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Dullingham Newsletter

March 2023

Dear All,

We are all aware of the passing of time. Sometimes in a positive way, sometimes it's more challenging. I'm very aware that I have two sermons and this letter to write; the deadline for this letter comes first despite the fact that it will be read long after the delivery of the sermons.

I enjoy walking; when I'm travelling in a city I will try to make time for a walk in the day, and when I am home I don't need an excuse – the dog wants a walk. As I walk around our beautiful countryside there is one particular tree, an Ash tree near Stetchworth, that I see most days. It's a metaphor for permanence, but yet a metaphor for change through the seasons and the conditions around it. On a cold winter's day there might be a hoar frost on its branches and a mist surrounding it. As it comes into leaf the reminder of fresh growth. In the long leafless season (Ash typically comes into leaf late and loses leaves early) you can get incredible views of sunrise or sunset through its bare branches. It teaches me patience – while most other trees are in leaf you are left wondering whether it will return, but it does.

In the changing seasons the Christian period of Lent marks Christ's time in the wilderness before his ministry – forty days and forty nights (though don't count them). The period of forty days occurs frequently in the Bible as something that feels like a long time. Yet it will pass. The bare arms of a different tree, Christ's cross, will come into view, and the eventual joy of the resurrection and the new life. But now, a time for patience and for consideration. Whatever timetable your lives work to, I hope you find some time to refresh.

Alistair France (Stetchworth Churchwarden)

For information about the Benefice please see our website www.raddesley.com

Dullingham Churchwardens are Anthea Kenna on 01638 508173 or antheakenna@gmail.com and Peter Allan on 01638 508268/07836 615105 or peter@doxbondcambridge.co.uk

St Mary's Services in March

Sunday 12th 10.30am Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th 10:30am Holy Communion

St Mary's Church cleaning

Taylor's Field group please.

Church flowers

No flowers in Lent.

Catholic Parish Services:

Newmarket: Saturdays 6pm &

Sundays 11am

Kirtling: Sunday 9am.

For a full list of weekday services, the newsletter & other information please visit the website.

<http://www.olise.co.uk/wordpress/>

Stetchworth URC Services

Sunday 5th, 11.00 am: Mrs Wendy Roe

Sunday 12th, 11.00 am: Revd Elizabeth Caswell

Sunday 19th, 11.00 am: Revd Dr Janet Tollington

Sunday 26th, 11.00 am: Revd Lythan Nevard
(Eastern Synod Moderator)

URC Coffee Morning

Saturday, 11th March 10:30-12:00. This will include a **Jigsaw Swap** - bring a jigsaw you have finished with and take a different one home. All welcome, please join us.

Mothering Sunday will be celebrated on **19th March** this year and there will be church services at 9am at Burrough Green and 10.30am at Brinkley to which all are invited.

Lent Course

This will be running during the Tuesdays in Lent: **28th**

February, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March. It will be in the Gredley Room at the Ellesmere Centre at 10.30 am until approximately 11.45 am. It will start with coffee and cake and we will be looking at 'Come and See, Journeying through Lent with John's Gospel'.

Everyone welcome

There will be a **coffee morning** will be on **Thursday 16th March** 10-12 noon in the Gredley Room, Ellesmere Centre. All welcome – come along for coffee, cake and chat.

Lent Lunch

Another Lent event – the churches in Stetchworth are arranging a Lent Lunch of soup and rolls – it will be at Stetchworth United Reformed Church on **Saturday 25th March** from 12 noon – 2.00 pm. Donations will be invited for Newmarket Open Door who also run the Newmarket Food Bank. Again, all welcome.

DULLINGHAM YESTERDAYS

This book has been re-typed and gives a brief account of the history of Dullingham from the Norman Conquest up to the 2nd World War. If you would like a copy these are available from Sally Peyton – 01638 507543 – for £6 per copy. **All profits from the sale of this book will go to Dullingham St Mary's restoration fund.**

Newmarket Foodbank

Many thanks to those who give so generously to this venture. Bags of items can be left in St Mary's Church porch every day from 10am – 4pm. Please place toiletry items in a separate bag to food donations.

Ellesmere Garden Club

On **Wednesday 8th March** Chris Wiley will talk to us on "The Wonderful World of Snowdrops". Join us at 7.30 pm in The Ellesmere Centre.

Then on **Sunday 26th March** we have a visit booked to the National Hyacinth Collection, Burgess's Drove, Waterbeach at the cost of £3 per person. Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 1.15 pm to share cars. Please let Judith know if you intend to come along so we know who to look out for on the day. If you prefer to make your own way there, the visit is booked for 2 pm.

Looking ahead: for our meeting on **Wednesday 19th April** we are trying a new venture, which is a members' evening at which people show their own photographs of gardens which they have visited, at home or abroad. If you would like to offer your own selection of photos just let one of the committee know – no need to give a lecture! Come and enjoy "Gardens of the World", an enjoyable and sociable evening event in good company. Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 7.30pm as usual.

Members and visitors are equally welcome to our meetings and events, and if you have any queries about the club, please contact either our Chairman Sandie, phone 07903 584676, or our Secretary Judith, phone 07740 100660.

