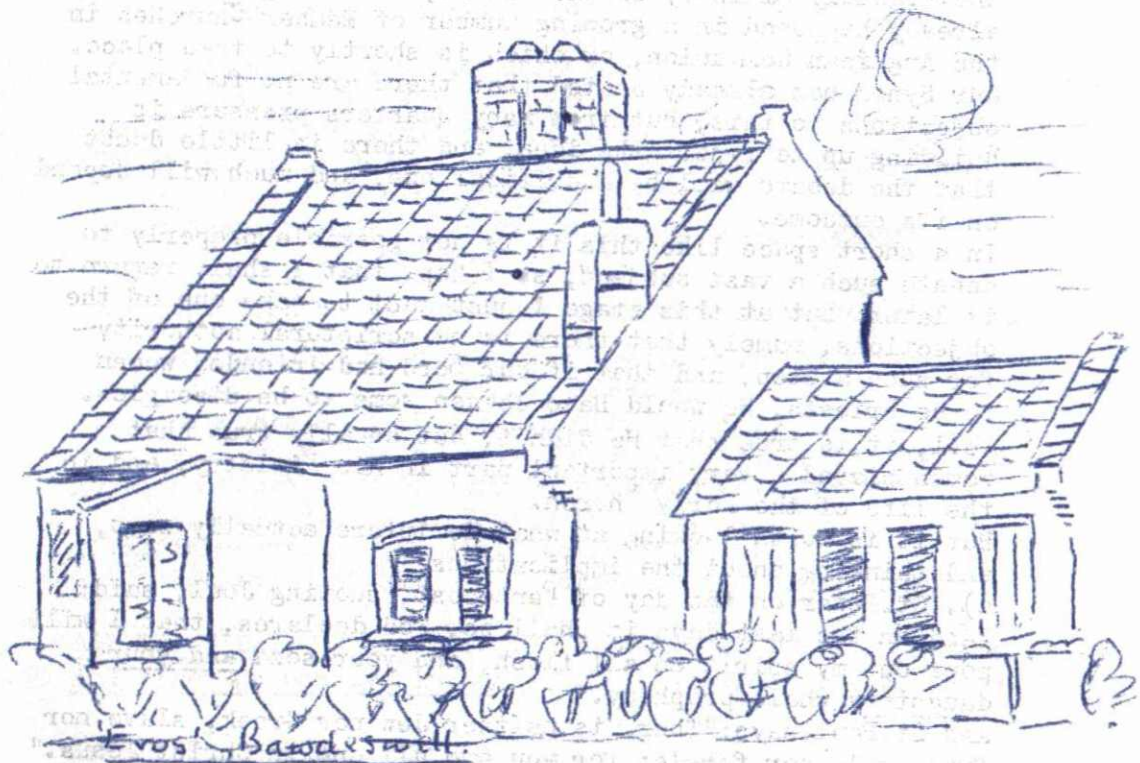


THE REEVES'S TALE



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THE RECTOR WRITES

Why not Women Priests ?

In November of this year the General Synod of the Church of England will be debating whether or not to admit women into the Priestly Ministry of the Church, something which has already happened in a growing number of Member Churches in the Anglican Communion, or which is shortly to take place. Our Synod has already stated that there are no fundamental objections to this, but from many quarters pressure is building up to reject the idea, and there is little doubt that the debate will be a critical one, and much will depend on its outcome.

In a short space like this it is not possible properly to debate such a vast subject, so I hope that I shall return to it later; but at this stage I just want to take one of the objections, namely that there is no scriptural authority for such a step, and that if our Lord had intended women to be Priests, He would have chosen some to be disciples. Well, it is true that He didn't, but equally true that women played a very important part in His Ministry, and in the life of the early church.

But it is worth looking at what Scripture actually says, and thinking about the implications:
a). St. Peter on the day of Pentecost, quoting Joel, said: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."

And St. Paul says: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus." And indeed we read in Genesis 1, v.27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created ^{He} them."

So as far as Scripture is concerned, it seems clear that the sexes were created equal, and that God's promises were given in equal measure to each. However, there's a lot more to be said, and this is only to set you thinking. More later.

