Ludham Parish News – April 2024

What comes to your mind when you see or hear the word CHURCH? Do you picture a steepled building, dark wooden pews, crosses, offering plates? Do you hear hearty singing? Or does church trigger childhood memories of boredom-sermons-hymns-long bible readings; Sunday school teachers telling stories about Samson and Delilah, David and his psalms, Noah and his ark, Daniel in the lion's den and, of course, Jesus? Perhaps you experience again the texture of the wafer and the taste of watered-down wine at communion? Do you remember a particular Sunday morning when a sermon gripped you as though you were the only one in the congregation, or the moment you became a Christian?

Or does church bring other pictures to your mind? A wedding, a funeral, a Baptism, an exciting out-door service, planning 'new' services, committee meetings, refreshments served in Tupperware dishes, that time when you decided to commit your life to God.

When you see the word church, do you have good feelings? Like laughter? Warmth? Quietness? Acceptance? Happiness? Awe? Love? Closeness to God? Or are your feelings negative? Like boredom? Anger? Confusion? Guilt? Rejection? Does church remind you of arrogance, hostility, manipulation, anger, or irrelevance? Do you think of it as a poor substitute for what is really important in your community and in the world?

The word 'Church' often dredges up memories and emotions from deep within. Some healthy, some painful, most somewhere in between.

But the church is made up of people from our own communities. It is not the rather austere building - that is just where we meet to be with fellow Christians - it is us, the people of our villages who make up God's church here, with all our faults and inadequacies.

And it is changing. In the nigh on 50 years I have been a churchman I have seen so many positive changes. Most importantly, in my opinion, the fellowship and friendliness between people who attend church services, including non-regular attenders, which has become more pronounced and more genuine. We really do try to follow Christ's great commandment to love everyone as ourselves.

Have you been to a normal Sunday church service recently? Give it a try you may be surprised by what you experience you will certainly be made very welcome.....

John Savage Worship Assistant

CHURCH SERVICES APRIL 2024

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH 10am

Sunday 7 April Benefice Holy Communion Ludham Rev. Maggie Guite
Sunday 14 April Holy Communion Rev. Gary Noyes
Sunday 21 April Morning Worship
Sunday 28 April Sung Morning Prayer -A service in the lovely traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer, sung by St Catherine's choir

METHODIST CHURCH 11am

Moyra Ketteringham
Local Arrangement
Mrs Sarah Small
3pm Rev. Judith Bell.

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Ludham, Catfield and Potter Heigham Benefice

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Norfolk Broads Methodist Circuit

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Steward:Mr. Alan Croft, Hi-Timbers

The Street Catfield NR29 5AZ 01692 582104

St Catherine's Church Ludham

Parishioners' Meeting for the Election of Church Wardens for 2024/25

In the Church Room at 6:45pm on Wednesday 17 April

This meeting is open to all those registered on the Parish Electoral Roll

Saturday 20th April.2.00pm for 2.30pm

The Friends of How Hill

Are pleased to welcome you to an afternoon of song and afternoon tea, with a selection of classical music and songs from the musicals in the house at How Hill. For tickets, price £15 per person, which includes the performance lasting approx. one hour followed by our well-renowned afternoon tea, please contact Jeanne Flett on 01692 678560 or email mikeandjeanne@btinternet.com.

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CLUBS, SOCIETIES, EVENTS IN APRIL

Ludham Community Archive.

Our meetings are held in Ludham Church Rooms, 7- 9pm, the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. Entry is £1 to cover refreshments. All our meetings are informal and usually include an update on new archive material we have gathered. We have lots of plans for future meetings so keep looking on our website page www.ludhamarchive.org.uk for updates. April meeting:

April 9th Interactive Evening: History, some learning, and new ideas going forward. Organiser: Nigel Pope

April 23rd St Georges day with a Ludham twist. Organiser: Jac Wright.

Looking forward: the Archive Group will be at the "Lockdown Exhibition",3,4,5,6 May St Catherine's church

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SCREENLUDHAM: Next showing Friday 26th April

"The Miracle Club" Comedy/Drama 12A 90 mins

Women dream of throwing off the shackles of domestic life in 1967 Ireland need to "win" tickets to Lourdes in a raffle organised by the cheeky and rebellious local priest.

THURSDAY CRAFTERS Meet on Thursdays 11th and 25th April in the Sloper Room 2-4pm Come and see what we do. Lindsey 01692 630039

LUDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Ludham Village Hall 200 Club April 2024 Winners

Mark Sutton (£20)

Christine Wall (£20)

Jessie Cuthbert (£10)

Lorraine Stuart (£10)

New Members are always welcome. For details, please see our website ludhamvillagehall.com or email LVH200Club@gmail.com.

For Village Hall hire: Jacqui Doran 01692 678419 ludhamvillagehall.com

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The LVH Stay and Play Tuesday 10.00-11.30

For children under 5 and their parents/carers

Email calendar.girl@ludhamvillagehall.com

Join our facebook page: LVH Stay and Play

ST. CATHERINE'S COFFEE SHOP open every Friday 10am-12noon Coffee; Cake; Company

Ludham Village Boating

Following successful trips last year on the Nancy Oldfield Trust's Boats, we will be running trips again this year on The Nancy Bee. Trips will run either from the Neatishead base, traveling to Sutton, Stalham or Wayford Bridge, or from Ludham Bridge, which is a central location enabling us to travel to South Walsham Broad, Ranworth Broad, Horning, Blackhorse Broad, Womack Water, or Barton Broad. Entertainment will be provided by Ros, our resident troubadour.

