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Fairland United Reformed Church
Wymondham

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Bookings for Mrs Jill Brown
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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

LETTER FOR THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Dear Friends,

With my period of service amongst you all coming to an end, I am grateful to have the opportunity to write this letter.

It is nearly six years ago when I was introduced to the people of Trinity as a sort of stopgap acting minister. The church at that time had its minister laid low and there was a feeling of hurt amongst the members. The pastoral oversight committee of the District Council, on which I served, wanted to do something to help. I volunteered and the District Council with the Moderator did the rest.

I was there as a minister when the four Norwich churches began to draw up the constitution which called us one church worshipping in four places. A year later we had a new post with Chris Warner as our strategic leader. We then had as stipendiary ministers Ken Lynch, and at the beginning David Littlejohns, and Henry Iputau who are all now in other pastorates. Alison came in 2007, with Liz as our CRCW or community minister, and Matt last year. All this time we have been searching to reach our full complement of three stipendiary ministers.

We must pay tribute to the inspirational work of Chris which sadly ended at his untimely death in 2009. Since then URCN has been augmented by the less structured NAURC – the seven churches.

I have enjoyed working with you all in this process, playing a part in the TMG and the Joint Elders and preaching in all the churches from time to time. I am deeply grateful to Trinity elders and people, for all the support they have given me and all the experiences we have shared.

Looking to the future it seems to me that we have reached a period of change. Meetings at both Princes St. and Trinity recently indicated a need to explore what God is asking them to do. At the recent meeting at Wymondham with the moderator we asked lots of questions about our set up and the future. I may not be part of that with you except possibly through Wymondham but I shall be interested in all that happens. Before I leave, I look forward to Lent groups and the glory that is Easter. May God fill us with his Spirit in all that we do in his name.

David.

February First Friday Lunch

About 25 people attended and there was a profit of £70.50. Thanks to everyone who helped.

February Community Lunch

Thanks to Kenny and his team for a tasty lunch this month.

Tickets (after expenses) - £90.98; Bring and Buy - £29.72; Raffle - £47; Profit - £167.70. Special thanks to Kenny and Sheila for all the work they have done sorting and tidying up the store cupboards in the hall.

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The Pabulum Café

The Pabulum Café has now been running for two years in the Church Centre, opening on the second and fourth Friday mornings each month.

With a group of trained volunteers and professional co-ordination from Age UK, support is given to those suffering from dementia and their carers. It is very informal and people do not have to be referred or commit themselves to regular attendance. They can just drop in. Average attendance is now about forty and many friendships have been made.

As the project has now become established and has a substantial bank balance (thanks to very generous grants having been received), it is now necessary for it to apply to become a registered charity which will be named as Wymondham Dementia Support Group - although it will continue to be known as Wymondham Pabulum Café.

On Thursday 3rd March we are starting a new initiative in addition to the Café meeting on Fridays. We plan that from 2 to 4pm on the first Thursday each month, we shall be having a Pabulum music afternoon in the Fairland Hall. Professional entertainers will provide an opportunity for community singing and dancing. This has proved to be popular at similar venues in the county with music being very helpful in re-kindling lost memories.

As with the Café meetings, there will be no admission charge and church members are very welcome to come along and join in the fellowship - and tea and cakes.

Horace

Communion Collections in March and April

The charity chosen for the next two months is
Norfolk & Norwich Families' House.



“Norfolk and Norwich Families’ House was set up in 1994, and is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee. We provide support services to families in Norfolk, assisting parents in the difficulties they are experiencing in raising their children.

In 2009/2010

- In total we supported 342 families with 739 children.
- 237 families and 581 children were supported through our Family Support Service and our Parent Support Advisers.
- 59 families and 93 children were supported through our Private Law Supervised Contact Service.
- 46 families and 65 children were offered Public Law Supervised Contact.

Our aims:

To provide services to families under stress in Norwich and Norfolk. As any parent knows, bringing up children in our ever changing and hectic world can be extremely challenging. Families' House is here to lend a hand of support, in these difficult times, to any parent who feels they need a bit of extra help.

We offer two separate services - supervised contact and family support. Supervised contact is offered when a child has lost contact with a parent, or other family member, through family breakdown. Family support services include a volunteer befriending service, parent support groups and school holiday activities.”

For more information, please ask Jill Buckenham, who has various leaflets about this charity, or look at their website at :
www.familieshouse.org.uk

**Flower Rota
March / April**

**6 March Jennifer Shakesby
13 March Netta Darkins
20 March Margaret Coldham
27 March Dorothy Evans**

**3 April Sheila Eaglen
(Mothering Sunday)**

(Please note there are dates available in July)

Communion Table flowers have been passed on to:

**Linda Trice; Celia Banton; Lorna Morris; Dorothy Evans and
Carol Shldrake.**

7th February 2011

Dear Netta

Thank you very much for the flowers that you gave me from the Communion Table yesterday. They are lovely and it certainly brightened up my day to know that I am in the thoughts and prayers of all my friends at Church at this present time.

