



# ELEVEN SAYS

THE NEWSPAPER OF THE BRAMERTON GROUP OF CHURCHES COVERING 11 PARISHES

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## The best kept secret....?

According to 'Bono' the lead singer/songwriter of my favourite rock band, U2, 'a secret is something you tell one other person' (from the song 'The Fly', 1991). As I reflected on that claim, I began to see that there is some truth within it. How often have you heard people say to you (or you have said to them!) "don't tell anybody, but.....".

As we approach Advent and the time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ, I wonder if the message of Christmas is becoming a secret? As usual, as we began the month of November, Christmas descends upon the world with all the usual advertisements on the television encouraging us to buy things we cannot afford for people who do not need them. Apart from the supermarket adverts which have become mini-series in themselves as they go on longer than most programmes, the winner of the most cringeworthy advert must be 'Currys PC World' who refer to their 'Crimbo Deals'. Aaaaaaahhh!!

As the decorations go up and the lights are turned on, I wonder what is actually being celebrated in the minds of many? The true meaning of Christmas seems to be increasingly a secret as the sacred and the secular move further apart. But perhaps this is all part of God's plan and we can find this in His actions in history and in the way He has chosen to reveal himself to the world.

In the Book of Genesis, the promise to Abraham that he will be the father of many nations was made to him alone and was something he had to take responsibility for (Gen. 17); many centuries later this promise was interpreted by the Apostle Paul as being fulfilled in the person of Christ (Galatians 3:16). Paul himself, following his Damascus Road experience, was first given an understanding of Christ by one person, Ananias, before embarking on his new path in the company of the disciples in Damascus (Acts 9). The story of the prophets of the Old Testament is one of a single person being spoken to in visions or dreams and then being driven to share what has been revealed.

In the nativity accounts in the gospels of Matthew and Luke, the angel visits Mary and Joseph individually with the message of the incarnation and the need to trust in God; only one small group of shepherds are visited on the hillside and called to visit the newborn child; and with the Magi, we have another small group who alone seem able to interpret the mystery of the events unfolding before them, which fires them into action.

So perhaps the story of Christ, which began with the Word 'in the beginning' and continues to this day, has always been a secret to be shared with one other person? A secret to be passed on in love and in the trust that God will work through that sharing.

So who is the person you will tell the secret of Christmas to this year?

With every blessing to you and your loved ones.

Fr Chris.



## Christmas Services in the Bramerton Group



### Carol Services

#### December 15th

Bramerton	15.00
Carleton St Peter	11.00
Claxton	15.30
(Includes carols, stories, poetry, mulled wine and mince pies).	
Framingham Pigot	18.00 with Framingham Earl Singers
Hellington	17.30
Rockland St Mary	15.30
Thurton	16.00

#### December 22nd

Ashby St Mary	18.00
Bergh Apton	18.00
Kirby Bedon	18.00
Surlingham	16.00
Yelverton	10.00

### Christingle Services

#### December 22nd

Carleton St Peter	14.00
All are welcome. Please bring the children!	

#### December 24th

Thurton	16.00
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### Crib Service

December 24th	Bergh Apton	16.00
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### Nativity Service

December 24th	Rockland St Mary	18.00
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### First Eucharist of Christmas

December 24th	Ashby St Mary	20.00
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### Midnight Mass

December 24th	Rockland St Mary	23.30
December 24th	Yelverton	23.30

### Christmas Day

Claxton FS	11.00
Framingham Pigot HC	11.00
Kirby Bedon MP	11.00
Surlingham HC	11.00
Thurton HC	09.30
Yelverton PT	09.30

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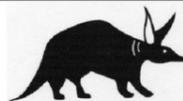
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## Bishop of Norwich enthroned

On Saturday 9 November in a cathedral packed with 1,800 people, the RtRevd Graham Usher was enthroned as the seventy-second Bishop of Norwich in a service rich with symbolism.

Entering into a history that stretches back another four centuries beyond the foundation of this Diocese of Norwich, Bishop Graham was welcomed, placed into the Bishop's seat and anointed for ministry. He was brought to the Cathedral by horse and a 19th century carriage, organised by the Royal Norfolk Agricultural Association and Harvey's Shires. This symbolised the significant part that agriculture and rural life play in the life of the County and Diocese.



