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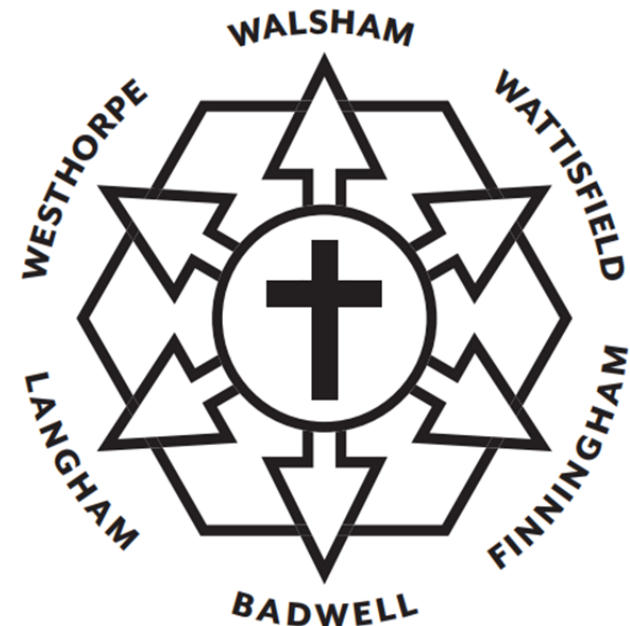
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REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY AND LOOKING FORWARD

"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." – 1 Thessalonians 1:3

Thanks to all the hard work and heartfelt dedication, everyone has come together and cared for our Benefice so beautifully during the vacancy between Philip and Denise leaving last August and Revd Catriona beginning her ministry toward the end of September this year.

This summer, we will be blessed with the joy of conducting five weddings, all involving local families. Seeing couples exchange vows in the presence of God and their loved ones always fills our hearts with joy and reminds us of the sanctity of marriage.

Our joy has extended beyond weddings to the baptisms we have celebrated which have not only involved infants but also grown children and adults, each one a powerful declaration of faith. We also remember in the past year the privilege of conducting funerals for well-loved and well-known residents of our six rural parishes. Each funeral has been a solemn occasion but also a celebration, honouring the lives of those we have known and loved. We remember their contributions to our community and cherish the memories they have left behind.

Bells have been hung at Westhorpe, musical events have been sung and played at Walsham, with the magnificent Open Gardens still to come, an art exhibition at Badwell Ash, a Christian Music Festival at Wattisfield, a fabulous flower festival at Finningham (as always) and a family baptism at Langham for a couple married by Philip. All exhausting and sometimes stressful and yet at the end of a really good day we hear ourselves saying 'Well what shall we call it next year'!

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service in July. As we approach September, many children and teenagers in our parishes will be preparing to start a new school year. This transition can be both exciting and daunting. When we are fearful of starting something like a new school, a new job or a new home, where we don't know anyone and everything feels unfamiliar, remember that God tells us in Psalm 139: "Wherever you go, God is with you, guiding and supporting you, for you are wonderfully made and deeply known by Him."

Our thanks go out to everyone for their for unwavering dedication, for building on what Philip and Denise put in place and for making our community the special place that it is. Whether you are taking a holiday or staying close to home this summer, we hope that may you find rest, renewal, and joy in the beauty of our shared faith and fellowship. We know everyone will be welcoming our new priest with the same warmth and enthusiasm that we have shown each other, confident that the best is yet to come. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

With Every Blessing from Revd Jay

FROM THE REGISTERS

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As there are too few bellringers locally for every church within our benefice and surrounding area to ring on the allotted day and time, Walsham bellringers decided on the morning of the 8th June to cover seven local church churches, namely: Hopton, Thelnetham, Hinderclay, Wattisfield, Walsham, Hunston and finally Badwell Ash so as these could be included in the 'Ring for Peace'

Walsham Bellringers.

