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~ Welcome to our Services in September 2022 ~

Midweek Communion every Wednesday at 11.30am in East Harling Church

Date	East Harling	Garbl'sham	Wretham	Bridgham	Larling
Sunday 4 th Sept Trinity 12	11.00am All Age 6.00pm Soul Café Old School Hall	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Service of the Word	11.00am Holy Communion	
Sunday 11 th Sept Trinity 13	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion			11.00am Holy Com'union
Sunday 18 th Sept Trinity 14	9.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Harling Praise	11.00am All Age	9.30am Holy Communion	11.00am Service of the Word	
Sunday 25 th Sept Trinity 15	9.30am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion			11.00am Service of the Word

Date	Brettenham	Riddlesworth	Blo'Norton
Sunday 4 th Sept			
Sunday 11 th Sept Trinity 13			11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th Sept Trinity 14			
Sunday 25 th Sept Trinity 15	3.00pm Holy Communion Harvest Supper	6.00pm Holy Communion	



~ Parish Records 2022 ~

~ Funerals ~

We offer our condolences to the family and friends of-

Debble Barnes whose funeral was held in East Harling Church on 28th July 2022 followed by interment in the Churchyard;

June Aspinall whose funeral was held in East Harling Church on 5th August 2022 followed by cremation at Breckland Crematorium.

FLOODLIGHTING 2022

URGENT APPEAL Going forward we have no requests for floodlighting our beautiful church until December. We Need to Keep the Lights ONIII

As part of your giving to support our Church and your community please do consider donating and Light Up your Whole Village!!

Requests to sponsor the floodlighting of East Harling Church should be posted/delivered to:

The Rev'd Varlie Sheldrake, 12 Kemps Barns, East. Harling. NR16 2TS

Please make sure your requests are clearly written, include the date and add your name and contact number in case of any queries. Donation of minimum £5/night should be enclosed (cheques payable to E Harling PCC please).

MIDWEEK COMMUNION

Wednesday in St Peter and St Paul's Church at 11.30am.

Feel free to bring your lunch with you so that we can share some social time together. Tea and coffee will be provided.

> FOOD BANK Please Remember!



Items for delivery to Thetford Food Bank can be left in the hamper at the rear of the pews in | East Harling Parish Church. Tinned and non-perishable dry goods (eg sugar, cereals) and toiletries welcome. No fresh fruit or vegs please. All items must be 'in date'. Your gifts will be collected regularly. Thank You!

METHODIST CHAPEL WHITE HART STREET Methodist Services in September

4th September 10.30am Mr Pat Mottram 6pm Soul Cafe at OSH 11th September HARVEST FESTIVAL Mr Nev

Hodson 18th September 10.30am Rev David Ety

6.30pm HARLING PRAISE at Methodist Church

25th September 6.30pm Mr Pat Mottram

Quidenham Carmelite Monastery Chapel (Roman Catholic) Public Worship

Daily Mass	8.00am	
Sunday Mass	10.30am	
Holy Days	8.00am	
For further information	on contact:	
David & Gerda Baile	y (01953) 717639	



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Every·Tuesday·in·term· time·7-8.30pm¶

In-the-Methodist-Church-Hall¶

Run-by-East-Harling-Churches.9

N.B.·Next-meeting-on-the-13th-Septemberq

for-more-info-contact-Jane-on-01953-714629.¶





Dear friends

I was truly blessed, during the weekend that I am writing this, to officiate at a wedding in Wymondham Abbey, for parishioners of East Harling. It was my first time in that Church – and it really is a stunning building. It will perhaps not be a surprise that, as a Priest, I am very interested in

Church art and architecture, and the Abbey is a very grand example of both.

And yet, two things kept resonating in my mind. The millennium-long history of that place just heightened the sense for me of the smallness and ordinariness of the human story that unfolded during that wedding. This beautiful couple and their amazing daughters were coming into that place, just one little family, and making their promises to each other, and then leaving again to get on with their lives. And the power and beauty of what this little family was committing itself to just had a life, a vitality, that nothing in that magnificent Church (or any Church, Abbey or Cathedral) could match. The beating heart of that vitality was, of course, love. The couple getting married held hands, and looked into each others' eyes, and the love being expressed there was a true glimpse of the love of God, right in front of us.

I also, on entering the Abbey and looking at the beauty of the building, couldn't help but immediately think of Jesus going to the Temple in Jerusalem, and telling the disciples, marvelling at the beauty of that building, that not one stone would remain on top of another. Because every Temple, every Church, Abbey – any building, or creation made by human hands – is only temporary. Jesus was right – within 100 years, the Temple was destroyed. But he said he had come to build another Temple … but this was a community of love, bound together by hope, joy, love – the power of the Spirit of God.