As the first hymn ended, the Bishop struck the Great West Door three times with his pastoral staff. As the doors opened, the organist played a composition by Sefton Cottom (1928-2011) written especially for Bishop Graham and Rachel's wedding, twenty-three years ago to the day.

The Bishop was welcomed at the Great West Door, where he affirmed his legal duties within the church, the nation and this Diocese. He then began his pilgrimage through the Cathedral. Stopping first at the Font where the Christian's journey begins, he affirmed his Christian faith. From there he moved to the Nave Sanctuary where he preached his first sermon as Bishop of Norwich in the Cathedral.

"Vision and gladness and hope are what this ancient place of prayer and all 650 churches in our Diocese stand for; treasure troves of their communities' memory and imagination, marking the making and breaking points of human existence. Fountains of living water stirring new life. Holy ground hallowing vows of marriage. Resting places where the mournful are held in God's gentle hands. Palaces of prayer and hospitals of healing, libraries of learning and cafes of chatter. Crucibles where salt is made, light is generated, and the prayer of silence meets the silence of prayer - all more than we can ever dare imagine. I pray that finding such life in all its abundance in Jesus Christ will be what is 'normal for Norfolk'. Seeking to tell others how Christ has surprised and heartened us on the way will be 'normal for Norfolk'. As it will be to hear him saying 'This is my body, broken for you,' every time bread is shared; 'This is my blood, shed for you' every time we raise a glass; 'normal for Norfolk' that every dining table, every kitchen table serves as Christ's altar."



After his sermon, he moved eastwards again to be anointed for this new ministry and clothed with the vestments used by the Bishop in the Cathedral. In a long-standing tradition, The Archdeacon of Canterbury, The Ven Jo Kelly-Moore, on behalf of the Archbishop, placed the Bishop in the Bishop's throne and asked God's blessing upon him.

Bishop Graham was then placed into his stall in the Choir of the Cathedral, surrounded by the Cathedral Chapter and the College of Canons who prayed for him as he begins his ministry.

Following this, Bishop Graham greeted other Christian leaders and leaders and members of other faiths together with civic leaders.

Returning to the High Altar, he was joined by children with lighted candles representing schools across the Diocese who commissioned him and accompanied him on his journey through the Cathedral.

## Service to welcome new Priest In Charge to the Bramerton Group



Our Benefice and Group of Churches look forward to the New Year when we welcome The Revd Canon Nick Garrard as Priest in Charge of the Bramerton Group (Rockland Benefice) and Bishops Officer for Christian Spirituality through the Creative Arts.

Helen (Nick's wife) will also be licensed to the Benefice at the service when Nick is instituted.

The main focus for Helen's ministry will continue to be as Lead Chaplain to Priscilla Bacon Centre and Norwich Community Hospitals.

The service will be held on **Wednesday January 22nd at 7pm** at Surlingham Church, and will be led by Bishop Alan. Everyone from the Group is very welcome to attend.

Advice is to share lifts wherever possible as parking is limited. Offers of help with refreshments will be gratefully received. Please contact churchwarden Pippa Thurlow, [pippa.thurlow@btinternet.com](mailto:pippa.thurlow@btinternet.com)

## Parish Gift Days

On behalf of the PCCs of the parishes of Ashby St Mary, Bergh Apton, Thurton and Yelverton, may I say a very big **Thank You** to everyone who donated to the various Gift Days held during the Harvest season. It is impossible to thank everyone personally, especially as many of the gifts were anonymous, so please accept my heart felt gratitude by way of this 'catch all' message. It is never too late and if you meant to give and forgot I would be delighted to receive further gifts at any time!

Fr Chris.

Gentlemen, you are cordially invited to a

## Mid-Day Mardle

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**Our Christmas Gathering on Wednesday 4th December**

### 'Specials'

Sonia has prepared a special menu for us, to say thank you for all our support throughout the year.

- Game Pie or Vegetarian Nut Roast with new potatoes and vegetables £9.95
- Christmas Baguette with chips: turkey or vegetarian option, stuffing and cranberry sauce £5.95
- Christmas Pudding with brandy sauce £4.45



**Ashby & Thurton WI**  
First Thursday each month at 7.30pm  
**Alpington, BA & Yelverton TWIG**  
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**Rockland St Mary WI**  
Second Tuesday each month at 7.30pm  
**Surlingham WI**  
First Thursday each month at 7.30pm

### Alpington, Bergh Apton & Yelverton TWIG

**4th December - Salvation Army Singers** - We will be joined by the Salvation Norwich Citadel Songsters and all are very welcome to join us. It's a great way to kick-start the Christmas season!

