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August / September 2023

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## ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 11 am - 4.30 pm

All Saints Church, Church Lane, Worlington, Suffolk IP28 8SG

## Vicar's Words

I was pleased to be able to preach at the annual West Suffolk Council civic service held recently in Kentford by ward councillor and Chairman Roger Dicker in the presence of local Mayors and Chairs, Military and Legal Officers.

I would like to offer this distilled version as it may strike chord with some and seems very apt as perhaps we take time during the summer to reflect on our lives. I took as the bible Reading the 'Feeding of the 5,000' from the Gospel of Matthew Ch 14 vs13-21.

So, can I ask you to picture the scene perhaps 50 years ago? Tables are hauled to a field near the village for the annual Sunday school picnic. Sandwiches, cakes, crisps, jelly and apples are piled thereon and the children eagerly anticipate their feast.

The vicar stands at one end and declares in a booming voice that 'all children should take only their fair share - one apple at a time for example, because God is watching'!

One small boy tells his little mates

'Go for the cakes boys ... because God is watching the apples'.

Sometimes there seems to be so much need around in all its forms that we can't possibly cope. That was the situation faced by the disciples who couldn't imagine how all those people could be fed. They said to Jesus 'Send them away; let them fend for themselves'. As you know they were fed lavishly through the actions of Jesus/God. The disciples failed to trust that God in Jesus could do something! We often lack that kind of trust and our vision is dimmed.

But Jesus didn't send down 'Manna from heaven' as if by magic – he used what one of their number had to offer. Sometimes we have the means at our disposal – we just don't see it. All that need was answered by the provisions of one person who had foresight. I wonder how much he could have raised by an auction – but he gave it to God for the greater good – didn't keep his skill/resource for himself. Sometimes I wonder if we get caught up in a 'blame the lack of resources' culture.

I wonder if the people knew who had done this thing – God - yes of course – but with a little essential help from the boy. Perhaps the boy represents all of us? He certainly represents those who do so much unseen for their communities and Churches. There could be more who do it without expectation of reward.

God was watching the apples - no doubt – but I bet that boy was remembered and thanked for his generosity for years to come. I dare say God wept over the boys who 'went for the cakes' – I wonder how the community regarded them? I hope I don't follow in their metaphorical steps and only think of what I can get and keep it!

And one final twist for us today. Our foodbanks and free church pantries often

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### All Saints Church Services

|                                   |          |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August     | 11:00 am | Holy Communion                  |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August    | 11:00 am | Holy Communion                  |
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | 11:00 am | Holy Communion                  |
| Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September | 11:00 am | Harvest Festival Family Service |

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### Doreen Goodwins

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Doreen Goodwins in June.

Doreen, the wife of the Rev. Christopher Goodwins, both great supporters of All Saints Church, had been the baker of delicious fruit and chocolate loaves and mounds of wonderful fruit scones. It was with this generous input, we were able to hold our Sales Table alongside our Teas events.

Doreen will be remembered also as being a talented artist and we miss her.

*All Saints' Church PCC*

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contain chocolates and things that might be called luxuries – they are not mean in their provision and neither was God as there were baskets of food over.

We thanked our Deanery Churchwardens recently as they were admitted to Office by Archdeacon David. It is sad that there are no wardens in Worlington especially as we try to attract a new Vicar. If there are people interested in taking this on – it's only a year at a time. There must be someone in Worlington like the small boy who had 'the loaves and fishes' – someone with time and talent to offer? Please speak to me.

With every good wish and continued prayers for a good appointment of a Parish Priest.

*Chris (Rev Canon Chris Childs Rural Dean of Mildenhall)*



## More Swift News

A last-minute update!

While walking along Church Lane last week, I met up with a very excited Antony O'Brien. He had not long had a visit from Simon, the bird expert who had arrived for the annual check on the swift boxes where Antony now lives.

To Antony and Simon's huge delight, the report was as follows; three nesting pairs of swifts and a total of eight chicks.

Don MacBean was on holiday so I sent on the update and both he and Antony wanted everyone to know about this fantastic news.

*Val McClure*

## Books

We have a great selection of books in Church at the bargain price of 4 for £1. The church is open everyday so why not come along and browse.

Something for everyone.



# **Picnic & DUCK RACE**

## **SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST**

### **@ THE HYTHE**

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## Bird Talk

Here is some really happy news; four years ago Maurice and Gill Anderson had a handsome group of six swift boxes put up on their house. They played swift calls and waited for three years, but they only managed to attract sparrows and blue tits. But this year three pairs of swifts are nesting which prompted Gill to comment - "Just like buses, none for ages then three all at once." Miles Davis, who lives next door, also has swifts in his boxes as usual while Ken Lucas, who lives opposite, has swifts this year when usually the sparrows have beaten the swifts to his boxes. So, a pretty healthy swift situation in that part of Church Lane.

After a slow start the Church Tower swifts have built up to a group of about twenty five swirling round the tower in the evenings. Lovely to watch but not as many as in most previous years. This year I have frequently seen a kestrel lurking around the south side window slats hoping to catch a bird going in or coming out. It sits on the ledge or on the top of the cross and looks gorgeous in the sunlight. I hope it doesn't catch a swift but kestrels have to eat and that is how nature works.