We're at a point in history where we are reaping what we, as a race, have sown in terms of international conflict, environmental catastrophe, economic imbalance ... and I am praying for ways out of these things, and to play my part in anything that I can do to reverse some of these things. But this weekend has reminded me that love is, in the end, the only eternal thing that we can be part of. Not just the love of a married couple – but the love, in any form, that chooses the other, that sees and holds on to the value of each human person that we encounter.

Buildings, organisations, traditions – all of these things can be wonderful and beautiful. But none of them are worth anything – except inasmuch as they remind us and point us towards the reality of love, and help us to live in that love. I pray that you will, amidst everything else in these coming months, have your eyes open that you may love those around you, and be able to receive the love of others. As we love one another, seeing the worth and infinite value of each other, together we build something that outshines any Church or Temple.

Your friend and priest

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EAST HARLING GARDENING CLUB

In spite of the effects of the weather, and the absence of two of our major exhibitors due to sickness and holidays we managed to put on a good flower and vegetable show with snacks and wine. Particular thanks to Ann Lake who helped to fill the benches with her entries

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Jenny Hannell

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This month - Tuesday 13 September at 7.30 sees the welcome return of Dr Ian Bedford who worked for the John Innes Institute in Norwich. He is giving an illustrated lecture titled Companion Planting for a Balanced Garden. He is an excellent speaker. Members free, visitors welcome at a nominal cost of just £3. Visitors are welcome at most of our meetings or why not become a member for just £9. Some excellent meetings are members only like our visit to Bressingham Steam Museum and Gardens last month!



PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EVENT, BY TAKING PART OR BY SPONSORING SOMEONE. BY DOING THIS YOU WILL BE HELPING YOUR LOCAL CHURCH AND NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SPONSOR FORMS CONTACT DOROTHY JUBB (CHURCHWARDEN)

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THE GARDEN IN SEPTEMBER

Harvest, Harvest Harvest!

This is where the harvesting of your produce steps up a gear and you discover that all of your neighbours have gone off courgettes.

Lawns: As I write this on 1st August it is just 36 hours since our first proper rain in months. There are already green spots appearing amongst the brown. Hopefully Mother Nature will take over and your grass will sort of recover.

Don't be tempted to uproot the brown clumps until you are sure that there is going to be no new growth. You can mow on a high setting if necessary. If you have any bare patches now is a good time to sow seed when the ground is still warm and hopefully moist and the temperatures are unlikely to reach extremes in either direction.

It is also a good time to sow whole new lawns – get them as flat as possible and firm by walking on a plank (or using a roller if you or a neighbour have one, rake and sow the new seed. Keep moist and give a cut towards the middle of October with the blades of your lawnmower set high.

Pruning: Prune buddleia hard when it finishes flowering. Many shrubs and trees are showing signs of stress following the drought. Cut out any dead sections, and winter prune deciduous ones between November and February.

Cuttings: Take semi hard cuttings of evergreen shrubs and trees, and shrub roses.

Plant: Plant or move evergreen shrubs, trees and hedging later in the month. Keep watered if necessary.

Perennials: Keep dead-headed (unless you are leaving seed for the birds) and cut down any any dead stems.

Dahlias: Keep dead headed. Water if necessary and check your supports – we can get some strong winds in September.

Annuals: Hardy annuals can be sown in a greenhouse or cold frame over the next couple of months ready to plant out from March. Prick out when large enough to handle.

Biennials: such as foxglove, hollyhock and forgetme-nots can be planted out so that they get a good start next year.

Bulbs: Plant daffodils. Pot up hyacinth and daffodil bulbs for indoor flowering.

Vegetables: You can still sow radishes and winter spinach. Plant out spring cabbage plants towards the end of the month. . Harvest whatever is ready. Pots and Tubs

Keep well watered. Plant some bulbs in small pots which can then be planted on into tubs when you clear the summer bedding out. Daffodils and tulips can be planted remarkably deep in a tub leaving plenty of space at the top for planting for spring colour, (primroses, pansies, bellis all do well) It is too early to plant tulips in the ground. Good Gardening Kevin

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Many of you enjoyed our first Christmas Tree Festival in the church last December. The church looked absolutely amazing and magical and this was only made possible by all of you. As it was so successful, we have now sorted out the

dates for December, 2022 and have already started making a list of participants for this year. I have spoken to several of you who participated last year, but need confirmation from any of you who I may not have spoken to yet.

