

APRIL 2018

The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



As I write this we are travelling through the latter part of Lent. And that's what it is, a journey, through contemplation, to pain, and finally unimaginable joy. That journey is mirrored in the world outside our windows, as the season starts its path towards change.

We see the plants struggling to emerge out into the cold, hard land, and then warm sun reaching them as they stretch upwards, washed by the rain. Of course this all sounds lovely and quite romantic and nature is not like that, but neither is the journey to Calvary.

One year I was privileged to take part in the 'Stations of the Cross' on Good Friday. If you have ever taken part in this you cannot fail to be moved, as Jesus moved towards the end of his human life. What this didn't do of course, was to give the hope of unimaginable joy three days later. As you move through the Easter season do look at the reminders of the story which are all around through God's gift of nature.

I end with a poem by Kate Mcllagga:

*How beautiful is the blossom
Spilling from the tree,
The hidden primrose
And the bluebell
Ringing out the news.
He is risen
He is alive
We shall live
For evermore.
The dark winter is past, the slow, cold, foggy days are over.
May the warmth of your resurrection
Touch our hearts and minds
as the warmth of the sun
blesses our bodies.*

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all,

Jacquie

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd March – 7pm Emmanuel Church Bungay – the Partnership Singers present “The Journey”

Sunday 25th March – 6pm Wortwell URC – a further performance of “The Journey”

Thursday 29th March - 6.30pm – Maundy Thursday service – “Around the Table” at Fressingfield Methodist Church – concludes with Holy Communion

Friday 30th March – 9.30am – Good Friday Service at Pulham Market Methodist Church – followed by United Walk of Witness. AND 10-am – Harleston Churches Prayer Walk. Assemble outside the Co-Op in Bullock Fair Close and walk via St. Johns Church and the Market Place to London Road Church for tea, coffee and hot cross buns. **AND 7pm – Good Friday Service at London Road Church Harleston** (please note this service is inappropriate for children.)

Saturday 21st April – 10 – 12 – London Road Church – coffee morning with delicious cake!

Saturday 5th May – District Celebration at 6.30pm in St. Edmundsbury Cathedral with Guest Speaker Rev'd Loraine Mellor, President of Methodist Conference. This is a free event with refreshments included.

AND

7pm Orange Hall, Emmanuel Church – Gambian experience and quiz night, Includes a Gambian feast, African-themed quiz with prizes, and live music and dancing from the Dumisani drumming group. Tickets £15.00, available from the Fisher Theatre, Bungay (ask for Ben). -proceeds from this event will go towards setting up a school vegetable garden in a Gambian village.

Sunday 13th May 10.30 am: Emmanuel Church, Bungay - Christian Aid Service with a guest speaker from the charity.

Saturday 19th May, 10.00am – 1.00pm: Emmanuel Church Orange Hall - Spring Fayre. Stalls and Bacon rolls, coffees & teas will be served in our cafe.

Thursday 24th May 7.30 p.m. London Road Church - Worship and song from Africa with Rev'd Lansford and Mrs Grace Penn Timmity showing dance moves and bringing recent news about the education of children in Malawi. Lansford and Grace are coming from Hull to be with us and this should be an inspiring evening.

Sunday 27th May 2.30 – 4.00pm: Emmanuel Church - An entertaining afternoon of music by the Waveney Brass Ensemble. Tickets (£6.00) can be purchased in advance: contact Tim Durell -0198689 4566, or Rod Woods- 0198689 3294.