Tim Townshend.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Roman Catholic: Fr. Peter Marsh: Catholic Church House,
35, London Road, Dereham. Tel. (9) 4066

Mass each Sunday: R.A.F. Swanton Morley: 8.30 a.m.
Dereham Catholic Church: 10.1m & 6.30 pm.

Methodist Church: Rev. Ivor Claydon: 31, Trinity Street,
Dereham. Tel. (9) 5582.

5th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev. W.G.T. Westgate.

Foxley: 11.00. Rev. I. Claydon. Holy Communion

12th. Foxley: 6.30 p.m. Mr. C. Edgell.

19th. Bawdeswell: 2.30 p.m. Rev. I. Claydon. Holy Communion.

Foxley: 11.00 a.m. Rev. I. Claydon.

26th. Foxley: 11.00 Parish Church. 2.30. Family Service.

Anglican: Canon Tim Townshend: Foxley Rectory. Tel. 397.

5th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 am. Holy Communion. 11 am. Mattins

Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

12th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. other see Methodist.

19th. Bawdeswell: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion. 11 am. Mattins.

Foxley: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

26th. Bawdeswell: 9.45 a.m. Family Service.

Foxley: 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 11 am. Mattins.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Holy Communion Bawdeswell 10 a.m. (8th. Feb.)

All other Wednesdays in Lent: H.C. Bawdeswell 9 a.m. (note time)

Bawdeswell Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday, 6th. February: 7.30 p.m. Rectory. All welcome.

Reeve's Tale Many thanks to all who have given donations.
These can be given to The Shop in Foxley, or direct to the
Rector.

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ALBERT GREGORY - aged 69

We record with sadness the death of Bert Gregory, relative newcomers to Bawdeswell, who were so happy to move into their Council bungalow after their years of relative isolation in Lyng Easthaugh.

Bert was a Cockney born and bred, with all the love of good company which is so much a characteristic of his breed, and it was one of the sorrows of the past six or seven years, following his first serious illness that he was unable to get around as much as he would have liked.

For many years he worked as an electrician in the Deptford Power Station, and during the war he worked as an auxiliary fireman, and also as an ambulance driver.

Our sympathy goes to his widow, who cared for him with such care over so many years.

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THE PLAY GROUP

The Group started up again after the Christmas Holiday, and is going strong, with Mrs. Ronnie Winter as Supervisor, and Coleen Copplestone as her assistant.

Just to let new people know, it meets on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during term-time, and there are a few vacancies for each morning.

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BAWDESWELL & FOXLEY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the January Meeting Mrs. Mingay of Bawdeswell was the first Member to receive a porthday posy, these being given this year by Mrs. Loose, Vice President for Bawdeswell.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at 'The Elms', Foxley, on Tuesday, 7th. February at 7.30 p.m.

The Monthly Meeting will be held this Month in Foxley Village Hall on Monday 13th. February at 7.45 p.m. Will any Members

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wanting lifts to Foxley please be outside Bawdeswell Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

There will be a demonstration of patchwork by Mrs.Scales, and another welcome visit by Mrs.Downton V.C.O.

It is hoped that there will be a good response to the Valentine Card Competition, and that the Bring & Buy Stall will continue to be a source of much needed funds.

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THE BALLET SCHOOD

After the uncertainty and the difficulties which we reported on last Month, the Ballet School got off to a splendid start at last on Thursday, 26th, January, and will now continue, all being well, each Thursday during school terms.

In fact 29 children are now enrolled, which is even better than expected, and the organisers feel that this is about as large a group as can be managed in the two proposed classes: but there will be a waiting list prepared, and parents are very welcome to enter their children on this, so that they can be enrolled as soon as vacancies occur. The School is being run by Mrs.Milne of Norwich, with an assistant, and the teaching is not just confined to Ballet, Gymnastics and Tap also being part of the programme. Both Classes will run simultaneously, and not, as was originally planned, one after the other: they will be from 3.45 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

We are asked to say that Ballet Shoes can be obtained at considerable discount through Mrs.Milne.

