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The Wave....

... Waveney Valley Ecumenical Partnership



Minister's letter

November 2018 is a momentous month for our country and indeed in many parts of the world as we remember those who fought in the Great War or First World War as it is also known. Imagine what it must have been like.....



What is Armistice Day and why is it remembered?

The day remembers the agreement between the Allies and Germany on November 11, 1918, to stop fighting which marked victory for the Allies and defeat for Germany.

It was signed in Compiègne in Northern France and came into effect at 11am.

The armistice forced the Germans to evacuate invaded countries and territories within two weeks. They also had to surrender a significant amount of war material, including five thousand guns, 25,000 machine guns, 1,700 planes. Germany, exhausted by war and with a nation of hungry citizens, reluctantly accepted the terms.

Although hostilities continued in some areas, the armistice essentially brought an end to four years of fighting in the First World War.

This year bells will ring out across the nation as we remember. We will not forget those who have died in any conflicts of the past century, but 11th November is particularly special because it marks 100 years.

Throughout the Bible we find incidences of battles and wars as nation disagrees with nation, and yet we still in this modern age feel the need to fight. Jesus was well aware of the differences and prejudices that many groups of people had with each other, and some of his parables show this clearly, and what can be achieved if we build bridges with one another and not barriers.

Isaiah prophesied about Jesus: *"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."* (Isaiah 9: 6 - 7)

In this season of remembering let us also remember the Prince of Peace and what an example he sets for us. *Jacquie*

Help! – maybe no-one reads the Wave anyway. This is a repeat of a notice in the October issue. Only one church responded and I really would like to hear from the remaining five. “As a Partnership we are not very Green in our use of The Wave. The Wave is a valuable tool for spreading information around the Partnership but it is not good for trees. I am losing count of the number of back issues which find their way into my recycling bin! Granted, they are being recycled, but maybe they should never have been distributed in such numbers in the first place. Please can each church decide how many copies would be appropriate each month. Current figures are Denton (20); Emmanuel (35); Fressingfield (15); London Road (35); Pulham (25).” Please let me have your numbers a.s.a.p Patmwilliamson@hotmail.com Many thanks in anticipation.

There is still just time to sign up for SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

We are holding 3 training sessions in the Partnership before Christmas. The dates are:

14/11/18 London Road Church, Harleston. 7.00 – 9.30 OR

15/11/18 Pulham Market Methodist Church 7.00 – 9.30 OR

24/11/18 Emmanuel Bungay, Orange Hall 9.30 – 12.00 OR

The following people are required to attend **ONE** of the sessions:

- Pastoral visitors;
- Anyone working with 0 – 18 year olds in the name of the Church;
- Anyone working in activities targeted at adults who are vulnerable (e.g. luncheon clubs);
- Church Officers;
- Partnership Officers;
- Local Preachers;
- Worship Leaders;
- Church & Safeguarding representatives.

Anyone else who wishes to attend is warmly welcomed. Please give your names to Rev. Jacquie or myself a.s.a.p. - by **the end of the first week in November at the latest.**



There will be a Coffee Morning, with sale of Christmas cards from Traidcraft, cake and craft stalls on **Friday November 9th , 10.30- 12.30**, at **Starston Grange**, Cross Road, Starston . This is the home of Sue and Peter Grimble and is always a lovely event. Proceeds all go to Christian Aid . Tel 01379 852819 for further details.

Other dates for your diary

Saturday 10th November – Fressingfield Methodist Church - 11 – 1 table top sale and soup lunch in the Sancroft Hall in aid of church funds

Tuesday 13th November – Partnership Members’ Meeting (AGM) 7.30pm – Emmanuel church, Bungay

Saturday 24th November – Pulham Market Methodist Church 11am – 2pm Bazaar & lunch

Sunday 2nd December - 10.30 Pulham Market Methodist Church - Advent Partnership Service with Holy Communion followed by Bring and Share lunch.

AND

6pm Wortwell URC – Partnership Choir presents “When He comes” – music and readings for Advent.

Friday 7th December – 5.30 – Christmas Market – Denton Village Hall



Festival of Nativity Scenes

London Road Church Harleston is organising their 2nd Annual Festival for the weekend of **Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th December**. We hope to exceed the number of scenes we had last year so we are asking as many people as possible to contribute a scene for the festival.

If you would be willing to supply a scene please contact **Ken Jackson; tel 01379 855239** or **email kenthebus1@yahoo.co.uk** who has all the details. We look forward to another great festival weekend.



Lucy Berry is a United Reformed Church minister and poet. Each month a new poem from Lucy is featured on the URC website. Why not have a look?

The Great Big Wrong – by Lucy Berry

The biggest danger isn't wine or beer or scotch or porn or wealth.

Much more than sugar, skunk or crack, a much-loved grudge destroys the Self.

Resentment is a breeding need to shift our blame and shame away;
to hate with certain righteousness: a routine of the everyday.

Dependents of resentment grow more certain, stuck, more lost to heaven;
lost to the gracious freedom of seventy times seven.

Maybe forgiving's not about those stupid hurts which people do
over and over which annoy and need to be attended to.

It might be that it's all about certain delicious Great Big Wrongs
which nourish us with spit and spite and which we've lapped up for so long,
which whisper at us night and day that everything would be okay
and we'd be happy, loving, strong, if THEY'd not done that Great Big Wrong.

It is addictive that's for sure.

Forgiveness is your only cure.

Or stick the needle further in
for yet another fix of sin.

