



Ludham Parish News – March 2024

Easter Message

Dear Friends,

As we come into March, and begin to feel the real effect of the lengthening days, and the amazing rate of growth around us in this beautiful part of the Broads, a certain motivation towards creativity begins to take over- it doesn't matter really what form it takes: you might be a gardener, artist, poet, woodworker, or you may just love being outside. Those feelings of winter-induced apathy begin to lift, and latent projects are planned and take shape. You may have heard of the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, and he wrote this about how he saw Spring, way back in 1877: 'Nothing is so beautiful as Spring- when weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush; Thrush's eggs look little low heavens....have, get, before it cloy, before it cloud, Christ, lord, and sour with sinning...'

There's something in that about spiritual reality, optimism and hope. For some of us, it is making the journey from defeat to victory, and what better time than Easter to take a fresh look at how we respond to the events of the cross and resurrection for ourselves? Defeat had been turned into victory for those early disciples, and it's the same for us now- we can step out in faith in the risen Jesus. Here lies new life, new beginnings and new hope. God knows this only too well, because he knows and loves us, and gives us the opportunity on a daily basis of living life to the full, whatever that might mean for us.

May this season prove to be a great blessing to all of us here in the Waterside Benefice, and here's a prayer that you may wish to use:

'Heavenly Father, rekindle my faith this Easter-time. Assure me, through experiencing again the presence of the risen Christ in my heart, that with you nothing is too good to be true, for you are able to do more than anyone could ever imagine. To you be praise and glory, now and for evermore. Amen.'



With all our best wishes for a Happy Easter! Gary and April

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Ludham, Catfield and Potter Heigham Benefice

For enquiries contact: Vicar: Revd Gary Noyes

Email : granoyes@gmail.com 01692 678842

Churchwardens: John Savage 01692 678654

Peter Wall 01692 678060



METHODIST CHURCH

Norfolk Broads Methodist Circuit

Pastoral Assistant: Shaun Cushion 01493 740237

shauncushion@yahoo.co.uk

Steward: Mr. Alan Croft, Hi-Timbers

The Street Catfield NR29 5AZ 01692 582104

CHURCH SERVICES MARCH 2024 & EASTER

ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH 10am

Sunday 3 March Benefice Holy Communion Potter Heigham Rev. Gary Noyes

Sunday 3 March 6pm Sung Evensong- in St Catherine's church-a lovely traditional service of the Church of England using the traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer, with St Catherine's choir. All are welcome to attend

Sunday 10 March MOTHERING SUNDAY Holy Communion Rev. Gary Noyes

Sunday 17 March MOTHERING Sunday Worship

Sunday 24 March PALM SUNDAY Morning Worship

HOLY WEEK

Monday 25 March 7pm Compline All Saints church Catfield (Judith Gardiner LLM)

Tuesday 26 March 7pm Compline St Nicholas Potter Heigham (April Noyes)

Wednesday 27 March 7pm Compline St Catherine's Ludham (Christine Wall)

Thursday 28th March MAUNDY THURSDAY 11am Informal Service of Holy Communion, Old Vicarage Care Home, Rev Gary Noyes 7pm Compline St Catherine's Ludham (Rev Gary Noyes)

Friday 29th March GOOD FRIDAY 11.45am United with Methodist church and Benefice: Walk of Witness and "Hour at the Cross" St Catherine's church

Sunday 31 March EASTER DAY 10am Holy Communion, United Service with Methodists at St Catherine's church

METHODIST CHURCH 11am

Moyra Ketteringham

Local Arrangement

Shaun Cushion with Holy Communion

3pm Shaun Cushion.



EASTER LILIES If you would like to make a donation to the lilies used to decorate St Catherine's church at Easter, maybe in memory of a love one or to give thanks for something special, please contact Helen 01692 678072 by Friday 22 March. Suggested donation £1 per lily. The church will be decorated with the lilies on the morning of Saturday 30th March. Do come along if you wish.



LUDHAM METHODIST CHURCH

WARM ROOM OPEN UNTIL

EASTER NOW OPEN:

In the Sloper Room at
the Methodist church

on Thursdays 10.00am to 1pm

Open to anyone who wants to save

on heating, get warm or just for companionship.

FREE Coffee and biscuits and a light lunch from 12.00.

Just drop in. Everyone welcome

LENT COURSE 2024

On Tuesdays 5th March 12th March 19th March at

7pm in the Sloper Room, Methodist church led by

Shaun Cushion and Rev'd Gary Noyes.

All are welcome to attend

CLUBS & SOCIETIES IN MARCH

The Ludham Community Archive group

meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Church Rooms, Norwich Road at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome. It is just £1 for 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.

Welcome to the following meetings:

March 12th - Music from my childhood. Bring along a piece of music and tell us why you remember it. If you want your music converting to digital, please let Nigel Pope know in advance. If you don't have a particular piece, ask Nigel if he can get it.

March 26th - Making the Archive work. A history, some learning and new ideas going forward. All enquiries to enquiries@ludhamarchive.org.uk

Ludham Archive Winter Walk - Sunday 10th March
Meet: car parking area diagonally opposite All Saints Church, Catfield at 2 pm. This walk begins and ends with a stile. We will walk towards Ludham along tracks and footpaths, taking us behind Cobbs Farm at the end of Sharpe Street, Catfield and returning to Catfield Church. The churchyard and adjoining Old Rectory garden is worth a look being full of snowdrops and daffodils. Wear appropriate footwear as some paths may be damp. Walks no more than 4 miles and dogs are welcome on a lead. If you need a lift or further information contact Mike or Jeanne Flett on 01692 678560 or email: mikeandjeanne@btinternet.com

SCREENLUDHAM: Next showing Friday 29th March

"Scrapper" Comedy/Drama 12A 84 mins

12 year old living alone following the death of her mother; how she makes money to live and what happens when her estranged father reappears and how they re-adjust. Vibrant and inventive father daughter comedy.