Any queries to either:

Helen Cook, Old Hall Farm, Foxley: Tel.Bawdeswell 436
or Sarah Fitzjohn, Church Farm House, Bawdeswell Tel.288.

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ANY BRIGHT IDEAS ?

PLAYING FIELD-

COMMUNITY CENTRE-

SWIMMING POOL-

TENNIS COURTS- ??????????

What sort of things do YOU feel are needed for the Village?

An Independent group of people from Bawdeswell is hoping to find out the answers, and to try to form a Bawdeswell Village Amenities Fund to try to work for the provision of some of the amenities which a growing village so badly needs.

Members of this group hope to visit every house in the village in the course of the next few weeks, their primary purpose being to get your ideas, the more and the more practical the better.

So we hope that you will give them a warm welcome when they come, and that in the meantime you will have given some thought to this matter.

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A Letter from the Matron of Garfield House, Dereham

"On behalf of the children in my care, please thank the members of Bawdeswell & Foxley Churches for the gifts they so generously sent for Christmas. Their thoughtfulness and caring for others' needs is greatly appreciated especially at this time of year. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a happy new year, and thank you once again for your gifts, which certainly helped to provide a little extra happiness.

(Mrs) P.D.Holdsworth: Matron."

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A FURTHER THANKS to those who contributed towards the cost of the Pantomime for the Choir. We went to Dereham, to see Mother Goose, which was a tremendous success.

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LEARNING TO HELP

For the last six years or so we in this Deanery have had a series of special meetings on Wednesday nights during the season of Lent at which we have tried to face up to a variety of subjects which concern us.

This year we have decided to take as our theme some of the great crisis points in people's lives, and to see how best we ourselves can learn to help others when these times come.

The Meetings run for five consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and all take place in Sparham Church, which is central for the Deanery, and which is also warm and welcoming.

The following are the dates and subjects:

- Feb.15th. Learning to help during pregnancy and birth.
- Feb.22nd. Learning to help : schooldays and adolescence.
- March 1st. Learning to help: the early years of marriage.
- March 8th. Learning to help: Middle life and forced retirement.
- March 15th. Learning to help: bereavement.

Three of our speakers this year are laypeople, a Doctor, a Teacher, and an Area Director of Social Services; and two are clergy.

Anyone of any Church or none is extremely welcome, and we hope that the excellent attendance of previous years will be maintained.

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ENGAGEMENT

We hear with great pleasure that Tina Sewell has just got engaged to Nicholas Buck of Guist. Our congratulations to them both, and we hope that they will be very happy.

OMISSION

We forgot to mention in our list of invalids Christine Elsdon of Foxley during her protracted illness. We very much hope that she will soon be completely fit again.

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Invalids

Mrs. Turner of Bawdeswell is still in Hospital and far from well: we hope that she may soon begin to recover.

Mrs. Barratt of Elsing Road, Bawdeswell, is in the West Norwich also, and is cheerful in spite of her illness.

May Codling at long last has come back home, after some nine months away in five different Hospitals, and is delighted to be back again. She is looking very much better, and we hope that this improvement is maintained.

Jack Buxton continues to make steady progress, and we hope that when the weather improves he will be able to get out.

COVENANTING

Most Charities nowadays receive a large part of their Income through the scheme known as Covenanting. What this means is that if you pay Income Tax at the standard rate, which at the moment is 34p. in the pound, you can sign a form saying that you will try to support the charity of your choice for a period of seven years, and then, at the end of each year, the Charity can recover the income tax. In fact for each £1 you give the Charity gets an extra 50p. or thereabouts, which is paid, not by you, but by the Chancellor of the Exchequer !

The Church is also a Charity, and is very grateful indeed to receive contributions under the scheme. If, for example, a person is used to giving, say, 20p. a week, that's to say, £10.40 a year, and if they covenant this money, the Church gets an extra £5.20 or so.

If you feel that you can help in this way, please contact the following: in Foxley, Mr. Martin Chase: and in Bawdeswell, Mr. Peter Walsh, or in either case, the Rector.

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