In the last Pump I mentioned an injured swift that our neighbour's children found on their lawn. We took it to the wonderful Claire Scarff in Feltwell who christened the bird Eve. She gave it antibiotics, fed it and it put on weight but sadly Eve didn't make it; but at least all that could be done was done.

Not much good news about swallows. I have seen hardly any this year locally and it is the same story from others in the village. Melvin Reeder had a pair of swallows in his barn with many chicks one of which one kept falling out of the nest. Despite their valiant efforts to save it, it did not make it either. Two other households report single pairs nesting in stables. Apparently house martins are doing slightly better nationally this year but I have seen no evidence of this around the church and the fields where there used to be dozens. I know they are nesting on a few houses but in low numbers.

We are all familiar with the many factors likely to be contributing to the horrendous decline in the numbers of many bird species; but one that has attracted much attention this year is the very noticeable reduction in the number of insects. I am sure many people will have noticed this – for example, we have never been able to sit at the top of our back garden because of getting bitten by the insects from the greenery. Until very recently this year we have been able to sit there in the shade most of the time unbothered by biting beasts which is nice but ominous.

The charity Bug Watch is the only one in Europe that is entirely devoted on the preservation of insects. Members use a rather neat but unscientific method of getting an early indication of insect numbers; they clean their car number plates, measure the miles driven, count the dead bugs and compare with previous years. Of course there are variations but it seems to be effective at detecting trends which are calculated more accurately as the summer progresses.





Over the last 25 – 30 years there has been an 80% decline in insects and scientists are now recognising that this is a serious global problem. The indications are that it is worse than ever this year which is very bad news for birds and for all of us because insects play

such a crucial role in pollinating and in the Eco system as a whole – the word “insectageddon” has been made up to describe the situation. It seems to me that there is much hard evidence for this & other environmental problems but there is not much evidence of effective concerted action to do much about it – just look at our rivers and beaches.

I will finish on an up-beat note. A gold crest flew into one of David and Karen Goodman’s upstairs windows and fell into the gutter. Fortunately they saw this happen so David got his ladder while Karen got her camera and you can see her charming photo on these pages. After a few seconds the bird recovered and flew away apparently unharmed.

Together with the fire crest the gold crest is our smallest bird weighing only 6g or less than a 20p piece. In the autumn many of these birds migrate here from Scandinavia looking for a milder winter. Last year a gold crest was fitted with a super light tag in Holland and released near the Dutch coast. The unique digital signal from the tag was picked up by a bird observatory on the Yorkshire coast just before dawn the day after its release and it had flown 400 miles at an average speed of 27 mph.



I think I am justified in correctly using the much over used word incredible to describe the achievement of this tiny bird. And of course it isn’t just this particular bird; many of them do it which just reminds us of how wonderful and mysterious nature is. *Don MacBean*

## ***Coffee Caravan***

### **Worlington Village Hall**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10:00 am - 12:00 noon**

If you live in the area, don't be on your own, come along and have a chat with us and enjoy a cuppa and some delicious cake.

We will have lots of great info with us for you to check out including the 'Home Library Service', Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit and so much more. All welcome!

## ***Barton Mills Car Boot***

### **Barton Mills Playing Fields**

(next to the Village Hall, IP28 6BD)

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 7:00 am - 12:00 noon**

To raise funds for local Groups.

Single pitch £6, Double pitch £10

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REFRESHMENTS in the Village Hall

## **Donations**

In recent years, our harvest donations have changed. No longer do we take fresh produce; the need now is for foods that won't perish such as dried goods and packet foods. Also, essential toiletry items, soap, nappies, toilet rolls, shower gel and items we take for granted. The list is long and anything you can give, we would pass on to the services who hand out to those in need. All Saints' Church is open every day and items can be left inside until after our Harvest Service, 17<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you all so much.

*All Saints' Church PCC*



# ***Tuesday Coffee Morning***

**All Saints' Church, Worlington**

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 10:30 am - 12:00 noon**

Come along for coffee and homemade biscuits. If you haven't been before, do join us and meet your friends and neighbours. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month.

We would love to see you!



# ***Harvest Teas & Floral Displays***

**All Saints' Church, Worlington**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm**

Harvest Displays & Afternoon Teas

Lovely Harvest Decorations

Cakes & Special Tea-Time favourites

## **Worlington Cricket Club**

Dear Residents of Worlington,

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the entire village for their unwavering support towards Worlington Cricket Club Beer Festival over the last 9 years. Your encouragement and involvement have been instrumental in fostering a vibrant and inclusive cricketing community within our beautiful village.

Worlington Cricket Club has thrived due to the dedication and passion of our talented players and the continued support from all of you. Our ladies and men's teams have achieved remarkable success on the field, showcasing the best of Worlington's cricketing talent. We are proud of their achievements and the spirit they bring to the sport.