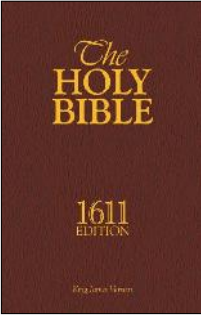
Celia

Fairland Court

Thank you very much for the lovely flowers I received. Roses, particularly yellow ones, are favourites of mine. Thank you also for all the good wishes. I am better but not quite myself yet.

Dorothy

Eight-day Norwich Bible reading marathon



An eight-day Bible-reading marathon is set to take place in the Forum Millennium Library in Norwich, to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible version, published in 1611.

The reading will begin at 12 noon on **Sunday 10 April**, and will continue until about 4 pm on **Sunday 17 April**, throughout most of the Library opening hours. "The plan is to read every book from Genesis to Revelation – well, as much as we can manage in the 72 hours available!" said **Dr Derek Haylock**, elder of **Surrey Chapel Free Church**, who is taking the lead in organising the event.

"We are aiming to celebrate this book as a great work of English literature, but also its influence in shaping what Britain is like as a nation with a Christian heritage. We hope that many people in Norwich will have their first opportunity to hear what this book actually says!"

(from Network Norwich website www.networknorwich.co.uk)

Rooks or crows?

A visitor from London spoke to a local worthy leaning over a gate.

“Can you say” he asked “how can I tell the difference between a rook and a crow?”

After a long pause he got his reply. “Well it’s like this ’ere. If you sees an ol’ rook sitting on his own, thass a crow; if you sees a lot of ol’ crows flying tergether they be rooks.”

Horace



The FAIRTRADE Mark is the original fair trade consumer label

The number of ethical labels is growing, but Fairtrade remains unique. While other schemes aim to ‘protect the environment’ or ‘enable companies to trace their coffee’, Fairtrade’s focus is on helping farmers and workers improve the quality of their lives and take more control over their futures. Fairtrade is the only certification scheme whose purpose is to tackle poverty and empower producers in developing countries. Fairtrade delivers unique benefits to producers, businesses and consumers.

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(see website www.fairtrade.org.uk)

Ecumenical Lent Study Groups

5 sessions starting week beginning 15th March 2011, for 5 weeks

YORK COURSE

Rich Inheritance – Jesus’ legacy of love
A course for the Year of the Bible

Contributors to the course include Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop Vincent Nichols, Paula Gooder, Jim Wallis and Inderjit Bhogal. Dr David Hope introduces the course.

- 1 An Empty Tomb
- 2 A Group of People
- 3 A Story
- 4 A Power
- 5 A Meal

Thursday 12.30pm St Stephen’s (inside West Door).

Thursday 7.30pm Joyce Beale, 20 Friars Quay
Tel: 617399 (**Please telephone beforehand as space is limited**)

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 - all starting at 12.30pm. All are welcome to come along.

- 10 March Abbey Hall
- 17 March Catholic Church
- 24 March URC/City Church
- 31 March Methodist Church at Town Green Centre
- 7 April Hope Church at The Hub
- 14 April Baptist Church

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Preaching Plan March / April

6 March (inc. communion)	Revd Alison Davis
13 March	Revd Derek Gill
20 March	Mrs Ros Crowe (Church Meeting after service)
27 March	Mrs Wendy Gilbert
3 April (inc communion)	Revd Alison Davis

Dates for your Diaries

Details of these events can be found within the newsletter

March

2 March (10am)	Midweek Service (Church Lounge)
3 March (2-4pm)	Pabulum Music Afternoon (Fairland Hall)
4 March (12-1.30pm)	First Friday Lunch (Fairland Hall)
4 March (2pm)	Women's World Day of Prayer (Baptist Church)
6 March	Church Meal Out
7 March (2.30pm)	Singing Group (Church Centre)
7 March (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
8 March (6.30 for 7pm)	Area Partnership Meeting at Beccles - (See Notice Board for details)
10 March (12.30pm)	Lent Lunch (Abbey Hall)
11 March (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
17 March (12.30pm)	Lent Lunch (Catholic Church)
17 March (2pm)	Lent Group (Church Lounge)
18 March (12.30pm)	Community Lunch (Fairland Hall)
24 March (12.30pm)	Lent Lunch (URC/City Church)
24 March (2pm)	Lent Group (Church Lounge)
25 March (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
31 March (12.30pm)	Lent Lunch (Methodist Town Green Centre)
31 March (2pm)	Lent Group (Church Lounge)

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