

# Easton Parish Magazine



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*25p*

# ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTON

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## ***FLOWER AND CLEANING ROTA***

|                  | <b>Flowers</b>  | <b>Cleaning</b>      |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>2nd Mar</b>   | Jane Pollock    | Emma Gibbon          |
| <b>9th Mar</b>   | Lent—No Flowers | Emma Gibbon          |
| <b>16th Mar</b>  | Lent—No Flowers | Jayne Gibson         |
| <b>23rd Mar</b>  | Lent—No Flowers | Jayne Gibson         |
| <b>30th Mar</b>  | Lent—No Flowers | Jane Woodbury-Eggins |
| <b>6th April</b> | Lent—No Flowers | Jane Woodbury-Eggins |

## From Revd Graham Hedger



Don't look now, but it will soon be Easter. However, first we travel through the season of Lent. This is an important season for Christians, an opportunity for self-examination, reflection, prayer and self-discipline. This can be a very beneficial and creative time because taking stock of our lives and reflecting on our relationship with God and with others, is a good discipline. Some people mark it by giving up something, others take on something, perhaps reading a book or doing something that will help others. In church you will notice that services might be slightly different and that we don't have flowers - all part of that sense of penitence and self-denial.

Bishops Martin and Mike have launched a Lent Appeal for our sister diocese of Kagera in Tanzania. Many will be doing the Kagera Challenge as a way of finding out more about one of the poorest regions in the world and raising money towards vital development projects. For more details look in your parish church or go on line to :- <http://www.cofesuffolk.org//bishops/kagera-lentappeal>

Our partnership with Kagera is now in its 25<sup>th</sup> year. In that time we have received visits from people from Kagera and people from this diocese have visited and participated in education programmes. Despite its poverty, the Anglican Church in Kagera is growing rapidly and participates in education, development work and community programmes that benefit its population of one million people.

Have a happy and spiritually profitable Lent.

Graham



## *Church Matters .....*

### *Benefice Services*

The benefice service on 3rd March will be at Easton at 10am. Come and enjoy the worship with the organ and choir!

### *Mothering Sunday*

For a joyful celebration of mothers and carers, there will a benefice service for Mothering Sunday in Hacheston Village Hall which will include worship as well as refreshments, making posies and other craft activities. This will be at 10 am on 31st March. Please see the poster on page 9 for further details.

This replaces the first Sunday benefice communion in April to allow for the programme of Easter services later in the month.

### *Discussion Group*

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13th March when we shall be talking about Ash Wednesday (when it was originally scheduled) and Paul's epistle to the Romans, chapter 12. We shall be meeting at Little Barn, Monewden. The meeting will start with coffee/tea at 10.30 am. New members are always welcome.

### *Dates for your Diary*

#### Palm Sunday and Easter Services

Palm Sunday falls on 14th April and will be a benefice pilgrimage with short services in each church, culminating in a service at Hacheston church. See page 4 for more information.

On Good Friday, 19th April, there will be a service of readings and music at 2pm in Easton Church.

A Holy Communion service will take place on Easter Day, Sunday 21st April, in our church at 11.00am.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Renewal of Electoral Roll

Every six years the local churches have to create a new electoral roll. Forms are available from the church or Emma Gibbon, Electoral Roll Officer for Easton (T: 746866). On 2nd April we will be holding the Annual Church meeting in the Village Hall to review the year and appoint officers. Everyone welcome.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins*

## **Special Services**

We begin **Lent** with services on **Ash Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March**. There will be a short said service of Holy Communion and the imposition of ashes at **Hacheston at 10am** and a deanery service in **Framlingham Church**, with massed choirs from the churches of the deanery at **7.30pm**.

During **Lent there** will be two special services taking place. On **31<sup>st</sup> March** there will be an informal service for **Mothering Sunday at Hacheston Village Hall**, starting with a variety of activities from **9.45am**, including refreshments and the service itself will start at **10am**. It will be short and interactive, followed by more refreshments, and is suitable for all ages from the youngest to the oldest. There are times when it can be difficult to do things in individual village churches and so one of the advantages of being a group of churches is that we can come together to celebrate special events. This is one of those occasions, don't miss out!

Then in April we change our usual pattern of services, with a special service for **Palm Sunday on 14<sup>th</sup> April**. I will write about this in detail in the parish magazine next month. Here is enough to whet your appetite. It will be a Benefice Pilgrimage, celebrating our unity as a group of seven churches. We will begin simultaneously at Campsea Ashe and Brandeston at 9.30am and make our way via either Marlesford and Parham or Kettleburgh and Easton to Hacheston Village Hall for refreshments at 11am followed by a service at 11.30am in Hacheston Church. Bring your friends, come to your local church and journey on to other churches.