You are invited to the Licensing and
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At the time of the First World War, the ancient bell frame was deemed no longer fit for purpose and apart from occasional chiming, the bells became redundant. Over the succeeding decades, PCCs had sought quotations and then recoiled in horror at the cost of restoration but when we learnt the National Lottery Heritage Fund were giving consideration to funding church bell restoration, it seemed worth a try. Foundries were contacted and recent bell restoration projects across the county visited before we accepted a quotation from John Taylors Bell Foundry in Loughborough.

A small steering group of six was formed in the summer of 2021 and our A-peal for Mary Tudor was launched in the village hall in the October. Local residents and friends of the village gave their full support as did members of the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. We received notice of our award from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in February 2023 and soon after the bell hangers began their work of lowering the old bells for their journey to Loughborough.

In April 2024, six smart bells were returned to the church. Among these six, two had been recast, one was brand new and one donated by the Keltek Trust, an organisation that refers to itself as a dating agency for bells. In our case, the donated bell was from a church in Stafford who no longer had need of it. Our most precious bell is listed and was cast at the Foundry in Bury St Edmunds in the early 1500s. Mary Tudor, Queen of France, who resided at Westhorpe in this period would have heard this particular bell ringing out and we refer to it as *The Mary Tudor Bell*; hence the name of our appeal.

A service of **Rededication of the Bells** will take place at **St Margaret's, Westhorpe on Wednesday, 4th September, 2024 at 6.00pm.** The Right Reverend Martin Seeley, Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich will officiate. We would welcome all from across the Benefice to join us for this service of celebration.

Rosemary Mees on behalf of the A-peal for Mary Tudor Steering Group



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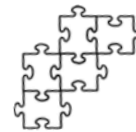
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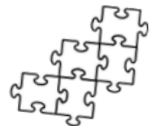
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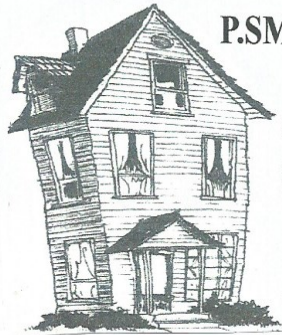
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We heard about the different way of managing the two woods and learned about plans for their future. The Woods are a tremendous asset for the village and many thanks to the hard work of their volunteers. (NB they are always looking for more volunteers!) On the tour we admired the wide variety of wild flowers - the ox-eye daisies and buttercups were looking stunning - plus the thrill of finding pyramid orchids.

The next meeting is on **14th August** which will be a **Cheese and Wine** social evening.

For the **11th September** meeting, members are invited to the Walsham History Group for TV presenter **John Henry Phillips' talk on 'The Search'** the hunt for a missing WWII shipwreck. It will be at the Memorial Village Hall starting at 7.30pm

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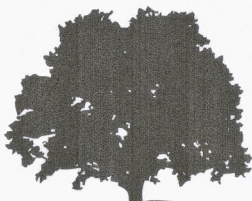
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Salvias scabious and other such perennials will benefit by being chopped by a third after the first flowers fade, this will produce a bushier plant and more flowers.

Pick young vegetables like beetroot, it will encourage bigger beet for preserving.

Cut herbs before flowering, hang in a dry warm place then strip off the leaves and seal in an air tight container, or freeze in ice blocks for future stews or soups, this can also apply to excess peppers as well.

Dig up and store your potatoes, what a great sight to look back to see rows of spuds drying on the soil after your efforts to nurture them, place in a paper or hessian sack and store in a cool but frost free shed onions after dried completely treat the same way.

Things to do in August collect seeds from flowers in the garden place in a marked envelope leaving some to attract wild life and self-seed, leave ornamental grass seed heads on for birds and structure.

Things to do in September feed and deadhead baskets and containers as these will flower till the first frost. Also plant daffodils crocus and hyacinths now.

Finally on August bank holiday Sun/Mon Walsham-Le-Willows open gardens weekend is on again, money raised goes to St Marys church and local charities. My wife and myself have previously opened our garden and again this year will open our gates, to share our garden. Please come and see us, to take a look and ponder over plants and ideas, hope to see you.