As last year we are hoping for local schools, clubs, businesses, shops and individuals to take part by decorating a tree. Each contributor will need to bring their own tree, decorations and battery powered lights, as there are not enough power points in and around the church. There is, however, plenty of room for lots of trees.

The following is a list of dates for decorating your trees:

Wednesday 7th December 12.30 - 6pm

Thursday 8th December 10 - 7pm

Friday 9th December 10 - 3pm

If none of these are suitable for you please contact Susan to arrange a suitable time.... 07890 102392 / 01953 717832 or email the address below.

If you would like to participate this year, or have any questions, please contact Susan Wilson by phone: 07890 102392, send a message or email: susanmwils@gmail.com.

The visiting times of the Christmas Tree Festival will be published in the October edition of Contact and advertised on our church Facebook page and website.







THEATRE TRIP CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY



LAST CHANCE TO BOOK YOUR TICKET FOR CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY ON WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL 2023.

We are organising a trip to see this musical from the West End at Norwich Theatre Royal next year.

All tickets are £56 each, which includes coach travel to and from the theatre.

Please contact Susan Wilson to book your seat or if you'd like more information. Email: susanmwils@gmail.com or phone 07890 102392.

BOOK YOUR TICKET BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2022.





Art & Flower Open Day

10am - 3:30pm

- Refreshments
- Floral displays
- Local artwork

Grand Draw at 3pm

1^{eff} Prize – original painting by David Ord Kerr 2^{ed} Prize – Galaxy Samsung Tablet 3^{ed} Prize £25

Fundraising for urgent chancel roof repairs



The WI sadly had to cancel their annual Garden Party due to a severe weather warning!! Who'd have thought that our Summer would actually get that hot??

In September we will have a cookery demonstration by Olwen, showing us her one pot biryani dish.

East Harling WI meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the Old School Hall, at 7.30pm. All are welcome, and we look forward to seeing old and new faces. If you have any questions please ring me Jackie Underwood on 07725 126115.,

EAST HARLING

HARLING 10K

This year's race was again a great success with no injuries or problems, though we did have a few runners with wobbly legs at the finish. However, the medics sorted them out and all was well. It was hot again was it not!



The race winner was Cameron Panting who came home in 36.27 minutes.



The first female and seventh overall was Jesse Gooderham in a time of 39.24 minutes.

We must say a big thankyou to all the athletes who took part - 269 in all, and an even bigger Thank You



to all our marshals and helpers who each year make the race possible

The comments we get on how well the race is organised and how friendly and helpful you all are is so good to hear. The athletes also comment on the course and thank the people along the route for their encouragement and good wishes. Everyone involved can be proud that we had another great day. We are already planning next year's race although we do not have a date yet. We will let everyone know as soon as we can.

Thanks again everyone, Harling 10k committee.

Thanks to Martin Gooderham for the photos - Ed

HARLING BOWLS CLUB

Short Mat Bowls Come along and give it a try. We will loan you Bowls All you need are flat shoes. We are offering 4 Free lessons On Tuesday evenings At 6.00pm starting 27th Sept, 4th, 11th, 18th October. Contact Chris 01953 717464 or Jill 01953 718703

EAST HARLING SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Dates for your Dlary

September Fri 2nd - Karaoke 8pm Fri 9th- Bingo (2nd Fri of month) 7.30pm Sat 10th - bass night 8pm Fri 23rd - live music 'Differential' 8pm Fri 30th- live music Christian Smith 8pm

October

Fri 7th - Band 'son of Mark' 8pm Fri 14th- Bingo 7.30pm start (2nd Fri of month (Family Friendly) Thurs 20th-Harling comedy night 7.30pm Fri 28th- Kids Halloween Party 6.30-9.30pm

Sat 29th- Band 'The Rum Dogs' 8pm

Dates for November and December will follow in October





VOLUNTEERS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH



If you are concerned about the speed of traffic in our village and have a few hours a month free, then please get in touch to join our group. East Harling CSW is run by volunteers and supported by Harling Parish Council. Hi-vis jackets are provided and training is done on site, by existing members.

With the go-slow on the A11 and the re-routing of some traffic more is finding its way through our village, and as a result one of the stanchions in front of what was Valentines on the corner of Market Street and Church Road has been unearthed again, was it a tractor or was it a large lorry? Does anyone know?

Volunteers obviously need sufficiently good eyesight to read a number plate and sound short term memory. We are a friendly, sociable bunch of residents who care about our village and want to do what we can to keep our neighbours safe. So if interested do please contact Tony@thefamilylong.com

Ramblings from Brettenham.