Graham



**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**  
welcomes you to

*Sunday Cafe*

**Easton Village Hall**  
**17th March**  
**10.00 - 11.30 am**



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Make the café one of your things to visit this  
month. Make new friends and meet up with  
old ones.

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

## **COULD YOU HELP AT THE SUNDAY CAFÉ?**

As you will know if you've been to our monthly Sunday Café, a dedicated and enthusiastic team of volunteers run it. And if you haven't visited yet, why not come along and enjoy some lovely home made goodies, fresh coffee, bacon rolls and good company?

We are delighted that it has become so popular and is such good fun. However, if we are to continue running it, we need more helpers. With a larger team of people to draw on no-one should have to be on duty more than once every two or three months.

There are plenty of tasks to suit all skills, and the small commitment we ask is either an hour on a Saturday evening (5pm) to help set up, or a couple of hours on Sunday morning. Or you could bake a cake or savoury (cost of ingredients reimbursed) for us to sell.

If you would be willing to help with any of the above please contact me on 746162 carolrook2012@gmail.com or Clare Owen on 745015, clareowen@tiscali.co.uk

You may know that, reluctantly, John and I are planning to move away in the next few months, so additional help with the Café is essential. It would be good to leave the village knowing the Café will keep going for another 5 years - or more ...

Thank you in anticipation!

Carol Rook

## **Steve Bell**

We are sad to report the death of Steve Bell after his long illness. His funeral will be held at Easton Church on Wednesday 6th March at 12 noon. Steve used to produce our parish magazine many years ago, and was active in the village and the local Conservative Association.

We send our love and deep sympathies to Barbara and her family.

*Jane Woodbury-Eggins*

*It's ....*

C O S M I C !

**Let's all keep trying  
even when things get difficult**

COSMIC in March is all about fresh starts and thinking about how we can all keep trying to learn something new, or keep practicing something you find hard.

Have you ever tried Invisible Drawing? Let's have a go this month and see if we can guess what you've drawn!

We will also be playing games of Jenga to see how much fun we can have with a tower of bricks. If it falls down we will build it up again and have another go.

Come along to **Easton All Saint's Church on Sunday 24th March 2019 at 11.00 am** to play games and have fun at COSMIC Club. Everyone welcome.

Emma Gibbon T: 746866

COSMIC = Children on  
Sunday Morning in Church



**MAY THE  
4TH  
BE WITH  
YOU**

**Yes! Save the date.**

**Saturday 4th May will be the date of the  
May Fair this year, on the Village Green  
between 2 pm and 4 pm.**

**If you can help setting up in the morning,  
manning stalls, providing goodies such as  
homebakes, donating books, plants, toys,  
prizes for the grand draw, bottles for the  
tombola etc ... we would love to hear from  
you.**

**And if you're new to the village, come and  
get involved. It's great fun!**

**More details next month.**

**Emma T: 746866**

**Nancy T: 564398**

**Major annual fundraiser for All Saints Church, Easton**

# **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**You are invited to  
A BENEFICE SERVICE OF  
THANKSGIVING  
FOR  
MOTHERING SUNDAY  
on  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
in  
Hacheston Village Hall**

**To celebrate and give thanks for all the  
amazing women in our lives.**

**Meet at 9.45am for refreshments and activities for our  
children (adults can join in too) to include posy  
making and drawing.**

**Our Service will start at 10.00am after which there  
will be time for chat and more refreshments.**



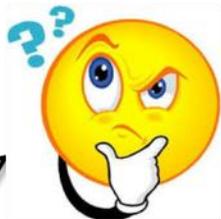
Easton & Letheringham Village Hall

# ?? QUIZ NIGHT ??

## Saturday 9th March

Doors open 7pm

Food served before Quiz at 7:30pm



Teams of 6  
Max of 12 teams  
Book early to avoid  
disappointment!

**Tickets**  
**£8**  
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**For tickets contact:**  
**Margie Ransome 746818**  
**David Stagg 746054**

## Deanery Lent Course: Jesus says 'I am..'

Why not join in some study with people from around the deanery? There will be a deanery Lent course of study taking the theme of the 'I am' sayings from John's Gospel.

Speakers:

### **Andrea Skevington (AS)**

Andrea is a Christian speaker and writer who has won the Christian Book of the Year award in the past and has just written **Jesus said 'I am'** and **Finding Life in the Every Day**.

### **The Very Rev Keith Jones (KJ)**

Keith served at St Mary le Tower, Ipswich and was Dean of Exeter and then Dean of York Minster. He has returned to Suffolk and continues to write, accompany people in their spiritual lives, preach, lead worship and give teaching in prayer and meditation, both in this country and in the United States.

