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Services are held every Sunday at 10.30 am
The Service includes **Holy Communion** on the first Sunday of
the month

This month's Minister's letter is from Liz Kam, CRCW (Church Related Community Worker) for the four Norwich churches

How time flies! We find ourselves in the period of Lent again. During this time, I have at the back of my mind the original story of the lead up to Easter.

I think about the disciples, about Mary and the other women: their pain and sorrow, their despair, their sense of betrayal as their friend and teacher is brutally humiliated and murdered before them. Then on Easter Day their bafflement and amazement: Jesus is there amongst them, somehow risen! It may seem easy to put ourselves in the place of Mary and the other disciples, to imagine what this might have meant for them. But do we understand and remember what this really means for us? New life! New life for us!! We are washed clean, God's Kingdom is coming, it is on its way.

One of the most common mistakes for groups doing community work is to forget, or to fail to find time, to review and reflect on their work. They need to seek out what they have learnt, transforming and improving upon what doesn't work and sharing what does work with others. Without reviewing and evaluating our community work we risk stumbling along, recreating mistakes, missing out on celebration and being deaf to the needs of those we work with.

Lent is like that. This is our chance to stand still and reflect. A time for asking questions of ourselves. Where are we going in our relationship with God? What has gone wrong with this relationship during the year and why? How can we make it better? What has gone well that we can give thanks for? Lent is a gift, an essential health check. And then on Easter morning we too can be sure of what the resurrection means for us. New life! New life for us!! We are washed clean, God's Kingdom is coming, it is on its way.

March Community Lunch

Thanks to Elizabeth and her team for a delicious lunch this month. The total was: Tickets (after expenses) - £105.50; Bring and Buy - £30.40; Raffle - £39; Profit - £174.90.

Parable of the Talents

We have received a gift of £100 for the benefit of the church from R.J. Bartram & Son, who wished to acknowledge the parable.

The elders discussed this and decided that we would ask for ideas from the congregation as to how to increase this gift in creative, innovative ways. We have received some ideas but there is room for more.

We have given some of the money towards the initial outlay for baking and jam making. The finished products being sold to members and friends, thus increasing the gift.

Other ideas can come from individuals or from a group. If you have any, please speak to Jennifer or Alison.

Thanks

Alison

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Have you a talent for Quizzes?

John Adams has compiled a Quiz, which he is selling to raise money for the Talent Scheme. There are 50 clues and all the answers **begin and end** with the letter 'T'.

£1 per entry - with a **1st prize of £5**

All entries to be in by **Sunday 1st May** please.

**Flower Rota
April / May**

**3 April
(Mothering Sunday)**

Sheila Eaglen

10 April

Elizabeth Portsmouth

17 April

Madeleine Morgan

**24 April
(Easter Day)**

Sheila Eaglen

1 May

Edie Childerhouse

Communion Table flowers have been passed on to:

**Mrs W Rose; Mary Gray; Barbara Wilkinson and Margaret
Davey**

Many thanks for the lovely flowers Netta brought me. They were very much appreciated.

Best wishes and thanks to you all,

Wyn Rose

Thank you very much for the flowers, they really were lovely. I also appreciated the good wishes from all our friends at Church.

Mary

Margaret Davey, of 16 The Lizard, would like to pass on her thanks to the church for the lovely flowers. This kind thought was much appreciated.

Author, speaker and recording artist **Henry Brooks** is touring the country to promote his newest book in a series about the Christian conversion and adventures of a fifteen year old boy. Henry sees this as a unique opportunity to get quality Christian fiction into the hands of unchurched people. He said, "I'm in Norwich for a few hours only and would love to meet local Christians who have a passion to see Christ-centred literary excellence in the secular marketplace. "This is a major arena where the hearts and minds of young people are corrupted and lost, Christians need to be '...a lot hotter than Potter...' in this area."

About the book:The *Will Houston Mysteries* series follow the Christian conversion and adventures of a fifteen year old boy, blending the magic of Arthur Ransome (*Swallows and Amazons*) with the mystery of Arthur Conan Doyle (*Sherlock Holmes*).

Henry Brooks began to write the Will Houston mysteries in hospital while undergoing treatment for cancer in 2005. He lives in the lake district with his wife Ruth, four children and a small herd of goats.

The latest book *The Shoulders of Giants* charts one teenager's rugged initiation into adulthood through a series of adventures and trials. The nine parts of the novel seek to expand on the nine fruits of the Spirit from the Bible which become the foundation blocks of Will's newfound manhood. The book is also accompanied by a Christian music CD expanding the spiritual themes in a variety of music genres.

Henry will be at Waterstones in Norwich from 11am - 1pm on Saturday April 9.

