

August 18th

Ninth after Trinity



Welcome to the
Services in our
Benefice

CONNECTIONS CHURCH
part of St John's Church family



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE TODAY

*Sermon series: Who is my neighbour?
Christian love for ... the hungry
Isaiah 58:1-12 and Matthew 25:31-46*

9:30am Kelsale Morning Worship
11am Communion at St.John's
6:30pm Carlton Harvest Communion
6:30pm St.John's Evening Praise

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

? WHAT'S GOING ON ?

Every Little Helps!

Sue Potter (602177) and Chris Williams (831587) are looking to make a list of volunteers who would be willing to do shopping for people who are housebound. If you feel able to help please contact one of them.

Games Afternoon

The next games afternoon is on Tuesday 20th between 2 and 4pm in the church.

Carlton Flower Festival

£577 was raised over the two days and 102 visitors called in to St Peter's church. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our "church in the fields". Remember to support us on 8th September 3pm, when we have a harpsichord recital.

Interment

Bernard MacDonald's ashes will be interred at St.John's at 9:30 am on Wednesday next, 21st August. Those who wish to attend will be very welcome.

Choir Resumes!

We will have choir practice on Friday 20th September but not the following week, 27th (because I'm part of the drama group providing some entertainment at the

Kelsale Harvest Supper). We will then resume practices on 5th October ad infinitum....

St Peter's Church, Carlton

HARPSICHORD RECITAL

Sunday 8th September
3.00pm

Music by
COUPERIN
RAMEAU
BACH
PURCELL
HANDEL
SCARLATTI
and others

played by
Julian Larkin
donations towards the repair of the east
window of the church

Column Inches

The Weekly Welcome Sheet has been presenting items organised so that dated Events are all together before Notices. This has been okay, but some items come in with a lot of "lead time" together with the request that they run every week up to the event date. This makes life difficult when we have a busy week and are short of space. So, from now on, we're not going to batch Events and Notices separately, but will simply put new items in first. This will naturally mean that older items will fall to the bottom - and when we're short of space it will be the older items that fall off! So, keep an eye on your own notice! You are entirely free to resubmit your item (reworded, please, to make it fresh!) and when you do it will be treated as new and again go to the top of the heap.

WHOLENESS AND HEALING IN ST.JOHN'S

St.John's has a trained team offering the pastoral ministry of wholeness and healing during Sunday morning services in the church. Two members of the team will listen to your own needs for physical, emotional or spiritual wholeness and healing and pray for you. Please come to the Swan chapel immediately after receiving Holy Communion or, after a non-Eucharistic service, to the prayer area under the nave-vestry window.

Challenge



If, pechance, you were at the Connections service last Sunday, you'll remember what this flag signifies...

... if you weren't at Connections, see if you can find someone who

was... and ask them to explain why the flag might be true for them!!

The Last Woodwose

A new play written for the Wonderful Beast Theatre Company by Suffolk writer, Thea Smiley.

Facing extinction, the last Woodwose, a wild woman of the woods, tells the extraordinary story of her life through shape shifting, story-telling and magic.

The Last Woodwose weaves fact with fantasy in a magical, mythical tale illuminating the life-blood and wonders of the forest: the woodwose herself is its guardian.

Starring Hilary Greatorex, Rosalind Burt and Tim Fitzhigham with traditional songs and original music by Sylvia Hallett, directed by Alys Kuhl.

St John's Church, Saxmundham

Friday 13th September, 7.30pm

Tickets: £12 (£10 under 18s/students) available from Eastern Angles: www.easternangles.co.uk or 01473 211498 (Mon-Fri 10-2)

Kelsale Harvest Supper - Friday 27th September

Another date for your diary! Come and enjoy a harvest supper with entertainment at Kelsale Village Hall. Doors open at 7.00pm for supper at 7.30pm. Tickets £10 and available from Auriol Marson on 602217 or at michael@carltonrookery.com.

Bereavement Cafe - Wednesday 21st August

1:45pm to 3pm

Our Bereavement Café offers a chance to meet others who understand the experience of loss. It is a space to talk about the pain of loss, express those emotions and find mutual support and encouragement when it is most needed. It is a drop-in session 'At the Crossroads', so needs no advanced booking. Tea and cake will be provided! If you have experienced bereavement recently or are still struggling to cope with loss, do come along. Do also think about neighbours, friends and loved ones who may be experiencing these feelings and invite them.

Book Club Revival

Join us to discuss Paula Gooder's book: Phoebe a story, on Thursday 29th August at 2pm At the Crossroads, further information from Jill Stuchfield.

If you are wanting to join the new book club and would like to order a copy of the book (Paula Gooder's Phoebe – A story), please do so at the Church Shop. Support your

local Christian bookshop (oh, and it's cheaper than a major online supplier!) Reduced from £8.99 to £7.50

Ride & Stride - Saturday 14th September

Suffolk
Historic Churches
Trust



700 Suffolk churches and chapels will be open on this day from 9am – 5pm to record your visit and offer refreshments. Fran Raven (01728 602907), David May (01728 602113) and Paul Hartley (01728 602281) have all the details and the sponsorship forms. There is also a website <https://shct.org.uk/ride-and-stride/> where you can donate via the Just Giving link. We would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who can volunteer to sit in church for an hour or so on the day and sign forms.

Top of the Pops

Did you know that there's a Worship Song 'top-ten' (most popular) list? Well, sort of...

CCLI (the body that handles data about christian song useage, and distributes royalties from the license fees paid by churches) has a website that shows the top 100 most popular worship songs, according to the data they receive. Visit their website to see the full list and to hear samples of all the songs. <https://songselect.ccli.com/>

Currently, the top three are:-

1. 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)
2. In Christ Alone
3. What A Beautiful Name

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Beth Sellwood, now at home.

Sylvia Churchyard at home recovering from hip surgery.

SUNDAY AUGUST 25th

Sermon series: Who is my neighbour?

Christian love for ... prisoners

Hebrews 13: 1-8; Luke 4: 16-22a

- 9.30am St John's Holy Communion
- 9.45am Connections at the Primary School
- 11.00am Kelsale Holy Communion
- 6.30pm Carlton - open for Prayer & Meditation
- 6.30pm St John's Evening Worship

Note: the Website Rota contains full information about who is involved in these Services.

Please send your contributions for the next Weekly Welcome Sheet – and any prayer requests – to notices@saxstjohns.org.uk by noon on Thursday.

Need to Talk? Contact details for St.John's church officers can be found on our Website www.saxstjohns.org.uk/contact-us/ ...and on the notice board in the church porch.