All events are at 7.30pm

### March

- 13 'I am the Bread of Life' (AS):  
Debenham – Dove Cottage or Church
- 20 'I am the Light of the World' (AS):  
Framlingham College Prep School at Brandeston  
Hall in the Hobbies Room
- 27 'I am the Good Shepherd' (KJ):  
Rendham Church

### April

- 3 'I am the Resurrection and the Life' (KJ):  
Dallinghoo Church
- 10 'I am the True Vine' (KJ):  
Wickham Market Church

Graham

# The Story of a Mission : Part 7

**We are indebted to Malcolm MacNicol for this fascinating insight to a 2nd World War bombing mission from Parham.**



“Down from our ships on all sides went long strings of 500 pounders, headed for German oil tanks. The Germans had tried, but they could not stop us. Then the flak began again. It was a perfectly co-ordinated attack between German air and ground forces that the Krauts put up that day, but we went through anyway. Another three or four minutes and we were out of the flak. Aside from possible additional fighter attacks, the mission was over. The feeling of relief that sweeps over one at this stage is immense. It can hardly be described. We had been very close to “getting it”, but we had come through. The flak was behind us and there were no fighters to be seen and relief filled our minds to the exclusion of all other sensations. It took the form of excited chatter over the intercom. On the bomb run nothing was said that was not necessary to the task, but now, after a quick crew check, the released tension vented itself in a nervous babble of conversation. We gradually relaxed, although still very watchful for more “bandits,” and settled down for the long ride home. The Luftwaffe had put up unusually strong opposition, and although we had warded off most attacks, some had got through and left their mark. They had paid a price for braving our guns, and ten FW-190s had gone down under 390<sup>th</sup>s fire.”

## **FINAL EPISODE NEXT MONTH**

**From records kept by Staff Sergeant Robert Mygatt, a mid-upper gunner in a B17F Flying Fortress, flying daylight bombing missions from Parham deep into Germany between 1943 and 1945.**

**If you have missed the previous chapters and want to know what went before, please contact me and I will send them on to you. Ed**



## Don't let flight ticket fraudsters take off with your cash

Action Fraud warns holiday makers to avoid new tactics of fraudulent flight ticket sellers. Key points:

- The reporting centre has received 110 reports with total losses of £98,043.
- Check with ABTA and ATOL to make sure any ticket sales website is legitimately authorised.

The reporting centre has collated intelligence that fraudsters are attempting to entice victims who are looking for cheap flights abroad.

### **New tactics - how does it happen?**

Victims are being cold called by fraudsters purporting to be travel companies. However fraudsters in these cases are using new tactics to gain the victim's trust. Intelligence suggests they appear to know that the victim has recently been searching online to book flights. It is suspected that this is because the victim has provided their contact details when making a search for flights on a bogus website which records their personal details. Once contacted, the victim wrongly believes the call to be genuine and a deliberately low quote for the desired flights tempts many victims into making payment.

After having made a payment for flights as a result of the call, victims have reported receiving a confirmation email, but further enquiries with the airline have revealed their booking does not exist. When victims have attempted to re-contact the suspect they have found that all contact has been severed.

### **Protect yourself**

Action Fraud is urging people to be wary of unsolicited calls, emails and texts offering questionably good deals on flights. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you're purchasing tickets from a company you don't know and trust, carry out some research first, such as searching the company's name on the ABTA and ATOL databases. You can also ask friends or family for advice before you make a purchase.

Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer as it offers you little protection if you become a victim of fraud. Instead, use a credit card or payment services such as PayPal.

Never reveal any personal or financial details as a result of an unsolicited call, email or text. Even if someone knows your basic details (such as your name and contact details), it doesn't mean they are genuine.

**Mark Tanzer, ABTA Chief Executive, said:** "Travellers are at risk from increasingly sophisticated attempts to sell them fraudulent flight tickets. For those unlucky enough to fall victim to this malicious activity, it causes real financial and emotional distress, while also shattering their plans for a holiday or a visit to see family and friends.

To protect yourself from fake flight tickets, research the company you are booking with and if booking online, thoroughly check the web address to make sure it is legitimate."

For further advice visit [abta.com](http://abta.com) and if you think you've bought a fraudulent ticket report it to Action Fraud.. Telephone: 0300 123 2040

*John Owen*



## Easton Belles WI



This month we meet on Tuesday 26th March in Easton Village Hall at 7.30 pm to hear from our speaker Andy Malcolm all about The Fishermen's Mission and their vital role in caring for their members who have risked their lives in keeping the nation supplied.

We will continue to take subscriptions for this year. New members are always very welcome with no charge for their first visit. So why not come along either on your own or bring a friend "kicking and screaming" to see for yourself what a friendly and fun group we are!

