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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

Friends,

“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Alleluia!”

The wonderful greeting and affirmation that we make on Easter Sunday, I’ve always wondered why it is only on Easter Sunday that we use those words, every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and the new life promised by God.

Yet for many Sunday by Sunday it doesn’t feel like a celebration of new life, new hope, new beginnings. How can there be new life when we see such destruction as a result of earthquake and tsunami in Japan, when for many there is the fear of and the reality of redundancy with all the consequent issues that can cause, when for all of us prices are rising? New life, hope among all this seems risible. Yet that is the good news of Jesus Christ that we proclaim and live by week by week we are able to make a new beginning, there is new life and hope.

It is around us to see and experience when we look at the trees, shrubs and flowers, all bursting into life after the winter, after looking as if dead killed by the severe weather, the words of the hymn come to mind, “now the green blade rises from the buried grain, wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain:” (R&S 243)

It happens in nature by the power and wonder of God, it can and does happen in our lives and in our fellowships as we experience God’s promise of new life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That is how we are able to speak about new life, new beginnings whatever else may be happening in our lives and in the world.

Our calling is to be beacons of hope, signs of new life despite and because of what is happening around us in the world as we affirm in word and deed those words “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia”.

Alison

ALISON DUFF CHALCRAFT

Alison and Trevor started to attend Fairland about 5 years ago and came into membership in July 2007. Alison, with Trevor, became involved in most of our church activities and we found her to be a great encourager and friendly listener to us all. Her faith shone through as she shared her experiences with us.

She was a strong supporter of the Pabulum cafe and was very involved with the Lip Reading class in Wymondham. She impressed us with her Pot Pourri made from the flowers in her garden at the Talent weekend.

Most of all we were so moved by the way she faced up to her illness with strong faith and with deep concern for Trevor and her family she would be leaving behind. We have lost a true friend and we thank God that we were able to know her, if only for a short time.

We pray God's peace and comfort on Trevor as he has to face the future without Alison.

Jennifer

April Lunches

First Friday Lunch

There were about 32 people at this lunch and a profit of £60.60 was made. Thanks to Jennifer for organising this.

Community Lunch

This lunch was run by Elizabeth and her team, with 45 people sitting down to eat . The Bring and Buy raised £39.60, Raffle £39, Tickets (after expenses) £ 87.75 - making an overall profit of £166. 35.

Communion Collections

The Communion Collections in **January and February** were in aid of **Musical Keys** and the following is an excerpt from the letter of thanks from the Manager - received in March:

Thank you for your letter and enclosure of £75 cheque in favour of Musical Keys.

We are most grateful for this donation and would be pleased if you will kindly pass on our sincere thanks to the members and friends of Fairland United Reformed Church in Wymondham.

Yours sincerely
Sallie Eastick

The **British Heart Foundation** is the charity chosen to receive the collections in **May and June**. The following information is taken from their website at www.bhf.org.uk



‘We're the nation's heart charity. Our vision is a world where people don't die prematurely from heart disease. We'll achieve this through pioneering research, vital prevention activity and ensuring quality care and support for everyone living with heart disease.’

‘Our mission is to play a leading role in the fight against disease of the heart and circulation, so that it is no longer a major cause of disability and premature death.

Within a generation we aim to:

- reduce cardiovascular disease in the UK to one of the lowest levels in Europe

Within a decade we aim to:

- halve the number of people under 75 who die from cardiovascular disease
- make sure that at least two-thirds of people under 75 survive a heart attack.
- reduce heart-related deaths in all UK local authority areas to the current level in South East England or below
- reverse the increase in childhood obesity’

**Flower Rota
May / June**

1 May	Eddie Childerhouse
8 May	Celia Banton
15 May	Sheila Eaglen
22 May	Mary Gray
29 May	Shirley Adams
5 June	Ann Sprules

Gifts of flowers from the Communion Table have been passed on to:

Celia Banton, Madeleine Morgan, Wendy Gilbert, Joy Gibson, Ken Eaglen and Steve and Carolyn Wigby and family.

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers given me to cheer me up after my recent fall - they certainly did that. Several people have said how beautiful they are, and Alstroemerias happen to be one of my favourite flowers.

Madeleine

Kenny would like to thank everyone who sent him get well cards and gifts and also those who rang up and those who visited him, following his operation. He would also like to thank Netta and Ken for bringing around the flowers from the church.

Kenny says he is on the mend and is looking forward to coming back to church to see everyone.

(since sending this message, he is now getting out and about and it was good to see him in church on Easter Sunday)

Thank you so much for the flowers and your prayers for me.
I do hope I will be back soon.

Love from Joy

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Many thanks for your support and prayers during our family bereavement. Carolyn and Steve wish to thank the church for the flowers sent to them.

