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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

The Minister's Letter for July/August is written by Elizabeth Kam Church Related Community Development Worker with the United Reformed Church Norwich :

As I write in early June we have been having some very dry weather, but our garden is blossoming, full of the vibrant colours of poppies! As a child I was told that poppies were weeds and not welcome in our garden, but I loved them. So now, after discovering that the manse garden was prone to poppies, every year Hrin lets them grow in between the rows of onions and potatoes, beans, peas and fruit bushes.

As I think of and look at the poppies in our garden I am reminded of Matt 6 verses 28 and 29 "And why worry about clothes? Look how the wild flowers grow: they do not work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that not even King Solomon with all his wealth had clothes as beautiful as one of these flowers."

This reading really reminds us of our own arrogance and self reliance. Stop worrying about money, food and clothes – clearly if God can clothe the wild grasses (and weeds!) then God will provide for us when we focus on the Kingdom.

It seems to me that there are more poppies around in general these days. This could be due to the new appreciation of the need to retain natural habitats for insects and birds, or it could simply be that I am now much more aware of the beauty of poppies and as such more likely to notice them.

Which ever way it is, both reasons demonstrate something important. Firstly that if we forget that we need God and believe that we have all the answers, we will miss out on God's gifts for us as we enter a negative spiral of destruction, just as by cutting down the natural habitats of wild animals, we are losing them. Secondly just as I, a poppy lover, seem to see poppies everywhere, if we truly appreciate and value those seemingly insignificant things which glorify God, the more we will see God's face revealed around us.

What goes on around us that we fail to notice God doing? Who and what in our churches and communities are silent witnesses to the power of God, just as the poppies are in the fields? This summer seek out God's glory in the ordinary, let go of a worry or fear and be sure that God will provide, if we only set our sights on the Kingdom.

## June Lunches

### First Friday Lunch

Thirty-six people enjoyed food and friendship. After expenses there was a profit of £70.66. Thank you to the team for working so hard to make this possible.

### Community Lunch

Thank you to Elizabeth and helpers for another delicious meal. Tickets (after expenses) - £107.10; Bring and Buy - £30.85; Raffle - £41; making a total of £178.95 .

\* Please note that lunches will be held as usual during July but there will be no lunches in August \*

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Dear friends,

The annual **Wroxham & Hoveton Churches Together Riverside Service** is on Sunday 28 August at 3.30pm (please note the change of time this year). I am preaching this year, and everyone is welcome. The service takes place by the river behind Roys long stay car park in the little park area. If the weather is wet, the service will be in St Helen's Catholic Church in Hoveton.

I am also very pleased to announce that I've recently got engaged. Jenni, my fiancée, will be visiting over the summer, so some of you may get to meet her then. We're hoping to get married early in the new year, and I will keep you posted! Jenni currently lives in Leeds and works there as a Speech and Language Therapist. Please keep us in your prayers.

Many thanks, and wishing you every blessing,

Matt

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Jill Brown, our Assistant Treasurer, has received a letter from the Co Founders of the charity 'Help for Heroes', who were recent recipients of our Communion Collections.



Dear Mrs Brown

Thank you so much for your donation of £140 to Help for Heroes. We appreciate every penny that comes in and we will ensure that it is put to use providing support for the men and women who are injured in the service of our country.

When Emma and I decided to do our bit to help 'the blokes', the men and women of our Armed Forces, we had no idea that so many people felt the same as us. We are proud parents of a soldier and know what it is to have him away fighting; we also know what it is like to see his friends injured with their lives changed forever. We cannot prevent these terrible injuries but by joining together with others in support, we can do something positive and help them on the road to recovery.

We have already been able to fund the Headley Court Rehabilitation Complex, assist other Service charities such as Combat Stress and SSAFA in their excellent work and helped fund adaptive sports through the Battle Back programme.

The next project for H4H, which your donation will go towards, aims to ensure those wounded in the line of duty get the very best support, for life. H4H is working with the Services to establish a Recovery Capability that will not just ensure that those who leave get jobs but that they have access to a comprehensive range of support. This support will encompass the learning of new skills to the access of psychological, financial, employment, prosthetic and social support - a "one stop welfare shop" for our wounded and their families.

Our work is by no means over, there is a great deal to do but your contribution will make a great difference to the lives of some very special people. On behalf of all of us at H4H and all those who we help, thank you.

With thanks

Bryn Parry OBE

Emma Parry OBE

## Afternoon Tea Party

What an enjoyable afternoon we all had on 22nd June when we were invited to 'take tea' with Fairland's own Singing Group, who provided sandwiches, cakes, scones and tea, along with entertainment.

