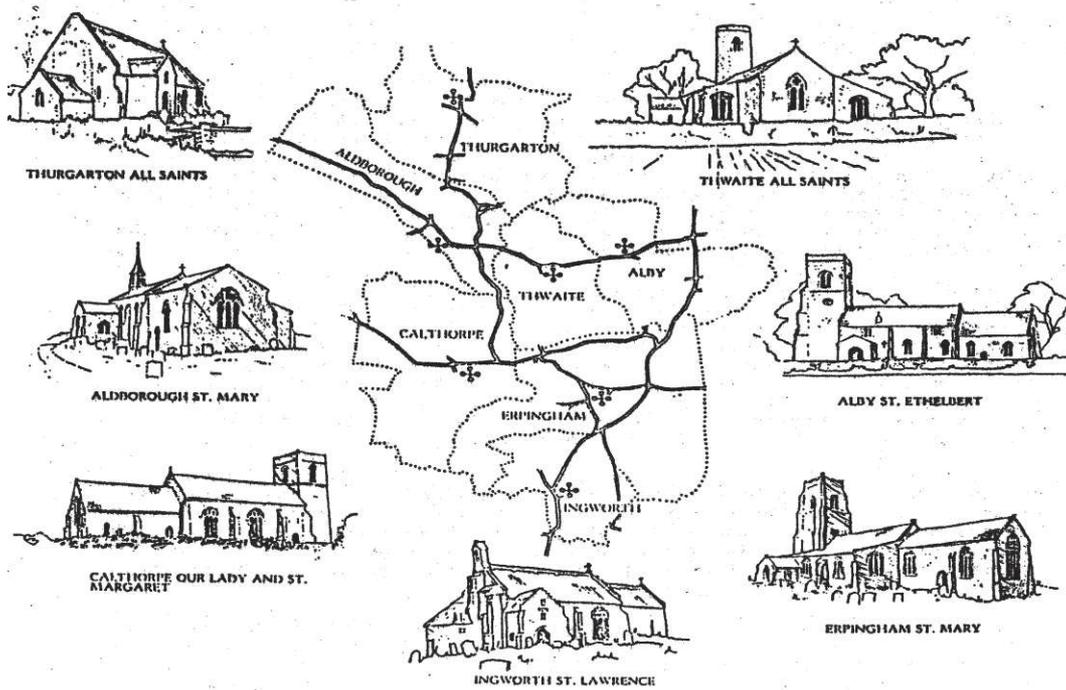


KEEPING IN TOUCH

NOVEMBER 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

*=a change from the usual

NOVEMBER	4th Sunday before Advent 4th	Remembrance Sunday 11th	2nd Sunday before Advent 25th	Christ the King 25th
ALBY	↓ ↓	3.30 E	--	--
ALDBOROUGH	↓ ↓	10.55*	8.00	11.00 Family Service
CALTHORPE	↓ ↓	--	9.30	--
ERPINGHAM	↓ ↓	9.30	--	9.30
INGWORTH	10.00 Group Eucharist	11.15 M	3.30 E	--
THWAITE	↑ ↑	9.30 M	11.15	6.30 E

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesdays
Thursdays

9.15 at Ingworth

7.30pm at Calthorpe (1st HC)

at Erpingham (15th, 29th HC, 22nd Benediction)

Friday, 30th

9.30 at Alby

Friday, 9th

9.00 Messy Church at Erpingham, with Erpingham School

Parish Priest: Fr Brian Faulkner, The Rectory, School Road, Erpingham

01263 768073

e-mail: brian-faulkner@lineone.net

www.scarrowbeckbenefice.org.uk



FROM THE RECTOR

This year Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday, which for those of us who will observe the silence at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month has a particular significance: for Sunday is for Christians not a day about death, but about life.

As we look at the life, death and resurrection of Jesus we are invited to make connections with our own dying, so that in his strength we might live. Of course this pattern of dying to live comes to us in a whole variety of ways – in the sadness of bereavement, in the pain of broken relationships and in our hopes and dreams partially realised. For it is as we root our dying in his dying that we taste of that new life which such faith brings.