(from website www.networknorwich.co.uk)

Singing Group

The Singing Group will be meeting on the following dates at 2.30pm:

Monday 4th April ; Monday 18th April;
Monday 9th May

Please come along and join us if you enjoy singing - and fun!

Shirley



A Day Out

Do you like looking for antiques or rummaging through junk? Are you looking for stamps, postcards, medals etc to add to a collection or in your element browsing over the second hand book stalls? Do you enjoy the fun and suspense of an auction? Perhaps you are on the look out for bargain birthday cards and wrapping paper?

The above covers just some of the things you will find at Fakenham Market on a Thursday morning. The whole town is a buzz with crowds and stalls of all kinds. The earlier you get there the better as parking can be a problem by late morning. We always aim for the free Aldi car park (plenty of spaces at the back of the store), walk through the shop to the front entrance and out into the market. Our first stop is always the three for a pound stall! Clothes, shoes, plants and shrubs for the garden, needlework accessories, groceries, vegetables and eggs - you name it - they have it.

John likes to walk through the auction shed although we've never stayed on for the bidding. Take a walk through the covered shopping area to the main part of the town to see the local shops and more stalls laid out. If you are looking for more exotic, out of season fruit and veg, aim for the stall furthest away near the church. The Church itself is well worth a visit and also has a book stall and serves refreshments. We usually go back to Aldi for a drink as we like their scones and we don't forget to get our card stamped (twelve stamps and you are entitled to a free drink and scone!)

It takes 45 - 60 minutes from Hethersett depending, of course, on traffic. On the way home you may like to try the restaurant at nearby Pensthorpe. They serve good food and we've learnt that you can have half portions, which is plenty, and this leaves room for a sweet! You can even browse through their shop without paying admission fees.

But do come back and visit another day to enjoy the peaceful walks, the beautiful lakes and gardens and enjoy the variety of birds and the very special red squirrels.

Shirley

NEVER MIND THE WEATHER!

COME AND

CELEBRATE SPRING



WITH

**THE CRINGLEFORD SINGERS AND
MUSICIANS**

(Conductor Margaret Smith)

at

**FAIRLAND CHURCH CENTRE,
FAIRLAND HILL, WYMONDHAM**

on

SATURDAY 9th APRIL 2011

at

7.30 pm

Tickets £5 including refreshments from Dilys Butcher (01603 453010), Julia Jones (01603 504791) or Pippa Chapman (01603 813266)

Profits for the evening will be donated to Wymondham Pabulum Cafè which offers support, improves the lives, and increases the wellbeing of people with dementia and their carers

Lent Study Groups

Please look at our Notice Board at the back of the Church to see the list of all the Lent Groups meeting in our church and also in the Norwich area. A warm welcome is offered to any of the groups on this chart.

Lent Lunches

The following lunches will be taking place in Wymondham in April - all starting at 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along.

7 April	Hope Church at The Hub
14 April	Baptist Church

Easter Week

Thursday 21st April (7pm)	Maundy Thursday Service in the Church Centre
Friday 22nd April (10am)	Good Friday Walk of Witness starting at Baptist Church
Sunday 24th April	Sunrise Service Fairland Green
Sunday 24th April (9am)	Easter Breakfast in the Church Lounge (please see Jennifer or Ann)

Items for inclusion in May newsletter (to be available on 1 May) should be given to Ann Scott by 24 April please.

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Preaching Plan April / May

3 April (Mothering Sunday)	Revd Alison Davis
10 April	Mrs Trixie Dye
17 April	Revd Ian Fosten
24 April (Easter Sunday)	Revd Robin Pagan
1 May	Revd Alison Davis

Dates for your Diaries

Details of these events can be found within the newsletter

April

1 April (12-1.30pm)	First Friday Lunch (Fairland Hall)
4 April (2.30pm)	Singing Group (Church Centre)
4 April (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
6 April (10am)	Midweek Service (Church Lounge)
7 April (12.30pm)	Lent Lunch (Hope Church at The Hub)
7 April (2pm)	Lent Group (Church Lounge)
7 April (2-4pm)	Pabulum Music Afternoon (Fairland Hall)
8 April (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
9 April (7.30pm)	Concert in aid of Pabulum (Church Centre)
14 April (12.30pm)	Lent Lunch (Baptist Church)
14 April (2pm)	Lent Group (Church Lounge)
15 April (12.30pm)	Community Lunch (Fairland Hall)
18 April (2.30pm)	Singing Group (Church Centre)
21 April (7pm)	Maundy Thursday Service (Church Centre)
22 April	Good Friday Walk of Witness
24 April	Easter Day Sunrise Service (Fairland Green)
24 April (9am)	Easter Day Breakfast

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