What a summer we have all been experiencing, hopefully you have all managed to keep safe and well during this very difficult period for us all, wildlife, flora and fauna must be included in this as well as our garden plants and vegetables.

Life on the farm, especially during the harvest period has been extremely stressful with so many safety issues to be considered - the water bowser, fire extinguishers and other necessary equipment available before any combing or field work can commence. During the extremely hot period, the combine started to roll in the field from 5.00am and then finished about 11.00am It was just too tricky to have large machinery at work when there was every chance that a fire could break out. Unfortunately, we have had to have visits from Norfolk Fire Service due to incidents occurring - they must be highly commended and respected by us all for their commitment to service, safety of us all as well as preservation of the countryside. I am sure we were all saddened to see the pictures and read the reports of the unfortunate incidents at Ashill and other places across the country.

The corn harvest was a strange event this year, it started very early, seemed to be over quite quickly as there was no rain which in normal years would have meant that perhaps work would have been held up for a day or two and the dampness in the evenings would have ended the day as well – but not in 2022. It was combining every day, irrigation every day, watch out for fires every day and lets just hope that nobody decides to have a barbeque or dump anything inflammable on any verge etc. we all needed to have eyes in the back of our heads!!

The fields and woods are tinder dry; the deer are eating the crops of sugar beet which were drilled in the spring and the wildlife is finding it very difficult to find grass or any food that they would class as normal. Hence, they are foraging anything in the fields they can, be it sugar beet or maize which has not grown very well due to the drought. Water is short for them as well as the River Thet, which incidentally runs through Rushford as well has nearly dried up. I am sure some of you have found that you have deer eating your garden plants etc, I certainly have - I planted on a Monday morning just over 100 plants in a new border which I was creating, by Wednesday morning, I had 5 plants left and by Thursday morning I was down to 1. Needless to say, I have decided not to re-plant and may be looking at a desert themed area for next vear.

Harvest Festival is planned for Sunday 25th September at 3.00pm. By then we hope we will have had some rain. Since March we have had under a total of 2inches, this is a worrying factor as the sugar beet really need to have rain to improve the growth before the harvest and the land, which is so dry needs to have moisture to enable the commencement of the new farming year. I am sure as you all travel around you can see the seriousness of the situation – the trees are dropping leaves and sadly I think come the spring we will find that many shrubs etc here in the garden will have died due to the drought and maybe some of treasured trees as well. A sad situation for many of us, I fear.

All being well the Church will be open for the annual bike ride on Saturday 10th September should you wish to visit. You will be welcome to pop in and enjoy a drink with us as we spend time doing the annual 'woodworm treatment', painting of the railings around a particular number of graves and other housekeeping jobs which the delightful rural Church needs to have done.

Take care and keep safe, Hope to see you in September, all good wishes Peter & Mary.



BRIDGHAM - ROUDHAM - LARLING - BRETTENHAM



BRETTENHAM HARVEST THANKSGIVING 3.00pm SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER



All are welcome to celebrate with us. Refreshments will be served after the service – core and join us.

June Aspinall Obituary

June arrived in East Harling in 1971 with her husband and her four children. As a trained seamstress fresh from Saville Row, she became the go to lady if you wanted alterations done, or curtains or cushions made. She became a staunch supporter of the Church Choir, regularly attending services from then on. She also became Mistress of the Choir Robes cleaning them, and altering them to fit as choir members came and went. She was awarded the Royal School of Church Music long service medal around four years ago. She was always there to help anyone in need. When she split with her husband George, she moved to Bridgham where she lived for the next 20 years. She had four main passions in life, first was her children, whom she loved dearly, second was her Church, third was her friends and fourth was her cats. June absolutely adored cats and always had one by her side for company. Her last cat Tuppence has remained in the family and is staying with granddaughter Sophie which June would have been very pleased about. She also kept hens at the bottom of her garden, and if you were very lucky you might be given some eggs. Here is a brief snapshot of June's life as seen through the eyes of her friends in Bridgham.

June was a great supporter of many activities in Bridgham. These included the Luncheon Club, Friday Social, Wednesday Social, Coffee Morning, Fete and many other fundraising events. She was noted for her apple pies using the delicious apples from her garden in Bridgham. She especially enjoyed her trips out on a Friday morning to the Retreat at Thorpe Woodlands where she met up with the Friday walking group for coffee and cake having got there with her "Chauffeur" Brian Scott. June loved all things especially with a food connection. She readily accepted the offer of visiting the local garden centres as she was a keen and successful gardener. She spent many a happy holiday with her two sisters and her friend Brenda Royle at Winterton-on-Sea. Caring for others came naturally to June along with housesitting friend's homes and pets on a regular basis. Swimming and water aerobics, after a fashion, was another of her pleasurable occupations sharing part of her activities with her friends Wendy Welton and June Mason. She is sadly missed by all who came into contact with her. A. truly wonderful thoughtful, reliable friend. We are all much better people for sharing part of her lifetime with her. Dear June! With thanks to Ian Aspinall and Dorothy Scott: Editor



THANK YOU

The family of Debbie Barns would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who attended her funeral, especially those who helped to make it the send off that she deserved. Your presence meant so much to our family and the support has made an invaluable difference during this difficult time.