This will also be the last time they will be able to sing for us so please help us make it a good send off! It's always a wonderful evening so do please come and help support it!

### 8th January 2020 - AGM

**Please note** change of week as the first Wednesday falls on New year's Day!

**5th February** - from Bed and Breakfast to Bed and Bondage with speaker Susan Dawson.

Meetings are held at 7.30 pm in Alpington village hall and all are welcome to come along and join us.

### Loddon Flower Club

We meet on the 1st Tuesday in the month at St John's Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon, Norwich, NR14 6NB, 6-30pm for a 7pm start. Visitors £6, everyone welcome.



**3rd December - Christmas Dreams** - David Wright.

**Please note:** this is an Open meeting and will be held at Hobart High School, Kitten's Lane, Loddon, NR14 6JU. Visitors £12, members £6. Doors open 6.15 pm for 7 pm start. Tombola, stalls, pick a present and raffle. Light buffet and refreshments available.

**4th February - Food for Thought** - Christine Hewson.

**Please note:** this meeting is at St John's Lecture Hall, George Lane, Loddon, NR14 6NB. 6.30pm for 7pm start. Visitors £6.

Please contact our Chairman, Tricia Godfrey, on 01508 480522 or email tricia646@aol.com for further details. We are also available to arrange flowers for special occasions.

### Poringland Community Cinema Poringland Community Centre

**Friday 13th December - Yesterday (12) Comedy/Fantasy/Music**  
Stars: Himesh Patel, Lily James, Sophia Di Martino

**Friday 10th January - Judy (12A). Biopic/Drama**  
Stars: Rene Zellweger, Jessie Buckley, Rufus Sewell, Michael Gambon

**Friday 14th February - Downton Abbey (PG). Drama**  
Stars: Hugh Bonneville, Elizabeth McGovern, Maggie Smith

**Friday 13th March (12A) -Knives Out. (12A). Whodunnit/Drama**  
Stars: Daniel Craig, Chris Evans, Anna de Armas

**Friday 17th April - The Good Liar (15). Drama**  
Stars: Helen Mirren, Russell Tovey, Ian McKellen

Tickets £5 (includes tea or coffee) from Poringland Budgens, the Library or on the door. Doors open at 6.45 pm, film starts 7.30 pm.

### Buena Vista Social Club Poringland Community Centre

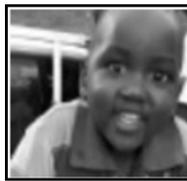
**Friday 6th December - Christmas Celebration and Film Night.**  
Members FREE. One night membership £10. Doors open 7 pm.

**Friday Film Nights:** 3rd January, 7th February, 3rd April

**Friday 6th March - Quiz and Supper Night.**  
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## Sanyu Babies Home



This Christmas, please support rescued babies from Kampala, Uganda at Sanyu Babies Home



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**Do add SANYU to your Christmas list, please.**

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Advance ticket reservations 01508 520210

Concert proceeds will go towards refurbishment of the Church

### Candlelit Christmas Carol Service

**6.30pm Thursday 12th December  
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## From the Registers

### CHRISTENINGS

23/06/19	Phillipa CANTRILL	Claxton
23/06/19	William CANTRILL	Claxton
05/10/19	Darcie FARNES	Framingham Pigot
05/10/19	Erin SMITH	Bergh Apton
19/10/19	Jude DIXON	Bergh Apton
20/10/19	Leo BROWN	Framingham Pigot
02/11/19	Amy Eleanor MARTIN	Rockland St Mary

### MARRIAGES

### FUNERALS, BURIALS, CREMATATIONS, INTERMENT OF ASHES

12/09/19	Michael LUCK (76) (Interment of Ashes)	Yelverton
27/09/19	Simon FARROW (63)	Framingham Pigot
01/10/19	Ivan Robert RIX (86)	Surlingham
02/10/19	Carol KEYWOOD (78)	Bergh Apton
04/10/19	Connie HILBERY (93)	Framingham Pigot
10/10/19	Connie DUCKER (93)	Bergh Apton
15/10/19	Pat WILSON (79)	Yelverton
18/10/19	Paul Bernard WRIGHT (87)	Carleton St Peter
24/10/19	Poppy ANNIS (82)	Bergh Apton
25/10/19	Peter JOLLIFFE (84)	Ashby St Mary
01/11/19	Peter SAUNDERS (78)	Yelverton
06/11/19	Peter Arthur HISCOCKS (75)	Surlingham