In this there is much to celebrate.

Fr Brian

A note from the Editor: Last year at this time Aldborough and Thurgarton Parish Council received a letter suggesting that there should be a War Memorial in the village: the answer was of course that there already is one, inside Aldborough Church, facing the door. Not so well known seemingly, there is another, in Thurgarton Church, as the two civil parishes were separate until the late 30s. The names on both are read out in Aldborough on Remembrance Sunday and the bell is tolled after each name.

The service begins five minutes earlier than usual, at 10.55.

Erpingham has a memorial in the churchyard, in Ingworth Church there is a tablet with just one name (that of the then Rector’s son), Thwaite and Alby have a joint memorial in Alby Church, and Calthorpe has a tablet to the left of the door on the outside.

All the churches in this benefice are open in hours of daylight and all are welcome at any service.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism	at St Mary’s Aldborough	23rd September	Harriet Gray
Funeral	at St Mary’s Aldborough	15th October	Oliver Chamberlain



GROUP SERVICES

**Sunday 4th November, 10.00, at Ingworth Church
and**

**Sunday 2nd December, 10.00, at Erpingham Church
when the preacher will be the Archdeacon of Lynn**



DEANERY COMPLINE and ADDRESS

At this time of year, just before and at the beginning of Advent (the time when Christians prepare for Christmas) there are weekday services in different churches in the Deanery.

Wednesday 21st November 7.30 at Hainford Church

Wednesday 28th November 7.30 at Aylsham Church

Wednesday 5th December 7.30 at Ingworth Church

If you need a lift or would like one organised, please contact Fr Brian, 768073.

Week beginning Sunday
NOVEMBER

PRAYERS FOR THE PARISHES

- 4 Aldborough: Margaret Lilly Way, Tinkers Close
- 11 Erpingham: Scarrowbeck Road, School Road
- 18 All isolated farms and cottages in the benefice
- 25 Erpingham: Blacksmith’s Lane & Loke, Butts Common

JOINT PCC MEETING

for all PCC members of our six churches
on Friday 16th November, 7.30, in Aldborough Church Room.

An important meeting as we plan for the future.
Please would all PCC members make every effort to be there.

HOSPICE ETHIOPIA

Jamie and Sue Mumford will be giving a short illustrated presentation on their recent visit to a hospice in Addis Ababa during the service **on 25th November at Aldborough Church at 11.00.** On that Sunday the Family Service will be led by members of the congregation.

There will be an opportunity for people to give to this cause if they wish.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

in Prince Andrew's Chapel, Aldborough, Tuesday 30 October , 2.30 – 4.00

EXPLORING THE PSALMS

Last month resulted in very lively responses concerning St Peter's wife, so members decided they would like another inter-active session. This time we shall focus on the book of Psalms, and each bring a psalm we like and tell a little of what it means to us – and I don't think everyone will choose No 23! You are still welcome, even if you forget to bring one – we enjoy all contributions to our discussions.

THERE'S ALWAYS A WARM WELCOME AND A GOOD CUPPA!

PS: Book **27 November** in your diary now –

Sue Mumford will be our special guest, telling us about **celebrating Christmas in Africa**

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
CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES

We meet on the first Thursday of each month:
1st November and 6th December
6 pm - 7.15 pm at Prince Andrew's Chapel

John Brown's vegetable store raised **£48.30** for Aldborough Church in spite of a difficult growing season. Many thanks to all who supported the growers (and thanks to J. & G.P.)

TABLE TOP SALE in aid of THWAITE CHURCH

at Erpingham Village Hall on **Saturday 17th November, 1.00 – 3.00**

To book a table please contact Daphne Nichols on 01263 761704. Set-up from 12.00.

£5 to pre-book a table, £6 on the day if space is available

ALDBOROUGH GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to the next meeting, on **Thursday 22nd November**, at **7.30** in the Church Room, when Richard Hobbs will talk about 'The garden in winter'.