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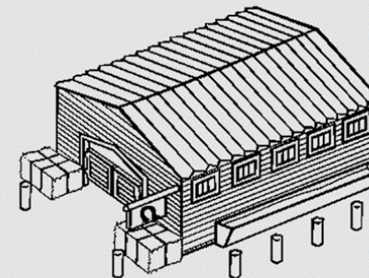
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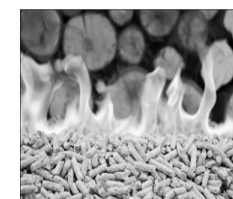
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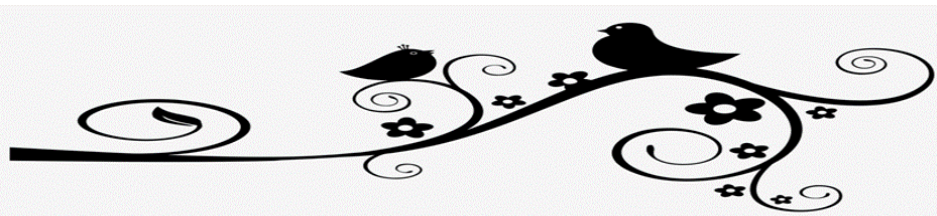
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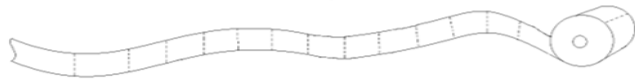
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Sosa (Start of Something Amazing!) Monday 9.30-10.30 am
Contact : Sam on 07410. 978335 / samfitz@hotmail.co.uk

Community Lunch 12.45 pm (second Monday of each month)
Contact : Shirley White tel 01359 258532

Self Defence Class Tuesday 6.30pm
Contact: Andy at info@rbmdynamics.com

Pilates Wednesday 9am -10am, 10.15am-11.15am & Friday 2pm-3pm
Contact: Lara at contact@larapepper.com

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Wattisfield URC Services

Date	Time	Service details
August 4th	11am	Holy Communion
11 th	11am	Morning worship
18 th	11am	Morning worship
25 th	10.45am	Visit to Diss URC –no service at Wattisfield
September 1st	11am	Morning worship
8 th	10.30am	Visit to Thetford URC - <i>no service at Wattisfield</i>
15 th	11am	Holy Communion
22 nd	11am	Morning worship
29 th		Morning worship
October 6th	11am	Harvest Thanksgiving followed by Soup Lunch* (see below)

*Our Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 6th October will be followed by a soup and roll lunch to raise money for the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution.

The fresh produce from the harvest display will be distributed for donations during the lunch. The non-perishables, if not taken on the day, will be sent to the Stowmarket food bank. This will be instead of our usual harvest auction on Monday evening.

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28TH 11AM – 3PM AT THE CHAPEL

**PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH AND BINGO at the
PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ**

CrafTea & ScrabbleTea: 2-4pm on 2nd & 4th Weds of the month

From September the café will only be held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The village hall has started to hold a Farmer's Market on the 1st Saturday and it is felt this should be supported instead.

Please contact Mrs Jo Patel our Local Leader (07808 487844)



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Benefice Services August - September 2024

4th August

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe

11th August

8.00am	Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham

18th August

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Morning Prayer	Wattisfield
6.00pm	Evensong	Westhorpe

25th August

9.30am	Holy Communion	Badwell
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1st September

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham

4th September

3.00pm	Commissioning Bells	Westhorpe
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Benefice Services September - October 2024

8th September

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Songs of Praise	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Wattisfield

15th September

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Finningham
11.00am	Harvest	Langham
6.00pm	Harvest	Westhorpe

22nd September

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Harvest	Badwell
11.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham

23rd September

7.30pm	Enrolment Service	Walsham
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29th September

11.00am	Benefice Harvest	Walsham
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6th October

8.00am	Holy Communion	Walsham
9.30am	Holy Communion	Westhorpe
11.00am	Harvest	Finningham