## BYRUS update

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed, in partnership with Norwich Youth for Christ, a new Youth Worker to work across the Bramerton Group of parishes. His name is **Gary Watson** and he comes with many years of experience in youth work in Norfolk and Suffolk. His brief is to continue the successful Youth Clubs held in Thurton Village Hall on Friday evenings (Explorers for Primary School age and HALO for High School age), but a new dimension is to develop close relationships with all four of the Primary Schools in our Group as well as maintaining the weekly visits to Framingham Earl High School. I hope we will be able to arrange for him to attend a Group Service early in the New Year to enable everyone to meet him and hear something about his plans for his new role. I am sure you will make him welcome!

**Funding:** we are very grateful to those who support our work, including some of our parish councils and PCCs as well as private individuals, but funding our youth work continues to be a serious challenge and we are in need of more support to enable the work to continue beyond the 2019/20 academic year. I have recently written to all eleven parish councils in the Group area seeking support from them. BYRUS is believed to be the longest continually running, independent youth work in the Norwich Diocese as we approach our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 2020. It would be a tragedy if we were unable to continue into our third decade. Please encourage your parish councillors, church PCCs and each other to support BYRUS in its mission to support our young people.

Fr Chris.

## Claxton Christenings



Twins William and Phillipa CANTRILL were Christened at Claxton Church on 23rd June 2019.

## Wednesday Fellowship

Wednesday Fellowship is a meeting for ladies and men at Alington and Yelverton Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday of the month. It is open to anyone in the Bramerton Group (or beyond!).

A variety of interesting speakers, fellowship, tea and cake. Transport can be arranged within the Bramerton Group.

For more information contact Jo Threadgold 492657 or Pat Barter 493570.

**11th December** - "Images of Nature through the Seasons" with David Boulton.

**8th January** - Working in the Family Centre of Norwich Prison with Melanie Ellis

**12th February** - Travels with Paul Binney

## Community Café

Community Café meets in St Mary's Church, Yelverton on the first Tuesday of the Month from 14:30-16:30. All are welcome. Homemade cakes and scones on offer.

All monetary donations are given to charity.

The November Café raised £62 for Combat Stress. We apologise to Lorie, but the 12 Days of Christmas Flower Festival is raising funds for The Matthew Project, The Nook and the Church

### December 3rd

We will ask people to donate TOYS AND TINS for the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal, in exchange for cake and drink, following the great response from last year, can we collect even more tins and toys this year?

### January 7th

Community Café, Sanyu Babies Home

### February 4th

Community Café, Bramerton Group Youth Group (BYRUS)

## Bramerton Group

### Ecumenical Service of Christian Unity

Sunday 12th January at 11.00 am, Sts Peter & Paul, Bergh Apton, NR15 1BX

Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in Bergh Apton Village Hall at 12.30



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In the  
Body of  
Christ

## Lent Course 2020

The pattern of the evening will be to start the supper at 7 pm this year and discussion at 7.45 pm.  
The theme is Characters from the Passion

Date	Venue	Speaker	Topic
Thursday 27th February	Claxton & Carleton village hall	Dr Mary Fewster -	Mary Magdalene
Thursday 12th March	Claxton & Carleton village hall	Revd Canon Dr Peter Doll	The Virgin Mary
Thursday 19th March	Ashby & Thurton village hall	Revd Dr Andrew Sangster	Pontius Pilate
Thursday 26th March	Ashby & Thurton village hall	Revd Canon Nick Garrard	The Passion in Art

# South Yare Wildlife Group

The SYWG committee has been hard at work planning an exciting and educational programme of events for 2020.

We have invited some key speakers for indoor talks, beginning the year in January with **Nick Acheson**, a naturalist who has worked abroad and, more recently, for the Norfolk Wildlife Trust and the Hawk & Owl Trust.

**Jim Bradley**, local wildlife enthusiast, will give a talk at our AGM in April about the wildlife on our doorstep in the Yare valley.

At the other end of the year, **Tom Williamson's** talk entitled 'How natural is natural?' is in December. Tom is a professor and lecturer at UEA, and is a renowned landscape historian and landscape archaeologist. This promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking talk.