Thank you to Revel Simon Richardson for providing a wonderful service in the celebration of Debbie's life.

Finally, we are so appreciative of the generous donations towards the Harling Combined Trust; we know it would have meant a lot to her to support the village that sheloved. She will be truly missed.



EAST HARLING CHURCH JUST GIVING PAGE IS NOW UP AND RUNNING

Our Just Giving campaign in aid of the Church Roof is titled UNDER A DRY ROOF.

East Harling Church is such an important building and is in dire need of some serious maintenance work so we are looking for support for our Roof Funding Appeal and the Just Giving page is part of that fund raising effort. If you wish to donate and help to raise the necessary funds to repair the roof and make the building safe for future generations to use and enjoy, then please follow the link below

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/UnderADryRoof

As you will appreciate, the Church is not only a monument to the past and to the history of the people of East Harling, it is also the home of a lively and loving community of faith, reaching out to everyone in the village and beyond. So that we can continue to be a place where God is worshipped, where children are blessed, couples proclaim their love for each other, and we can say farewell to those whom we have loved, the fabric of this beautiful building has to be maintained.

Please help us if you can, all gifts will be very gratefully received.

DIARY DATES 2022 For fundraising events, outings etc. In the parishes in the Harling United Benefice. Full details appear in the magazine **SEPTEMBER 2022** ond Bridgham Village Hall Friday Social 6-11pm 2nd EHSSC Karaoke 8pm 3rd E Harling Church Community Café 10-12 noon 6th E Harling Film Club OSH 7 for 7.30pm 711 Bridgham Village Hall Wed Social 11-1pm Q^(t) EHSSC Bingo 7.30pm 10th EHSSC Bass Night 8pm 10^m Norfolk Churches Bike Ride (see page 9) 10^m E Harling Church Afternoon Tea 3pm onward (book your slot) further info on Page 9 110 E H Village Yard Sales and Scarecrow trail 13th Dr Bedford talk for Gardening Club OSH 7.30pm 14th OSH Coffee Morning 10-12 noon 16th Bridgham Village Hall Friday Social 8-11pm 214 Bridgham Village Hall Wed Social 11-1pm 24th Bridgham Church Coffee Moming 10-12 27th E Harling Parish Council OSH 7pm 280 OSH Ploughman's Lunch 12 for 12.30 30ⁱⁿ Bridgham Village Hall Friday Social 6-11pm 30th EHSSC Live Music Christian Smith 8pm OCTOBER 110 E Harling Church Community Café 10-12noon 2rd Bridgham Village Hall Friday Social 6-11pm 40 E Harling Film Club 7 for 7.30pm 511 Bridgham Village Hall Wed Social 11-pm 711 Bingo Night OSH doors open 6.30 eye down 7.00pm 851 Harvest Supper 1110 Gardening Club 7.30pm OSH 120 OSH Coffee Morning 10-12noon 2210 Bridgham Church Coffee Morning 10-12 noon 22nd E Harling Church Designers & Makers Exhibition 10-4pm 25ⁱⁿ E Harling Parish Council OSH 7.00 pm 26th OSH Sausage & Mash Lunch 12 for 12.30 20/0 East Dereham Brass Band Concert in East Harling Church -Music from the Shows 7.30pm NOVEMBER 1.81 E Harling Film Club OSH 7 for 7.30 pm 821 E Harling Church Community Café 10-12noon 98 **OSH Coffee Morning** 2210 E Harling Parish Council OSH 7.00 pm 23** OSH Soup Lunch 12 for 12:30 26th Friends Christmas Faver CONTACT is published monthly by East Harling Parochial Church Council and, Itema for the October PAPER edition should be submitted to the editor by email by 12th September 2022 at the ABSOLUTE LATEST. Please ensure that the sender's name and address or telephone number is included in all communications. Please don't wait until the last day as we cannot guarantee last minute items will be printed. EDITOR: email sue wall@uwclub.net TRADE ADVERTISING: contact Juliet Langridge tel: 01953

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