ALDBOROUGH CRAFT & SOCIAL GROUP

will meet on the **last Thursday** in each month at **2.00** in the Community Centre. Contact Jean Wheeler for information. 01263 768280



The early bird catches the worm!
GRAND CHRISTMAS CHARITY SALE

at Aldborough Community Centre

on Saturday 17th November, 10am-3pm

Pearl and silver jewellery, scarves, pashminas, gifts, stocking fillers and much more

Tea, coffee & light lunches available.

Bring your friends.

All proceeds to The Help Tibet Trust -

www.helptibet.org.uk Registered UK Charity no, 801800. For more information - 01692 538302 or email cox.skeyton@tesco.net

**ALDBOROUGH
CREATIVE**

Pre-Christmas Exhibition & Sale

on Sunday 25th November

10.00 – 4.00

in the Church Room, Aldborough Green

See artists at work.

Tea, fresh coffee and homemade cake too!

www.aldboroughcreative.co.uk

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY BUS – TREASURER NEEDED

John Padgham is retiring at the end of the year so we need a new treasurer: he/she does not have to be a driver but needs to be local as the drivers drop off the passenger return at the end of each journey. Living round the Green is best. John would be available to help show what is needed. As most of our passengers get concessions, there is not much cash handling.

Please contact Robin Gilkes, robin.gilkes@tiscali.co.uk , 01263 761469: he'd be delighted to hear from you.

ALDBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Our popular **RACE NIGHT** will be on **Saturday 10th November** starting at **7.30pm**. **£5 tickets** are on sale at Spar and the Post Office or from a committee member and will **include a light supper**. If you haven't been before do come along - bets are 50p and you could win a percentage of the takings or a prize if you own a horse. A fun evening guaranteed !

Don't forget there is **ZUMBA** every Monday, **YOGA** on Wednesdays and **FITNESS TRAINING** on Thursdays - all take place in the evening. Something for everyone !

Look out for **Quiz Night** on **1st December**.

The **new Yoga Classes** at the Community Centre on **Wednesday evenings** are at **6-7p.m**. The classes are suitable for all ages and abilities with gentle movement and breathing to improve flexibility, strength, and relaxation. Please contact Amber Hale on 0778 9065102 if you are interested in these classes and if this is a suitable time for people to attend.

ALDBOROUGH AND THURGARTON PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting on **Wednesday, 7th November, at 7.30** in the Community Centre. (Note day of the week.) **Items from the minutes of the October meeting** (Editor's choice.):

Matters arising:

Draft copies of the **footpath map** for the parish were produced for members' comment.

Mr Terry Holdgate is willing in principle to display in his shop window the **map showing location of properties..**

The Council noted the types of **picnic table** suggested for purchase. Mr & Mrs Steve Cushing have expressed reservations about the proposed locations as well as about the extent of the proposed hedging. **RE** and **JN** to report back with a plan showing the proposals.

East of England Ambulance Service have now re-instated the levels of their ambulance cover in Cromer and North Walsham, although Mr Norman Lamb MP is still concerned about response times. In a letter he refers to the actions he has already taken and seeks help in the completion of a short survey. **A supply of the survey forms will be placed in the Community Centre.**

RE had sought consent from NNDC for the **removal of the two diseased willow trees** on the lower part of The Green. Secret Gardens and Prestige Properties would cut down the two trees and dispose of the waste for £120. This quotation would be accepted subject to consent being given.

Christmas. **JN** had agreed to help Father Christmas by preparing his bags of treats for the children. The Black Boys had agreed to provide mulled wine and mince pies after the **Carol Singing.**

JH reported that the **footpath across the orchard** had been re-instated and had always been accessible.

At this point Mrs Christine Carlson was allowed to speak and reported about possible replacements for the two diseased willow trees on the lower part of The Green. The Council decided to take no further action until it was known if any replacement planting would be required. [Editor's note: These two trees were part of an NNDC Environmental Award to the village in 2002.]

Police Community Support Officer's Report

No crimes have been reported and only one call to the police since 29th August. The new Safer Neighbourhoods Action Priorities (SNAP) Panel had met and there are opportunities for two representatives from the parish to be on that panel. There is also the opportunity for all Councillors to register for the reports from the Norfolk Constabulary's Community Messaging Scheme.