In addition to our adult teams, our youth cricket program has been a beacon of excellence. It has nurtured budding cricketers, providing them with a safe and inspiring environment to develop their skills. Your support in attending matches and cheering for these young talents has been truly uplifting.

Now, here's some exciting news! The much-awaited Worlington Cricket Club Beer Festival is just around the corner! This event has become a cherished tradition within our village, and we're thrilled to announce that it will be taking place on August 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. The Beer Festival promises to be a fantastic occasion for all, filled with delightful beverages, scrumptious food, and an enjoyable atmosphere for friends and families to come together and celebrate.

We encourage everyone to join us at the Beer Festival and make it a grand success once again. Your participation plays a crucial role in supporting the ongoing initiatives of Worlington Cricket Club. The funds raised from this event will go directly towards our selected charities & enhancing our club facilities, providing better equipment for our teams, and ensuring the continued success of our youth cricket program.

So, mark your calendars and bring along your friends and family to the Worlington Cricket Club Beer Festival. Let's make this year's event even more special with your fantastic presence!

Once again, thank you, dear residents of Worlington, for standing by our side and being an integral part of our cricketing journey. Your enthusiasm and encouragement are the driving forces behind our club's accomplishments.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Worlington Cricket Club, feel free to reach out to us at [worlingtoncricketclub@gmail.com](mailto:worlingtoncricketclub@gmail.com) or [worlingtonbeerfestival@gmail.com](mailto:worlingtonbeerfestival@gmail.com).

*Matt Peachy*



## What's on in Freckenham

**Coffee Caravan, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August.** 2 - 4pm, monthly visits to East View car park. Warm welcome guaranteed, lovely cakes, cuppa, chat and friendly advice on offer! Free event but donations appreciated.

**Quiz Night Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.** Doors & bar open 7pm, prompt start 7.30pm. Max team of 6 £3 per person, professional quiz master, cash prizes. Can each team donate a raffle prize please. Popular event best to book on FreckenhamVH Facebook, email Freckenhamvh@outlook.com or text 07542 198 933

**Cavenham Heath Walk, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.** Meet at VH car park to car share, time tbc, must be prebooked for guide numbers via FreckenhamVH Facebook, Freckenhamvh@outlook.com or text 07542 198933. Suggested donation £3. Return to village hall for tea & cake. Carpet bowls mat will be out come and have a go, it would be good to get the mats out on a regular basis!

**Live Theatre, A Year and a Day, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September.** Every time he sleeps another year passes for 65 years. The plot is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat throughout this twisting, turning journey Doors & Bar Open 7pm performance starts 7.30pm. Tickets £10 please pre-book as detailed in previous events. Check out link: <https://www.youtube.com/@raisingcainproductions/videos>

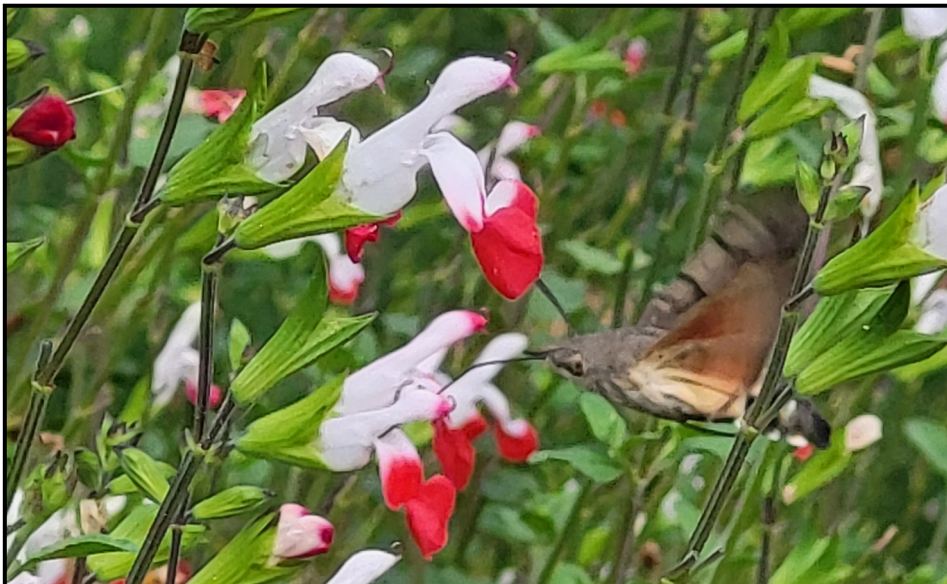
**Coffee Caravan, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** 2 - 4pm.

**Farmers Market, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.** 10 - 12 noon free entry, refreshments will be run by Rural Coffee Caravan as a 20<sup>th</sup> Vanniversary fundraiser (new vans needed), tombola for Macmillan, regular and probably new stallholders.

**Film Night, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October** film to be advised.

Weekly events check website if attending for first time or after a break, some take a summer break:

<https://freckenham.suffolk.cloud/freckenham-village-hall/village-hall-weekly-events/>



Don MacBean also sent me this fabulous picture, but unfortunately as he is away I cannot confirm what the bird is. *Rob Garry*

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