We arrived at the Church Centre to see the tables beautifully laid out with all the home-made fare. Jennifer welcomed everyone and explained how this event was the Singing Group's contribution to the Talent Scheme, initially funded by a donation from R J Bartram and Son. The entertainment started with a medley of songs and we were invited to join in with the singing of some of the items. The delicious tea was enjoyed during the interval and then the singing continued, including songs requested by the audience.

During the afternoon, Jennifer invited Shirley and John Adams to come forward and receive a 'thank you' gift for all they had done to start off the Singing Group. They will shortly be moving house to North Norfolk and everyone agree they will be greatly missed.

A total of £127 was raised. We would like to thank all those who supported this event - and especially the Singing Group for inviting us to tea.





Horace made us all laugh with his renditions of 'Paddy McGinty's Goat' and a 'different' version of 'After the Ball was Over'!



Shirley and John would like to say a very big thank you to Jennifer and all the singing group for the surprise gift and warm wishes they received at the Afternoon Tea Party.

Keep singing! It was great fun and will be missed.



**Flower Rota**  
**July / August / September**

3 July	Barbara Wilkinson
10 July	Ruth Dunning
17 July	Madeleine Morgan
24 July	NO SERVICE
31 July	Jill Buckenham
7 August	Edith Childerhouse
14 August	Mary Gray
21 August	Celia Banton
28 August	Sheila Eaglen
4 September	Jill Buckenham

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Gifts of flowers from the Communion Table have been given to:  
Ron Wade; Edith Childerhouse; Celia Banton; Jennifer  
Shakesby and Anne Alston.

Thank you for the flowers you gave me from the Communion Table.  
They were lovely and they made my day. Thank you very much.

Edith Childerhouse

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A 'thank you' card has been received from Wyn Rose with the  
following message:

Many thanks to all Friends at Fairland Church for the lovely flowers  
and all good wishes on my hand operation.

Best wishes

Wyn Rose

Dear Netta

Thank you for the lovely flowers which Celia and I received from the Church last Sunday. Apart from the fact that they are so beautiful for us to enjoy, they also helped us to feel cared for and remembered by the fellowship.

All best wishes

Jennifer

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### **Much Ado About Nothing**

A school chaplain entered a class while the lesson was in progress and asked this question: Who broke down the walls of Jericho?

A boy answered: "Not me, sir".

The chaplain turned to the teacher and asked: "Is this the usual behaviour in this class?"

The teacher answered: "This boy is honest and I believe him .... I really don't think he did it."

Leaving the room, the chaplain sought out the headmaster and explained what had happened.

"Now look here", the headmaster said, "I've known the teacher and the boy for a good many years, and neither of them would do such a thing."

By this time, the chaplain was really angry, so he wrote a letter of complaint about the school to the Education Department who replied in kind:

"We see no point in being so disturbed. Just pay the bill for the damage to the walls and charge it to upkeep!"

(from 2005 Grace magazine)

(submitted by Shirley)

## Operation Christmas Child



Once again gift-filled shoe boxes will be sent to very needy children in Serbia this year. Already people are knitting and collecting gifts which is brilliant.

I am afraid John and I are moving and will not be part of the project this year. It will certainly seem strange after fifteen years.

Bartram Funeral Directors in Wymondham have kindly offered to store boxes for us and their new office in Hethersett will accept gifts and boxes nearer the time. If you want to know more please phone Wendy Richter 01953 600294.

It has been such a joy working on this project - so many children have benefitted from your great kindness. Thank you for all your help, support and friendship.

Shirley and John Adams

Our Annual Coffee Morning will be on Tuesday 6th September 10am-12 at Marion Roberts Court, Mill Road, Hethersett. Hope to see you there.

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Leaving a warm, friendly and very inviting Church such as Fairland will be hard. We've come to look upon the Congregation as one big happy family working together as it should be, plus of course, a few healthy disagreements along the way.

It was a very sudden decision to move for both of us but I am sure God is guiding us to our very small apartment in Holt and who knows what he has planned for us to do?

We are only an hour away and will be visiting our daughter in Hethersett so hope to see you when possible.

Love and thanks and every blessing to you all.

Shirley and John

## John and Shirley Adams

John and Shirley first came to Fairland about 10 years ago. Eventually they came into membership and have been at the centre of our activities ever since. There is so much that they have contributed to our church life that I hope I can remember it all.

It has been evident that they believe strongly in faith put into action to help those in society who are left on the margins both in our country and overseas. We have been led to support Samaritans Purse by providing Boxes for Operation Christmas Child and this is something we will always associate with Shirley – and John as a great back up. It was their initiative which led us to support Hope and Homes for children. Although extremely tired from the work collecting in the boxes last year, Shirley arranged the Christmas Charity Table Top Sale so that those charities involved did not miss out in raising some funds for their work.