Items from Councillors' reports There have been complaints about **football being played in the play areas** and **any further occurrences should be reported to the police.**

A draft planning application was submitted in respect of the **proposed hard footpath** to the School, which involved payment of a fee of £131. It was decided to defer consideration of this until funding was certain.

Correspondence received included an e-mail from North Norfolk Association of Local Councils advising of the 02 Think Big Project which is **an opportunity for young people to apply for a grant of £300 for a community project.**

A letter from Mazars LLP confirmed that they have completed **the External Audit** for the year ended 31st March 2012 and the Parish Council has "a clean bill of health".

Use of recycling bins is much appreciated, but please take your bags and boxes home – thank you!



THE NEXT **FARMERS MARKET** in aid of Stepping Stones Pre-School will be on **SUNDAY, 4 November**
9.30 - 12.30, in Aldborough Community Centre.
There will be markets on the first Sunday of each month.

ALDBOROUGH WILDLIFE GROUP

Meeting on **Wednesday 14th November** at 7.30 in **Aldborough Church Room.**

'Unwanted strange creatures of our countryside': a talk by Sheldon Bilton
Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL : If you are filling a shoe box and want to know where to take it, then Terry at Aldborough Antiques has offered to be a drop off point - or ring Sue 761310 or Pat 761602 to make arrangements. **Boxes should be delivered by 4th November please** in order to reach their destination by Christmas.



ALDBOROUGH SURGERY :- General Practice Assessment Questionnaires

We have re-designed the questionnaire in conjunction with members of our Patient Participation Group and other demographic areas. It will be distributed during November and December and will be available via SystmOnline, by e-mail by request, or through completion when attending the surgery. Please help us to continue to improve our patient care by completing and returning these forms.

Aldborough Surgery Patients' Participation Group

It's one o'clock in the morning. Your toddler is sick –
who do you call? 111 or 999 ?

It's 7pm - Mum has fallen down the stairs -
who do you call? 111 or 999 ?

It's two o'clock on a Wednesday afternoon. Your teenage son has a fever and headache -
who do you call?

**Come and find out at the first general meeting of the PPG at Aldborough Community Centre, on
Wednesday 14th November at 7.30pm
Open to all patients of the Aldborough Practice. Refreshments provided.**

The meeting will also give you a chance to meet partner, Dr Mark Fleming, and the recently appointed GP, Dr Sarah Baker.

The PPG is made up of volunteers who are patients of the practice. It aims:

- * to help to make decisions about the services the practice provides;
- * to consult patients about their needs, concerns and interests, and it will challenge the practice constructively if necessary;
- * to give patients a voice in the organisation of their health care, and to monitor services, for example, hospital discharge and support on return to the community;
- * to hold public meetings on topics which concern patients.

The group needs to reflect the population it serves, so is looking for patients who are of working age, and those who are parents of young children to join the group. The only qualification needed is to be a patient of the practice.

If you wish to know more you are welcome to speak to the chairman, Peter Wedge on 01263 768692, or secretary, Nita Good 01263 761580.



There's a lot to report this month! Firstly, we held our Annual General Meeting in September. Many thanks to the children from Aldborough School who began the evening by singing and playing for us and their parents.

This was followed by a brief business meeting: reports of the Transport Scheme and the Lunch Club and thanks to all the volunteers who make them happen – the brilliant team who plan, cook and serve lunch and the dedicated drivers who made 195 journeys to the Surgery and the hospitals between 1 April 2011 and 31 March 2012.

Dee Jupp then told us about her work in Nepal and Bangladesh, staying with families in villages so as to get their views on positive and negative change in their communities. It was good to hear of their strong families and warm hospitality but concerning to learn that some charitable initiatives have unintended consequences.

Fundraising. The costs of the transport scheme are still higher than our income. We are hopeful of support from fundraising efforts through G.I.F.T., who have chosen Village Care as one of their charities next year. Please support their events and help us raise money for our valuable service, which is available to anyone in the area served by Aldborough Surgery.