As well as the indoor talks we will have our ever-popular Dawn Chorus walk in May followed by a well-deserved full breakfast; a summer walk around local footpaths; and a winter walk in December. The walks vary in length and are an opportunity to socialise with like-minded folk whilst enjoying our local environment at different times of the year.

## How are your birdwatching skills?

Reg Land, naturalist and SYWG committee member will hold two 'introduction to birdwatching' workshops in Spring and Autumn designed to introduce and improve skills out in the field.

There are more events still in the pipeline, so do keep your eye on the website for more information and full details.



[www.southyarewildlifegroup.org](http://www.southyarewildlifegroup.org)  

## Christmas

Come let us wonder at this child  
Whose little life so weak and mild  
Bears all God's will for man made good  
And with us shares in flesh and blood.

From Bethlehem see heaven's light  
Lead through the music of this night  
Where shepherds and wise men draw near  
And all creation's hope find here.

Look to the sign the angel told:  
With eyes of faith, hope's gift behold.  
In this poor manger, gracious guest,  
God's love for man seeks human breast.

To our hearts welcome, Jesus Lord,  
Whose new life gives us life restored.  
At this your coming to the earth  
We greet in you our own rebirth.

For healing peace is come to men:  
As we in God are born again  
The poorest stable of each soul  
Is graced by him who makes all whole.

What gift so worthy can we bring  
To him whose gift is everything,  
When blessed Mary's loving care  
For all mankind speaks perfect prayer?

So with her treasure up these things:  
The promise that the angel brings;  
The shepherds told 'Be not afraid';  
Messiah in a manger laid.

And with her magnify that name  
Whose gospel angels still proclaim:  
Emmanuel, a saviour given,  
God's peace on earth, goodwill from heaven.

c.s.



## WEA Loddon Branch - Spring Talks 2020

Looking ahead to next Spring, there are plans for ten talks by Mary Fewster on 'Defence of the Realm'. These talks will focus on East Anglia, concentrating on the period from the Middle Ages to the early years of the 20th century. The aim is to show what evidence of warfare and defence there is, both 'on the ground' and in documents. Also to be explored is the impact of military activities on civic and town life and on family relationships.

The talks, each lasting 1½ hours, will be given on Mondays in the Clubroom of the Jubilee Hall (NR14 6NB), Loddon, starting on **January 13th at 2 pm**. There will be a half-term break on February 17th; the final talk will thus be on March 23rd.

The fee for the ten talks will be £58. Enrolment for the course has to be completed at least two weeks before the starting date. The simplest way to enrol is to phone 0300 303 34 64 and choose option 1 from the 'menu'. You will then speak to a person, who will ask for the course title (Defence of the Realm) and reference number (C2226747). Payment may be made at the same time, but you may ask to pay by cheque to the Branch Treasurer at first meeting if you prefer.

It is also possible to enrol on line, starting with [www.wea.org.uk](http://www.wea.org.uk). You will need the same course details as are given in the previous paragraph but you will be asked to pay on line when you have reached the end of the process.

There is ample parking space at the Jubilee Hall. Everybody is welcome. No previous knowledge is required; there are no exams to take. For any further information, please phone (01508) 521036 or 558453.

## Poringland and District W.E.A - Adult Learning Within Reach - Spring Term 2020

Change of course to "Royal Portraits", a talk given by Michael Nash. Explore the image and the purpose of the royal portrait and examine the dynamics between the sitter, the painter and the viewer over seven centuries.

Starting **Thursday 9th January 2020 at 10.30 am** in Poringland Community Centre, Overton's Way, Poringland, NR14 7WB, the course comprises 10 sessions of one and a half hours each, plus a short break for tea/coffee and biscuits. The cost is £57.75 for the course, FREE to those on certain means tested benefits. No tests or exams!

Come along to the first session and see if you like it! You can enrol online at [wea.org.uk](http://wea.org.uk) or by phoning 0300 303 3464. Do join us!

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# Village News

## Alpington & Yelverton



'On the first day of Christmas my true love said to me - Let's go to...'

### The Twelve Days of Christmas



A Flower Festival full of colour and joy

at St. Mary's, Yelverton

from 25<sup>th</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January

11.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Admission free Refreshments

In aid of St. Mary's Church, The nook Appeal, The Matthew Project

Alpington & Yelverton village hall

### Twelfth Night Hoe Down

Saturday 4th January 2020

Join us for a fun evening with callers Jan and Richard

Bar, hot food and nibbles.