Jill Buckenham

We have been asked by Ipswich Road URC to publish the following event:



Concert

Ipswich Road URC

Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm

by The Sillars Wind Band

Conductor Christine Jennings

Guest Artistes include Penny Doe - contralto

Admission Free

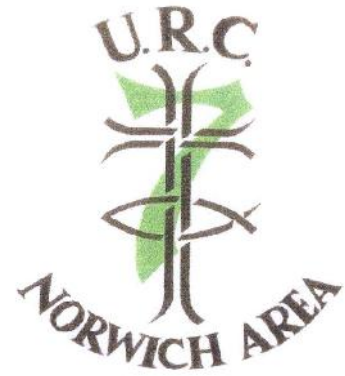
Refreshments

Collection for Embangweni School for Deaf Children - Malawi

Come along for an evening of cheerful toe-tapping light music and song

Norwich Area United Reformed Churches

Southern Comfort Boat Trip & Picnic

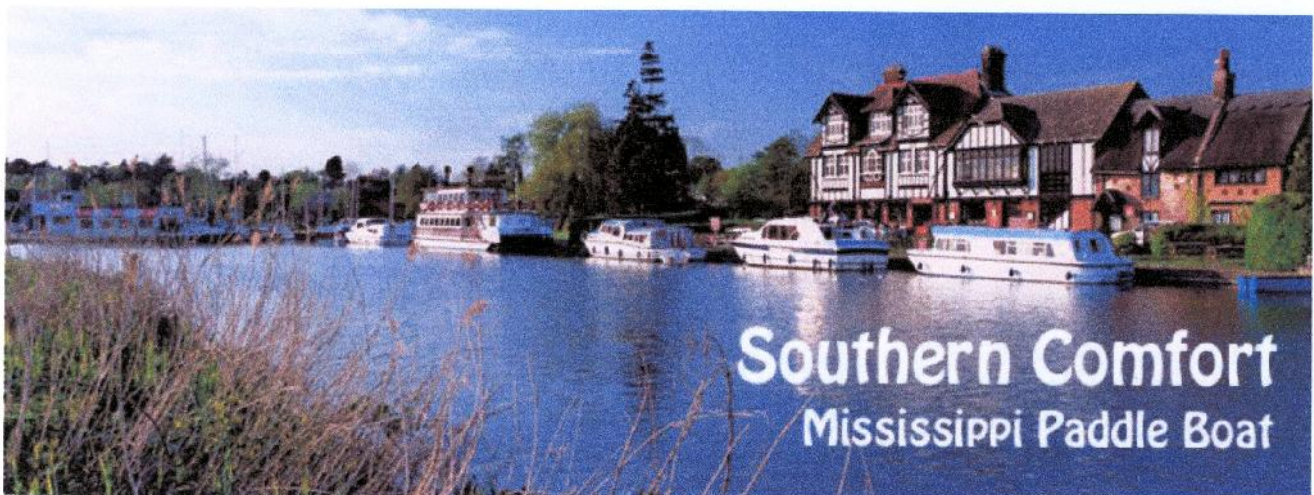


Sunday 5 June 2011—boat departs at 3pm and returns at 5pm, to be followed by a picnic on the green in Horning (or Wroxham Church Hall if wet)

Please arrive at the Southern Comfort by the Swan Hotel in Horning by 2.50pm. For the picnic (but not the boat trip), you will need a foldable chair or picnic rug and your food and drink.

Tickets are available from your TMG rep.
Adults £5 / Children £2 / Family (2+2) £12

Any profit will go to the Wroxham & Hoveton URC Building Fund



Celebrate Norwich and Norfolk

On Friday and Saturday 10-11 June, there is a Celebrate Norwich and Norfolk event at The Forum where different Christian/church organisations have been invited to have a stand. The Norwich Area URCs will be taking part, promoting our different community activities and youth and children's work.

The exhibition is open 9-5 each day, and I am looking for volunteers to staff the stand for hour (or more) slots during those days.

If you would like to take part, please could you let me know when you would be able to offer some help. I am hoping to have 2-3 people at any one time, representing at least 2 different churches and at least one person under 50 (just to confuse things!). Once I have got a range of responses in I will create a rota and any gaps can be passed around the churches for others to fill.

Thank you!

Every blessing,
Matt

Laughter

A Prayer

God of all strength and harmony, teach us to find the deep springs of laughter in generosity and understanding.

Give us, we pray Thee, the grace and courage of laughter that seeks to heal and not to hurt, that sees the unimportance of trifles instead of magnifying them; that gives us a sense of proportion by helping us to see not ourselves, but Thyself, at the centre of all things. Amen.

It takes 65 muscles to frown and 13 to smile. Relax, why work overtime?

(submitted by Madeleine)

Items for inclusion in **June** newsletter (to be available on 29 May) should be given to Ann Scott **by 22 May please.**

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Preaching Plan May / June

1 May	Revd Alison Davis
8 May	Mr Robert Ogden
15 May	Mr Keir Hounsome
22 May	Mr Ron Wade
29 May	Mrs Marion Nevill
5 June	Revd Alison Davis

Dates for your Diaries

Details of these events can be found within the newsletter

May

4 May (10am)	Midweek Service
5 May (2-4pm)	'Musicalitea' (Fairland Hall)
6 May (12-1.30pm)	First Friday Lunch (Fairland Hall)
11 May (7pm)	Fairland Church AGM (Church Lounge)
12 May (7.30pm)	Churches Together AGM (Baptist Church)
13 May (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
15-21 May	Christian Aid Week (see weekly notices)
16 May (2.30pm)	Singing Group (Church Centre)
20 May (12.30pm)	Community Lunch
21 May (7.30pm)	Concert (Ipswich Road URC)
22 May (6.30pm)	Reflective Service (Town Green)
27 May (9-1)	Market Stall
27 May (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
29 May (6.15pm)	Taize Service (Ipswich Road URC)

* Advance Notice *

5 June	Southern Comfort Boat Trip (see p.9)
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