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THE RECTOR WRITES

THE SAINTS

I am writing this on the morning of All Saints Day, and in a short time I will be going to Bawdeswell Church for a Service at which I have no doubt I will be joined by a few people, even though this is a working day.

But what is the point of having special days, and special services in memory of the dead and gone? Haven't we enough to do to cope with the present? Anyhow, aren't the people we call 'Saints' right out of reach of ordinary people like us?

Well, first of all it is no bad thing to look occasionally at someone other than ourselves; someone dedicated to the service of God and other people; for if we do, and then look at ourselves in comparison, it gives us a chance to question our own priorities, and to see if we have got them right, or if we are putting too much effort into looking after our own interests, and too little in seeking to help others.

Secondly, the Saints are not 'out-of-reach' people, but were and are ordinary sinful people like us, but people who had great love for God and for their neighbours in their hearts, and who tried to serve him in spite of their faults.

The makers of stained glass windows and many of the artists of the past have done great harm in depicting the Saints as tall handsome people, clothed in lovely clean robes, and bedecked with golden halos. Whereas no doubt they looked just like us, people of every size and shape and colour.

Thirdly, the Saints do not just belong to the past, but very much to the present as well: the men and women we call 'Saints' are only the tiny number known to us out of a great number, unknown to us, but known to God, of every age including the present, the men and women and children who forget about themselves and give joyful service to God and their fellows. These are the people I think about and thank God for when I go to Church on All Saints' Day, and I've no doubt that I shall meet one or two of them as I go round the Parish later to-day.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Methodist

- 6th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. The Rev.W.Fielder
- 13th. Bawdeswell 2.30 p.m. Rev.I.Claydon
Foxley: 11.00 a.m. G.Brown
- 20th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. P.Barrett
- 27th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Miss Fisher
Foxley: 6.30 p.m. D.A.W. Talbot.

Roman Catholic

(We warmly welcome this addition to our Services list)

Parish Priest: Fr.Peter Marsh,
Catholic Church House,35, London Rd. Dereham
Tel. Dereham(9)4066

Mass each Sunday:R.A.F.Swanton Morley 8.30 a.m.
Dereham Catholic Church: 10.00 & 6.30 p.m.

Anglican

- 1st.All Saints Day. H.C.Bawdeswell 10 a.m.
- 6th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 Holy Communion.11 a.m. Mattins
- 13th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 Holy Communion
Remembrance Sunday Service 11 a.m.
Foxley: 9.45 Family Service & Remembrance.
- 20th. Bawdeswell. 9.45 Family Service
Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion.11 a.m. Mattins
- 27th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 Holy Communion 11 a.m. Mattins
Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service

FOLLAND COURT

- Monday 14th. Holy Communion 10 a.m.
- 28th. Bible Study 10 a.m.

Parochial Church Council Meetings at the Rectory.
Foxley: Thursday, 3rd.December: Bawdeswell Monday 14th.

HUGH EDWARD PARFITT - aged 77.

We record with sorrow the death in Whitlingham Hospital of Hugh Parfitt, the oldest surviving member of the family. Born and brought up in Foxley, he lived here all his life, apart from service in the Royal Flying Corps in the first war, until the ill health of his wife some three or four years ago compelled them to move to Wymondham, to be with their daughter Anne.

Like all the family, he was a keen sportsman, but perhaps his particular interest was theatricals, and many older people will remember the film club which he ran for many years in the School.

He worked with his brothers in the fruit farm, having a special interest in the glasshouses, and like them he was a life-long Methodist; so it was fitting that his funeral service should have taken place in Foxley Methodist Church. Our sympathy is with his widow, Cora, and his children, Robert and Anne, and of course with Bob and Alec his two younger brothers. But he had been ailing for some time, and his passing was peaceful. May he rest in peace.

MIRIAM CORA ELSDEN - aged 75.

We also record the death of another former parishioner, Cora Elsdon, who in fact left Bawdeswell some 14 or 15 years ago to live with her unmarried daughter in Hellesdan. Born a member of the Gaff family, of Church Farm House, she married William Frederick Elsdon of what was then called The Old Toll House, where they had a smallholding: he was much older than she, and died in 1940.

The funeral service took place in Bawdeswell Methodist Church on 24th. October, and she was laid to rest in the Bawdeswell Cemetery.

Our sympathy to her two daughters.

By a strange coincidence, her daughter worked for a number of years for the Parfitts in Foxley, partly in the glasshouses, and partly doing secretarial work.

May she rest in peace.

BAWDESWELL SCHOOL

As many will already know, Mr. Frank Stebbings, headmaster of Bawdeswell School for the past 30 years, is retiring at the end of this term.