The new printer cartridge and mobile phone recycling scheme has got off to a good start and we have received our first cheque. Thank you to those who have donated. Collecting boxes for empty inkjets and old mobile phones are at the Spar shop and Aldborough School, or ask for a freepost envelope at the Post Office. Unfortunately Epson and Kodak cartridges cannot be recycled so please deposit Dell, Canon, Lexmark and Hewlett-Packard inkjets only.

Lunch Club now has room for new members so please pass the word on to those who might enjoy this. It takes place on three Tuesdays every month, with good food (£3.50 for two courses) and good company. Call 01263 768059 for more information.

Lastly, **do you know where the nearest defibrillator is? It's at the Spar!** Tell everyone as it could save a life! No training is required to use the defibrillator for an emergency– the machine gives spoken instructions. What's more, the children at Aldborough School are members of the Heartstart Campaign and have learned what to do.

Erpingham Café Church
at the Village Hall
Now meeting twice a month
Sundays: November 4th and 18th
from 5:00 - 5:45, approx.
 This month we continue the series:
The Parables Jesus told.
 On the 4th: **The Good Samaritan**
 On the 18th: **The wise and foolish builders**
 Please join us for this enjoyable, informal, time as we look at these parables and their implications for us today - and stay for the shared tea together afterwards!
Tony and Jacky Peacock (tel. 768041)

Film Nights
at Erpingham w. Calthorpe Village Hall
 Our next film will be
"Waking Ned"
on Friday November 23rd at 7:30
 There will be a brief half-time interval with opportunity to enjoy tea or coffee.
 All films shown are FREE to watch.
Tony Peacock: tel. 768041
email: tonyandjacky@btinternet.com

MESSY CHURCH

Next Messy Church at Erpingham Church on **Friday 9th November at 9.00am** with Erpingham Primary School. Adults welcome too.



ERPINGHAM and CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

200 CLUB - recent results

3- 9-12	152	T. Young	192	E. Payne
10- 9-12	38	J. Eagles	6	Mr. A. Sharpe
17- 9-12	89	Jonathon Postle	172	Mrs. M. Allen
24- 9-12	71	P. S. Lunnon	22	R. Rayner

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

On **Wednesday, 28th November**, there will be the **Annual Business Meeting** in the Village Hall, followed by a Social Evening.

The September meeting was one of the busiest of the year. We had information about several issues from milk prices to midwife provision, a competition for '3 apples', and a fascinating talk about the Air Ambulance. This month the 10 Pin bowling group welcomed new members and the walking group enjoyed walks in good weather. Several of the group are involved in a range of craft activities, working towards competitions next year.

If you think you would enjoy all this and more join us at one of our regular meetings . . .

ERPINGHAM ARMS CHARITY QUIZ NIGHTS

Teams of up to 4 people invited to a **Music Quiz: Wednesday 31st October at 7.30pm for Quidenham Hospice (EACH - East Anglia's Children's Hospices)** and to a **General Knowledge Quiz on Wednesday 21st November at 7.30pm**. The charity will be announced on our website in due course.



QUIZ NIGHT

at ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE VILLAGE HALL

on 16th November starting at 7.30

Teams of up to 4 people.

Tickets £3.50 per person will include refreshments

and a chance to win a bottle of champagne and other prizes.

All proceeds will go to Erpingham with Calthorpe Village Hall

For further information, and to book tickets, please contact Anna Osgothorpe on 01263761987

or annaosgo@gmail.com

ERPINGHAM with CALTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 14th November, 7.30 in the Village Hall**

THWAITE COMMON – an invitation to walkers

The cows have just gone from the west end, leaving a delightful place to wander. They have created many new paths and clearings, and cleared much of the land which had previously been covered with impenetrable growth. They also produced 2 beautiful calves!

The east end is equally lovely - both ponds attracting lots of wildlife. Now that it has finally been cut, it's a really inviting place to roam.

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ALBY with THWAITE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the September meeting

Grass verges – Aldborough School Letter received from NPS Property Consultants, enclosing photographs. Their view was that the verges had not been damaged by the contractors. After lengthy discussion, members agreed to let matter rest.