Mobile Library:

This will call at: Jubilee Court, Stetchworth 2.25 – 3pm, Kettlefields School 3.10 – 3.40pm

on Thursday 16th March

It is advised to order items well in advance on for route F18: 0345 045 5225 or

<https://cambridgeshire-self.achieveservice.com/>

Recycling Collections for March

Every Monday

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Church Services for Raddesley Group of Parishes in March – All welcome

5th March 2 nd Sunday of Lent Genesis 12: 1-4a Romans 4: 1-5, 15-17 John 3: 1-17	9am Brinkley 10.30am Burrough Green	Holy Communion Family Service & Baptism
12th March 3 rd Sunday of Lent Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42	9am Stetchworth 10.30am Dullingham	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
19th March 4 th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday Exodus 2: 1-10 2 Corinthians 1 3-7 Luke 2: 33-35	9am Burrough Green 10.30am Brinkley	Holy Communion Morning Prayer
26th March 5 th Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37: 1-14 Romans 8: 6-11 John 11: 1-45	10.30am Dullingham 6pm Stetchworth	Holy Communion Evensong

THE BOOT - DULLINGHAM



Open 7 days a week
Lunches served Monday to
Friday 11.30am – 1.45pm.

Fish & Chip night every
Wednesday 5pm – 7.30pm

What's on:
Pie & Mash night
Saturday 4th March (limited
spaces - bookings only)
01638 507327

NEWS FROM THE ELLESMERE CENTRE

Warm Hub

The Hub is open every Monday and Wednesday from 9am-12pm and everyone is welcome. Please come along and enjoy a warm, friendly space and refreshments (all free of charge). We have magazines, jigsaws, board games or you may choose to just sit and relax. There is also a laptop and printer with free use of the Wi-Fi

Mini Athletics

Starting at the Ellesmere Centre on Sunday mornings. Enjoy running, jumping, throwing and making friends.

Develop skills and burn energy.

Please contact nnaude@miniathletics.com

SPECIAL OFFER

Book a Bouncy Castle Party before the end of May and pay just £75.

For parties without the Bouncy Castle the cost will be £48 for 3 hours.

50% deposit required at time of booking

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Stetchworth WI

Our next meeting will be **7th March at 7.30 p.m.** at the Ellesmere Centre. Speaker and subject to be announced.

Guests welcome - £2 to include tea/coffee and biscuits.

For any other information contact Liz Brown on 07757 251010 or visit our website stetchworthwi.weebly.com



Newmarket



Bridge Club

Duplicate bridge

Thursdays 6:45 to 10:15 at

The Stable Newmarket High St.

CB8 8NA (Parking at rear in Palace St)

£3.00pp per evening

Single players may be accommodated but contact one of the below first Roger Timmins 07981240557 Carolyn Child 07739097523

For more details please see www.bridgewebs.com/newmarket



Lessons may be available



You are invited to

Dullingham Flower Club

Thursday 9th March at 8pm

The Taylor Hall, Church Close,
Dullingham, CB8 9XE

Come & enjoy a fun evening with a demonstration by Crystal Dyball entitled

'Junk & Jumble'

Admission £8 to include refreshments.

Raffle

For any further information please contact Lesley Bird on 01638 507658 or 07786 817154.

Dates for the diary: Thursday 13th April. Come & celebrate our 20th Anniversary with supper and a guest speaker, £18 to include 2 courses – Booking is necessary with Lesley as above.

Dullingham Charities

With grateful thanks to Andy at The Boot & Mark of The Boot charity for their kind donations to fund the Christmas hampers given to pensioners at Christmas. They are always very much appreciated.

Brinkley Bell Ringing

Brinkley Church has the only set of bells in our Benefice which can be rung by a band - six bells, all in excellent condition. For years, there was no band to ring but a few of us got together before the pandemic and with the support of the District association, learnt how to ring safely and were starting to develop further. We also then combined with West Wrattling as they were also short on numbers.

With the pandemic and other individual personal circumstances, we are once again short of regular ringers and would love to be joined by anyone who has rung before or is interested in learning.

If you are interested but have no experience, then there would be a commitment to learn the basics (including safety) at either Streatham REC or in Cambridge (or possibly at another Church where there is a teacher with slots available) as none of us are qualified to teach - but after that you would be joining a friendly bunch who are keen to get better and continue on our ringing journey.

If you would be interested in a chat then you would be welcome to come along and meet us at a practice night (from 6 Feb we will be fortnightly on a Monday from 7pm) or contact Liz Gibson via email or Facebook messenger (lizgibson@me.com).

More information on how to become a ringer can also be found here: <https://cccbr.org.uk/bellringing/learn/>

Brinkley has a wonderful set of bells, and we would love to have enough people to Ring for the King on 6 May and beyond!

Dullingham Oil & Gas Syndicate

Bottled gas and oil can be bought at very competitive prices due to combined buying power. To join or for more information contact: Mark Robertson on dullinghamoil@hotmail.co.uk dullinghamoil@hotmail.co.uk or 01638 507266.

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