Latterly she also, again together with John, led our Singing Group. John has helped us out so many times by using his wonderful woodwork skills. We have two great reminders of these in the Cross that stands outside our Church and the beautiful archive cupboard he built. Apart from actually building the cupboard he worked on updating and cataloguing our extensive archives - and what about the quizzes too? Haven't we enjoyed the challenges of these?

I have only touched on the great contribution that the 'Adams team' has given to our church community at Fairland.

John and Shirley we will miss you so much for your enthusiasm and positive attitude, your caring approach and above all your friendship. We thank God that He led you to us and we pray He will be with you in your new home and all that you do. As we sang in the Singing Group:

*May God's blessing surround you each day  
As you trust Him and walk in His way  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.*

Jennifer

# Star Throwers

Making a difference, one star at a time.



## **The charity chosen for the July and August communion collections is Wymondham-based Star Throwers.**

Star Throwers was set up by Dr. Henry Mannings to provide help to cancer sufferers who felt they have nowhere else to go or required advice on further management. The treatment of cancer in this country is divided into conventional therapies and palliative care with patients transferring from the former system to the latter should treatment be unsuccessful. Many patients are not ready to accept that nothing further can be done to help them and seek out further help.

The purpose of the Star Throwers is to guide and support those who wish to look at all aspects of cancer treatment either before or after treatment with conventional therapy and also give advice on the prevention of cancer in those at high risk.

Dr. Henry Mannings has a strong background in both hospital medicine and as a family physician and is an honorary senior lecturer in medicine at the University of East Anglia. His post graduate qualifications include MRCP and a Masters Degree in Cancer Immunotherapy. He has worked on the oncology units at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital and the James Paget Hospital in Gorleston, being responsible for looking after patients receiving chemotherapy and radiotherapy as well as palliative care.

Despite finding this post the most gratifying and depressing at the same time, he realised the need for further care which is not available in the present system.

(information from [www.starthrowers.org.uk](http://www.starthrowers.org.uk))

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Madeleine has passed on a donation towards the cost of producing 'Fairland News' - from one of the readers of our magazine.

This person wishes to remain anonymous but we would like to offer our thanks for supporting us in this way. We hope you will continue to enjoy receiving 'Fairland News'.



**Preaching Plan  
July / August / September**

3 July	Revd Eileen Ritchie
10 July	Revd Alison Davis
17 July	Mrs Barbara Searle
24 July	Joint Service at Trinity URC (details below)
31 July	Revd Daphne Lloyd
7 August	Revd Alison Davis
14 August	Mrs Ros Crowe
21 August	Mrs Susanna Harvey
28 August	Mr Roger Garrard
4 September	Revd Alison Davis

**Joint Service - Sunday 24 July**

There will be no service in our church on this day as there will be a joint service with the Norwich Churches at Trinity URC at 10.30am. Dr Kirsty Thorpe (one of the two national moderators) will be leading worship. There will be lifts available for anybody who would like to attend.

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**Coffee Rota for Sunday mornings - Can you help?**

Jill Buckenham would appreciate any offers from people willing to help with this. Please add your name to the list - or have a word with Jill.

Items for inclusion in **September** newsletter (to be available on 28 August) should be given to Ann Scott **by 21 August please.**

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## **Dates for your Diaries**

*Details of these events can be found within the newsletter*

### **July**

1 July (12-1.30pm)	First Friday Lunch (Fairland Hall)
4 July (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
6 July (10am)	Midweek Service (Church Lounge)
7 July (2-4pm)	'Musicalitea' (Fairland Hall)
8 July (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
11 July (7-8.30pm)	'Sacred Space' (Church Centre)
14 July (7pm)	Elders' Meeting (Church Lounge)
15 July (12.30pm)	Community Lunch (Fairland Hall)
18 July (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
21 July (7pm)	Church Meeting (Church Lounge)
22 July (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)

### **August**

1 August (7.30pm)	Meditation Group (Town Green Centre)
3 August (10am)	Midweek Service (Church Lounge)
4 August (2-4pm)	'Musicalitea' (Fairland Hall)
8 August (7-8.30pm)	'Sacred Space' (Church Centre)
12 August (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
14 August (2pm)	Area Partnership Meeting in Wymondham
26 August	Market Stall
26 August (10-2)	Pabulum Café (Church Centre)
28 August (3.30pm)	Riverside Service (Wroxham/Hoveton)

### **September**

2 September (12-1.30pm)	First Friday Lunch (Fairland Hall)
6 September (10-12)	Operation Christmas Child Coffee Morning (Marion Roberts Court, Hethersett)

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