Alby Church Clock The cost to repair the damaged clockwork mechanism inside Alby Church is estimated to be £850. The PC decided that this was not a project to be taken on at the moment as the mechanism is only on display and not connected to a public clock face.

Footpaths Phil Reilly, NCC, now responsible for upkeep. Specific issues raised locally:

- a) missing signs, Buckbridge Lane, will be dealt with later this year
- b) bridleway between Blacksmith's Loke and Cromer Road has been added to list for inspection and prioritisation
- c) Weavers Way will continue to be managed by Norfolk Trails team, NCC, and our request has been copied to them

Speeding vehicles, Thwaite Common Phil Reilly, NCC Highways, replied re a request for the erection of 'Reduce your Speed' signs on Thwaite Common, these are available at a cost of £450 each. Members thought these would be ineffective and obtrusive.

Proliferation of signs on A140 Deb Struthers, Enforcement Officer, informed Clerk that additional signs were in breach of regulations, but would take some time to resolve. Clerk to telephone again and then see if Norman Lamb can contact overloaded Planning Department.

Bus shelter cleaning Members agreed that outstanding invoice for cleaning should be paid. Clerk to research companies with mobile cleaning units. David Joyce & Brian Platts offered to clean one of the shelters properly to assess the task.

Recruitment of new Parish Clerk The Clerk handed in his letter of resignation announcing his leaving date as the May 2013 meeting. The Chairman appointed a Sub Committee (Leslie Hennessey, James Buchan & The Chairman) to prepare the Job Description, advertising and interviews for a replacement.

Code of Conduct Members agreed to adopt the same code as NNDC

Finance Current total balance: £607.84. External audit of annual return reported that all is in accordance with proper practices.

Correspondence

- i) Planning application at Alby Hill Farm, Dovehouse Lane. Conversion and extension of barn to provide dwelling and car shelter – approved.
- ii) Planning application at Oaklea, Thwaite Common. Erection of detached annexe approved with revisions drawings seen by PC.
- iii) Caravan site, Erpingham Street. David Attew (proprietor of Deer's Glade caravan site) had informed the Clerk that he had purchased the Erpingham site. He was considering putting a walkway over the beck so that holidaymakers could walk directly onto Thwaite Common. Clerk told him he should contact PC Chairman. This matter was discussed and the PC do not support the proposal. Chairman to inform the Thwaite Common Management Committee.

Date of the next meeting: 7th November 2012.

INGWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Next meeting in the Reading Room on **Monday 3rd December**.

FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Daphne Ducker writes: "Following my sudden departure from Martin Service Station, I would like to thank all customers I have served over the past 25 years at Alby/Martin Service Station. My job has enabled me to meet many friendly and interesting people during the course of a working day, making my employment enjoyable and feeling part of a thriving community. After the sudden loss of my husband Brian, local customers have made my bereavement easier to cope with. I will miss all the regular customers greatly."

Helen Burrell writes: "THANK YOU! I would like to thank everyone who has been so kind following my hip replacement. So many cards, flowers, cakes, chocolate and fruit!! Plus, the many people who came to visit and offer help. Everyone has been so generous, and it makes us realise how fortunate we are to live in such a friendly area."

The Original Norwich Charity Christmas Card Shop

is now open at The Assembly House in Norwich until 15th December, Mon -Sat 9.30 -5.00

All proceeds go to local and national charities.

Norwich Cathedral cards are available there and at the Cathedral Shop and include several new designs

Committed to Growth with Acts

Friday 16 November 2012

9.30am - 3.30pm in The Royal British Legion, Aylsham Road, Norwich, NR3 2HF

Get to know St Luke's second book a bit better.

Enter the world of the expanding early church with all its joys and challenges: what can we learn about growth in our own churches? And about preaching from those first sermons?

There'll be a chance, too, to let Elgar's setting deepen our understanding of the text.

Susanna Gunner, the Lay Development and Training Coordinator says:

"These days are specifically designed for lay and ordained to learn alongside each other, so bring a carload from your parish and enjoy a stimulating day out!"

