. Entrance £7, children free. Refreshments £4 from 12.15–12.40.

THANKS for donations recently received from readers in Alby and West Runton. Donations are always welcome, especially as printing costs have escalated.

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy for the October issue please by **Monday 17th September**. Please be prompt.

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