Tickets £10, available from Michelle Barber, 01508 492612 or Chris Hunter 01508 495179

## Ashby St Mary & Thurton

We would like to purchase more comfortable chairs for the hall so we are launching "sponsor a chair". Sponsorship would cost £15 per chair or £20 if an individual wishes to have a personal acknowledgement/memorial placed on the back of a chair. If anyone is interested please contact me Carol Powell 0150848089

**Treasurer Required.** A treasurer is required for Ashby and Thurton Village Hall Committee. Meetings are held once every other month at the hall in Thurton. There will be a hand over from previous treasurer. If you are interested please contact: Carol Powell 480089

**Short Mat Bowls.** A reminder of our short mat bowls sessions in the village hall; beginners welcome, every Wednesday between 2 pm and 4 pm for friendly games and a cup of tea with a biscuit or two.

**Our Next Fund Raiser - Celebrating Burns Night.** Dust off your tartan once again and come along to raise a glass in celebration of national bard, Robert Burns. Last years celebration was a great success so make sure you get your tickets early! This will be on **Saturday 25th January 2020** at the village hall, 7 for 7:30 pm with a menu of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties (vegetarian option available) followed by Chranachan Posset served with a Shortbread Biscuit (v) and not forgetting a shot of whiskey or port.

Tickets are £15 pp. Please contact Carol Powell for tickets.

**New Booking Clerk.** Our new booking clerk is Laura Vaissiere, 01508 480773 or email [ashbythurtonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:ashbythurtonvillagehall@gmail.com). Thank you to Chris Brown our previous booking clerk.

### Thurton Church News

**Harvest** - Thurton school pupils had their usual service in the church and donated a large amount of dry food goods. More goods were donated at the church harvest service resulting in a number of boxes which were gratefully received at the Norwich food bank. Thurton Church, along with the other churches in the Thurton Benefice have regular collections for the food bank to support those in need.

At the Christingle service in Thurton Church on Christmas Eve, there will be the usual collection for the Children's Society who support vulnerable children. Please come early for this popular event.



### Thurton Little Fish

The Thurton Little Fish group will be relaunching officially on December 4th and 18th. If you have little ones under the age of 5, please join us at the Ashby and Thurton Village Hall from 10:30 - 11:30.

Each hour long session will include singing, movement games and "make it-take it" crafts activities based upon the focus Bible story or theme. Parents and carers are invited to stay and participate with their little ones, ending with a time for them to chat with coffee/tea and goodies provided.

This group will be led by Judy Jackson who is an Early Years trained teacher with a passion for planning and organising age appropriate activities for these youngest children. Stay tuned for further dates in 2020.



## Alpington & Yelverton History Society

Alpington & Yelverton Village Hall, Church Road, Alpington NR14 7NU

2020 Programme

Tuesday 14 January - AGM and Mardle - Pastimes  
Bring any photographs or the toys which once entertained you.

Tuesday 10 March - Norwich Castle Gaol with Colin Howey  
Refreshments available. Guests £3

## Ashby St Mary & Thurton

### Harvest Supper 5th October 2019

A Harvest Supper was held at Ashby and Thurton Village hall on Saturday 5th October 2019.



Food was prepared by the Ashby Master Chefs and entertainment was by "High Mileage".

It was a great evening, with good food and excellent entertainment. Many thanks to all who supported the event and of course the Chefs and all who helped.

The event raised £652 towards St Mary's Church Funds.

**Ashby & Thurton Village Hall & Playing Field 100 Club.** Thank you to all who support 100 Club contributions. The winners for October 16 W.I., November 60 J Mace and £120 goes to 48 M Allen. This helps with much needed funds for Our Village Hall. The winning amount each month is £40 with an extra £120 in November.

**Painting of the Village Hall.** Painting of the village hall will continue inside and hopefully finish before Christmas.

**Community Café.** Our community café will be open on the 2nd Monday of each month 2 pm -4 pm. The last one for 2019 is 9th December. Everyone is welcome! There are hot and cold drinks available as well as cakes, other snacks and activities. Anyone waiting to pick up children from school, why don't you pop in while you are waiting for them and/or come long with them after school? We look forward to seeing you.