The following trips are proposed

Monday 15th April 1.30pm to 4pm
Thursday 2nd May 1.30pm to 4pm
Monday 10th June 1.30pm to 4pm
Tuesday 2nd July 10.30am to 1pm
Monday 12th August 1.30pm to 4pm

Tea and Coffee will be provided, but please bring your own biscuits.

Transport to and from the boat will be provided by volunteers. Those interested should contact the Duty Co-ordinator on (01692) 511511; don't delay as places are limited! This is open to all who live in Ludham, but preference will be given to those living alone and people who haven't been before. The Nancy Oldfield Trust ask for a suggested £18 donation per person. However, if this is beyond someone's means, any donation is gratefully accepted.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES IN APRIL

Womack Herons can enjoy two outings in April; lunch has been booked at the Fur & Feathers Inn, Woodbastwick in Tuesday 9th at 12.30pm. Booking is required by 2nd April, with your menu choices. Then on Friday 26th April, we travel up to Southrepps for a Spring Walk followed by lunch at The Vernon Arms. The walk, a mixture of lanes and field tracks, starts at 11am, lunch is booked for 12.30pm. Booking, with menu choices, required by 19th April. Check out our future programme at www.womackherons.org.uk; to find out more about 'Herons', or to book, contact tricia@womackherons.org.uk or 07931 301606

LUDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE will meet in Ludham Church Room on Wednesday 17th April at 2.15pm (note change to Summer time)

Speaker-Cheryl Cade-Gin Tasting

Competition-A small glass

For more information contact 01692 678144

Ludham Wives..... Meetings in April.

Thursday 11th April- Beetle Drive

Thursday 25 April- Kathie Jones - story of my wartime childhood

We meet in the Sloper Room at 8.00pm.

For more information contact Judith 773806; Margaret 678503.

For-Get-Me-not Club..... Meetings in April

Thursdays 4 April;18th April.

We meet in the Church Room at 2.00pm.

For more information contact Wendy 678151.

SATURDAY 18 MAY

Nearly New Clothes Sale Church Room 10.30am

Tombola, Cakes, Jewellery, bric-a-brac, Refreshment

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 5th April usual stops phone:01603 222303

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

I will research your family tree in exchange for a donation to St Catherine's church

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WATERSIDE SCRATCH BAND

Forthcoming events

Friday 3rd May - St Catherine's Church, Ludham.

Informal evening concert of pieces composed by Scratch Band members during covid lockdown, accompanying the preview of an exhibition of hobbies and crafts created in lockdown, which will be on display over the weekend.

Saturday 18th May Ludham Methodist Church.

To celebrate the chapel's anniversary; an evening of sacred songs, hymns and choruses join us for a jolly good sing!

Scratch Band is the music group for the Waterside group of parishes.

The Scratch Band, a group of musicians and singers who provide music and support for the Waterside Benefice (Ludham, Catfield and Potter Heigham Churches), was formed some 10 years ago to provide music when there was no organist in the churches The Band meets for practice, fellowship, fun every Thursday evening 7.30pm - 9.30pm, usually in the Church Room, Ludham or in one of the Waterside parish churches and plays for services in the Waterside Benefice and beyond, supporting regular worship in the churches and outdoors, as well as being invited to entertain at local events and has appeared on Radio Norfolk. The Band is open to all and warmly welcomes both singers, and instrumentalists

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LUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The following items were considered by the Parish Council at the last meeting and the Council agreed to publish the following information which parishioners may be interested in:

Recycling

The Parish Council receives approximately £1,000 per year for glass recycling in the bottle banks round the village. The costs associated with these bottle banks are around £500, so the profit goes directly towards supporting the village. Thank you to those of you who recycle your glass in the bottle banks. As a reminder, the bottle banks are in the following locations:

- **The Dog Inn**
- **Ludham Bridge**
- **Womack Staithe**
- **The Kings Arms**

There is also a Textile recycling bank at the Village Hall. This takes clothes and other textiles (please put them in carrier bags to protect them). The Parish Council can receive up to £100 per year from North Norfolk District Council, with no associated costs for this.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council defibrillator lives on the wall of Throwers and is in a heated secure defibrillator box. A MASSIVE thank you to the parishioners who offered their support. The Parish Council is so grateful to have been able to order a new defibrillator. This was 50% funded by Central Government and 50% funded by generous parishioners.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Church Rooms. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Website: Ludhampc.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Clerk: Jo Beardshaw, ludhamparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk.

EVENTS,EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY

LOCKDOWN" EXHIBITION ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH SATURDAY 4,SUNDAY 5, MONDAY 6 MAY OPEN DAILY 10AM -4PM Quilts paintings embroidery collage woodwork ironwork literature music and much more...come and see what the village achieved during the pandemic lockdowns.

Preview Friday 3 May 7pm with performance of music composed during pandemic

7TH HORNING BOAT SHOW 2024 SATURDAY 4 MAY 10AM-4PM

Celebrity opening,10am. Exhibitors showing Luxury Motor Cruisers Sailing Boats and many other Marina items and services. Broads Holiday Companies, Charity Stalls, Classic Cars, many exhibitors. Horning Sailing Club will be putting on their Discover Sailing which has proved so successful in the past shows. Horning Boat Show Auction- all raising funds for the local good cause. Free entry to the show, Free Parking at BeWilderwood; Shuttle Bus to take you to the show (£2.00) Food Court with speciality Food and Drinks local Eateries in Horning Village.

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