Enquiries to: Sylvia Mothersole - 747458

# Village People

## Peter Wylie



**How long have you lived in Easton?**

Twenty-seven years.

**Why did you move here?**

We were offered a council house here, and with the local school being so good it was an easy decision.

**What's your favourite thing about living here?**

The countryside around us and of course the pub and all that goes with that!!

**What's your *least* favourite thing about living here?**

I have thought about this and I really can't think of anything.

**What's the most interesting job you've ever had and why?**

Working for the Americans on the old base at 81st Supply. Delivering everything from a screw to a 60ft helicopter blade, and meeting people from all over the world.

**Have you ever lived in another country and if so, where and why?**

Yes, Libya. My father was a telecoms engineer. All was good until the military takeover in 1969 when Colonel Gaddafi took control.

**If you could pass any law, what would it be?**

Everyone to ride a moped/motorbike for a year. That way people would be far more aware of them.

**Your greatest strength is ...**

Optimism. My glass is always half full.

**Your greatest weakness is ...**

My motorbike. If I could afford it I would have a garage full of them.

**Your favourite TV programme is ...**

Any murder/mystery, or motor racing.

**Your favourite book ever ...**

“All Quiet on the Western Front”. I read it at school and then saw the 1920’s film and it left a lasting impression.

**Your favourite place in the UK (other than Easton) is ...**

Dartmouth in Devon. Just beautiful.

**The best day of your life ...**

So many good days, and hopefully more to come.

## **May Fair Saturday 4th May**

**We have a lovely procession every year from the Farm Park for the May Queen and her attendants. If you are new to the village and have children who might like to be involved, please contact Kathy Carter on 07715 899619.**

**E: [kathy.carter@glemham.com](mailto:kathy.carter@glemham.com) She’d be delighted to hear from you.**

**Emma Gibbon and Nancy Pearson**



## Village View in March

Quiz Night  
Saturday 9th March  
7 for 7.30 pm  
Village Hall  
(See page 7 for info)

Mobile Library  
Wednesday 13th March  
12.25—12.45 pm  
Easton Farm Park

Sunday Café  
17th March  
10—11.30 am  
Village Hall

Easton Belles WI  
Tuesday 26th March  
7.30 pm  
Village Hall

Easton Pre-School  
The Hamilton Room at  
Easton Farm Park  
Mon 8am-4pm  
Tues Closed  
Weds 8am-4pm  
Thurs 8am-4pm  
Fri 8am-4pm  
Call 746935 for info.

Strength and Balance Class  
Mondays  
2—3 pm  
Village Hall

Yoga Flow with Kat Hesse  
Tuesdays  
9.30—10.45 am  
Village Hall

Pilates  
Every Wednesday  
9.15 am (advanced)  
10.15 am (mixed ability)  
Village Hall

Table Tennis  
Every Wednesday  
6.30 pm Village Hall  
£5 per session

Rabble Chorus Community Choir  
Thursday evenings  
8—9.30 pm  
Village Hall  
First session free!



## **Contact details of Councillors that serve Easton**

### **Parish Councillors:**

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(Also Highways Officer)

#### **Vice Chair :**

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(Also Pathways Officer)

Fiona Siddall

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(Joint Play Area Officer)

Bob Gibbon

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(Joint Play Area Officer)

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Two vacancies on PC.

#### **Clerk :**

Vacant

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**A copy of the latest draft minutes  
of the Parish Council can be read  
on the PC noticeboard in the  
village car park.**

## **Do you have something to put in the magazine?**

Contributions to the next Parish Magazine should arrive by the 20th of the month before, either by email or by handwritten piece, please.

My email address is :-

**clareeowen@tiscali.co.uk**

or handwritten pieces to me at 5 Harriers Walk,

## **Village Hall Bookings**

**Contact Lorna Edwards**

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Telephone: 747970

## **WEBSITE ADDRESS FOR VILLAGE HALL**

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... and search Easton

## **EASTON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The Parish Council Website is where you will find all Parish Council documents and information. The address is:

**<http://easton.suffolk.cloud/>**

## **For more information on your local villages, visit the parish websites:-**

[www.easton.onesuffolk.net](http://www.easton.onesuffolk.net)

[www.brandeston.net](http://www.brandeston.net)

[www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.kettleburgh.suffolk.gov.uk)

[www.campseashe.onesuffolk.net](http://www.campseashe.onesuffolk.net)

[www.marlesford.com](http://www.marlesford.com)

[www.parham.onesuffolk.net](http://www.parham.onesuffolk.net)

# The Wisdom of Children

Three children were conducting a makeshift funeral for their newly departed pet hamster. After a rousing rendition of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', the oldest child, acting as the vicar, intoned,

'In the name of the Father, and of the Son and in the hole he goes.'



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