THURSDAY CRAFTERS Meet on Thursdays 14th and 28th March in the Sloper Room 2-4pm Come and see what we do. Lindsey 01692 630039

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Ludham Village Hall 200 Club

March 2024 Winners

Julie Mason (£20)

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Tricia Sims (£10)

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For Hall hire: Jacqui Doran 01692 678419
ludhamvillagehall.com

CLUBS & SOCIETIES IN MARCH

Womack Herons get out and about in March: Please note dates and timings have changed from those originally advertised. The Spring Supper at The Lodge Inn, Salhouse, is now Tuesday, March 5th at 6pm. Please book by February 27th. On Friday, March 22nd we head into Norwich to enjoy a 12 o'clock lunch at Cote Brasserie; we then meet under the Norwich Union Clock on Surrey St for a guided tour of the 'Marble Hall' starting at 2.30pm. Tour Cost £15pp. Booking for the tour has closed but late bookings may be possible - please call Tricia to check. Booking for lunch, with menu choices, required by March 14th. For more information see www.womackherons.org.uk for bookings contact Tricia on tricia@womackherons.org.uk or 07931 301606.

LUDHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE will meet on Wednesday 20th February at 1.30pm (note time) in the Church Room Talk "Nelson, Norfolk's Hero by Charles Lewis. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact 01692 678144

Ludham Wives.

We meet once in March on Thursday 14th March Talk/dem by Rachel, Florist. We meet in the Sloper Room at 7.30pm for 8pm.

For more information contact

Judith 773806 Margaret 678503

For-Get -Me - Not Club.

Meetings: Thursday March 7th; Thursday March 21st. For more information contact Wendy 678151.

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

MOBILE LIBRARY: Friday 8th March usual stops phone: 01603 222303

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH I will research your family tree in exchange for a donation to St Catherine's church christinampope@gmail.com 67807

"LOCKDOWN" EXHIBITION



St Catherine's church
Saturday, 4 May, Sunday, 5 May
Monday 6 May
Open daily 10am -4pm.

Preview Friday evening 3 May

Come and enjoy the exhibition with a glass of wine and nibbles and enjoy an Informal Concert

During the pandemic, members of the Waterside Scratch Band composed quite a number of original pieces of music and words to accompany them. It is proposed to have an informal concert of the first performance of many of these works during the evening. The manuscripts will also be on display as part of the exhibition



Also, view a wonderfully a diverse and varied exhibition of lockdown hobbies

It is s not too late to submit to the exhibition, contact Christine Wall;

01692 678060 thewalls@broadland.net

LIFE GROUP: Next meeting WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH Gary 678842 granoyes@gmail.com

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Julia will help bolster the already fantastic team
and share her knowledge with visitors this year.
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knowledge? Or enjoy the local flora and fauna of
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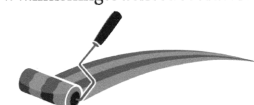
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VILLAGE CAR SCHEME: 01692 511511: to book or volunteer as driver

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:

Planning

The following two planning application were approved by North Norfolk District Council.

PF/23/2191. Fenside, School Lane. Extension of existing garage to create double-bay garage and erection of front porch.

PF/23/2525. Avalon, Norwich Road. Demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of new single storey garage.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council defibrillator lives on the wall of Throwers and is in a heated secure defibrillator box. Unfortunately, it is no longer working and is out of warranty. The Parish Council is working towards funding a new defibrillator which will come to around £750. In the meantime there are defibrillators at the Village Hall and at Hunter's Yard. If you would like to support the purchase of a new defibrillator please contact the Clerk.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 5th March 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.



VH Stay and Play Spring term 2024

Tuesday 12th March Tuesday 26th March 10.00-11.30

For children under 5 and their parents/carers

Opportunities for children to explore, discover, learn and have fun. Healthy snacks provided

£2.50 per family. For further information Email calendar.girl@ludhamvillagehall.com

Join our facebook page: LVH Stay and Play

Wroxham Library MARCH LISTINGS-some of the events available (Further events in April newsletter)

See: Facebook page; 01603 782560; www.norfolk.gov.uk/bipcnorfolk <<http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/bipcnorfolk>>

- * **NEW Computer Buddy**- help with your tablet, smartphone, or email. Wednesday 1 - 3pm. Half hour booking essential.
- * **Keep Warm and Well** this winter Free winter essentials - a blanket; hot water bottle; toiletries bag. Free hot drinks.
- * **Autism Social Group** Come to a friendly social group for a cuppa and a chat. all welcome. 1st Monday month 1-3pm.
 - * **Crafting Alternate Saturdays** (staff dependent), 10.30am - 3pm. Aimed at children aged 5 - 11.
 - * **Coding Club** Every Saturday 2-3pm, Ages 7 -11, limited to two spaces. call us on 01603 782560 or email
 - * **Knit and Natter** - Bring your embroidery, textile crochet. Thursday 7th 21st March, 2.00- 4.00pm.
- * **Crib Club (Cribbage card game)** - new players welcome -Thursday 14th March 2.00-4:00pm bring board cards if you have them.
 - * **Scrabble Club** Last Thursday of each month from 2.00-4.00pm. Thursday 28th March. All welcome.
- * As a **local Business and IP Centre**, we have free access to a wide range of business resources at Wroxham library.
- * **Just a Cuppa**, every Tuesday 10.00 - 12pm. Come along for a friendly chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.
- * Our **Bounce and Rhyme sessions** take place on Wednesday at 10.30am. No need to book just drop in and sing along!
- * **Story Explorers**, is a reading adventure children aged 0 - 5. To sign up visit the library

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


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