The Managers are organising a presentation to Mr. Stebbings in appreciation of his long and faithful service. It is felt that there must be many former pupils and friends of Bawdeswell School who would like to be associated with this presentation, which will take place in the School immediately after the Carol Service, which begins at 2 p.m. on Monday, December 19th.

We would be grateful if those who would like to give a donation would use the envelope provided, and would very kindly leave it at any one of the following:

- Bawdeswell Post Office
- Foxley Post Office
- Whycrow's Stores, Bawdeswell.

We hope that all contributions will be in by November 30th.

The amount contributed will be published in the Reeve's Tale in the January issue.

Charles Steward:
Chairman of the Managers.

CONTINUING CARE UNIT

Many people will know that funds are now being raised for the building of a Continuing Care Unit on the site of the old Jenny Lind Hospital in Norwich. This unit, which gives very positive and loving care to patients with terminal cancer, will be run very much along the lines of the St.Christopher's Hospice, which has revolutionised the whole attitude towards the dying with its immensely positive approach; but, though it will receive grants and support from the Health Service, a large part of the money needed will have to come from voluntary giving.

The Winters family of Foxley decided to do something about it, and earlier on in the year organised a Sponsored Walk to try to raise something for it: as a result of their efforts, the splendid sum of £80 was raised, and they have asked us to thank all who walked in this good cause, and all those who sponsored them. They ask us to say that the reason why this note is delayed is that it took quite a time to get all the money in.

We would like ourselves to add our congratulations to Mr.& Mrs.Winters, Hailey and Dean as well.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Following a very succesful meeting on 19th,October, the Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes formally opened this new Branch.

Meetings will take place on the 2nd.Monday of each Month, alternately in Bawdeswell and Foxley Village Halls, and the November one will be on Monday, 14th.November in Bawdeswell Village Hall, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

At this Meeting election of Committee and Officers will take place; and new members will be very welcome indeed to come along. Nominations can be taken at the Meeting, before the elections take place.

Do come along, and help us to get off to a good start.

BAWDESWELL PLAY GROUP

Just a reminder that there will be a Bazaar in the Village Hall, Bawdeswell, on Saturday, 5th. November, starting at 2 p.m.

There will be the usual Stalls and side-shows, and there will be a FANCY DRESS PARADE, with prizes for the best Guys.

The purpose of the Bazaar, as well as for having fun, will be to raise money for the purchase of a climbing frame, badly needed by the Group.

Any offers of help. or contributions for the stalls, will be gratefully received by Sandi Taylor, of Paradise Lane House.

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BAWDESWELL FOOTBALL CLUB

The Club is running a Mixed Pairs Darts Competition for the Keil Trophy.

This will take place in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Saturday, 19th. November, meeting at 7.45 - 8.00 p.m. Tickets are £1.00 per pair, and there will be a Draw. Tickets are obtainable from Mr. or Mrs. John Eglen, the Police House, Bawdeswell.

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GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH

We are most grateful to an anonymous Donor - or Donors to be exact - for the gift of two beautiful Prayer Desks for Bawdeswell Church, given as a thankoffering for many years of happily married life. These were badly needed, and are welcome indeed.

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ADVANCE NOTICE

The 'Over 60' Club is holding a CHRISTMAS FAIR on Saturday, 3rd. December, in Bawdeswell Village Hall, starting at 2 p.m. More in the next issue of the Reeve's Tale.

FOXLEY VILLAGE HALL NOTES

The Dances on 7th. and 22nd. October raised £69.34 and £97.23 respectively, which were excellent totals, and we congratulate those who made this possible.

The forthcoming ones will be:

Friday, 4th. November: CAJUN COUNTRY

Friday, 25th. November: Blue Ridge County.

PUNCH & PIE

For a bit of a change, there will be a Punch & Pie Evening on TUESDAY, 8th. November, and any offers from pie-makers will be very welcome. We are told that it doesn't matter what kind of pie it is, so long as its edible. Tickets £1.00 are available at Foxley Post Office.

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SILVER JUBILEE

Derek and Judy Webster tell us that they are hoping that the new pub, appropriately to be named 'The Silver Jubilee', will be opened with a bit of luck about the middle of December. It will be a 'Free' house - unfortunately this not meaning free beer, but not under a brewery.

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GUY FAWKES

Have fun on Bonfire Night, but remember not to scare your pets, or very small children. And remember that fireworks, which are great fun when under proper control, are lethal weapons and can maim or possibly kill if not.

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WE ARE GLAD that Glynnis Wright's broken arm is setting nicely, and that she will soon be back to normal again. No doubt the next time she rides she will see that the girth is tighter!

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