Cost and booking: Free. Contact **Caspar James** for more information, 01603 729815 or caspar.james@norwich.anglican.org

There will be at least one car going from the benefice – book a seat with Fr Brian, 01263 768073, or with Ruth Bayes, 768063.

In our series of Frequently Asked Questions:

WHAT IS THIS PARISH SHARE THAT ALL THE CHURCHES NEED MONEY FOR?

To summarise: it's primarily the contribution made by churches towards the cost of having a parish priest - pay, housing, pensions, training. Every parish, every square inch of the country, is covered by an Anglican priest. In the Diocese of Norwich there are **583** parishes and **185** paid clergy; there are also more than **75** clergy who give their time **free**, and **275** Readers who are lay people, trained and qualified volunteers who are authorised to preach and to take certain services.

There are a lot of myths about the sources of church finance so let's be clear: **the Church of England receives no money from the Government for mission or ministry.**

Each parish makes a contribution based on its church membership. This year's Electoral Roll figures and last year's normal Sunday attendance figures make up a formula used to calculate the Parish Share required. The parishes' annual accounts are then reviewed by Deanery Assessors who meet parish treasurers to agree a sensible *and fair* allocation of the next year's Share.

This does not cover all the direct costs of the clergy and the Diocese uses other diocesan income to plug the gap; it is fortunate in having some resources from 'yesterday's congregations' which are invested in property and funds. The income (reduced due to the recession) is used to help meet the costs of keeping clergy in parishes and to contribute to the wider work of the Church of England.

In 2011 the Diocese received 89% of the Parish Share requested. The shortfall of £720,000 has been added to the overall operating deficit for the year.

What happens if a parish chooses not to pay Parish Share? If the others have to be asked to pay more, they are effectively subsidising those who don't pay – and the purpose of Parish Share is to spread the cost fairly across the Diocese. It doesn't currently take any account of the number of clergy in a particular parish (parishes vary greatly in size) and it is still expected if there is a vacancy or any reorganisation of benefices.

No part of Parish Share is used for administrative work at Diocesan House.

How is this benefice affected? So far each parish has managed to meet its obligations every year – the only benefice in this Deanery that has done so. It's important to keep this record up if we wish to retain a full-time Rector.

In 2012 the Share asked of this benefice is **£27,971** (likely to be paid in full). Aldborough's Share is **£8167**, a little less than in the previous year. (I don't know details of the other parishes – the smaller communities have less to pay. Their treasurers and churchwardens can give the information.) Central costs have been pared , but the Diocese will need an increase of about 6% to meet 2012 costs.

These figures are only a portion of church expenditure: we all have to meet the costs of upkeep of listed buildings, care of churchyards, insurance, heating vast spaces, organ tuning, etc. In Aldborough these items had cost over £4,000 by September –with a Treasurer who looks twice at every penny! We are not facing roof repairs as Ingworth, Erpingham and Alby are.

Let's finish with the dismissal of another myth: **there is no money available from the Church Commissioners.** Land can't be sold if it is occupied by a church or a graveyard.

The Diocese of Norwich has recently produced a leaflet on this topic and copies are available in churches or from PCC Treasurers.

R.B.



FATHER CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

He expects to be arriving on Aldborough Green **at 3.30 on Saturday 8th December.** This is a little later than in previous years so don't come too soon! There will be more about his visit in next month's Keeping in Touch. The **Christmas tree** will be set up on the previous Saturday - help will be needed on the Green on the morning of **1st December** – contact Martin Elliott to find out when.



presents a lunchtime concert in St Michaels's Church, Aylsham
on **Thursday, 15th November**, at **1.00:**

Anna Hopkins, Flute, and David Morgan, Piano

playing music by Handel, Quantz, York Bowen and Enesco

Entrance £7, children free. Refreshments £4 from 12.15–12.40.

THANKS for a donation recently received from Alby & Thwaite Parish Council and from a reader in West Runton.

THE NEXT ISSUE Copy please for the **December edition** and all the **news of Christmas events by Monday, 12th November**. This may seem early, but the following week would be too late.

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