

## Anglican Services

June 15th	Foxley	9.45am	JOINT FAMILY SERVICE - See separate leaflet for details
June 22nd	Foxley	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	Bawdeswell	9.45am	Family Communion Series III
	Foxley	11.00am	Methodist Church
June 29th	Bawdeswell	8.30am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	Foxley	9.45am	Family Communion Series III
	Bawdeswell	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Prayer Book)
	Foxley	3.00pm	Baptism -Jenna Katie Elia.

### Correction

British Red Cross Society collections. After the amount £15.25 please read 'in Foxley' - sorry R.K.B..

# The Reeve's Tale

June Edition

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The Rector writes, (or gripes, cheers and asks for help!)

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The magazine of  
Bawdeswell & Foxley

The Rector writes:-

I was severely censured by a parishioner about what seemed to be a negative request in my first edition of the Reeve's Tale that people could come to see me on Monday evenings. It was meant to be very positive, because I know from experience how time consuming broadcasting can be. I can recall several occasions collecting a report from a church event in an afternoon and then spending the rest of the evening to midnight and beyond getting it exactly right for transmission the next morning and the whole interview might not have been longer than 2½ minutes for the early programme, with perhaps a 4min. version for the Churches' Sunday Programme. So you see, I thought it important to try to fix a 'Surgery Time' when you could be reasonably certain to find me here. There are however a couple of forthcoming exceptions:-

BAWDESWELL PCC meets Monday 16th June in the Church

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Foxley PCC meets Monday 23rd June in Martin Chase's house.

Can I please also squash the rumour about flowers. It is true that I personally am not a very flowery person. My wife tried me out recently by placing some in our lounge, neatly arranged in a small vase, and sure enough I never noticed until she said 'I think I'll throw these out now they're dead'. So the more the merrier, for the benefit of those who really appreciate them. But please contact Mrs. Irene Ames at Bawdeswell and Mrs Nannetto Garrod at Foxley before you rush round - thank you.

Foxley Fete

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You will be pleased to know that the fete raised the very good sum of £198.97. Very many thanks are due to those who valiantly organised the event and to those who came to support.

On a much more positive note, I have been delighted at the welcome given to me by so many people when I have met them at their homes in the villages. I have also been thrilled to see families coming along to the family services - and thank you for the appreciative comments addressed to my wife after she has led us in song with her guitar in the worship of God. It has been particularly nice to have more senior members of the congregation all in favour, 'as it will help the younger people to come to church' as one lady from Folland Court remarked.

I've also been pleased to know that the taking of well loved Prayer Book services has been appreciated by those who prefer a more traditional style of worship.

One thing that has bothered me, though, is that because of the pattern of services, some people are only coming to worship once a fortnight to the services that suit them best. Perhaps you might consider going to the 'other' church on alternate Sundays or coming to the service which isn't your automatic preference.

Another thing that's cheered my heart is to learn of jobs being done by people, and that they're just getting on with it. Grass, cutting, cleaning, and so on and so forth. My special thanks to you if you are one of the parishes' eager beavers, getting on with necessary jobs.

Finally the Reeve's Tale - I believe that a number of you helped out Canon Townshend with the delivery of the magazine. If you would like to continue from the July issue, I would be most grateful. My wife and I have used these first two issues to try to improve our geography and meet people. Please let me know. Thank you to those who have given me contributions towards production costs.

Material for the next edition by 22nd June please.

Robin Brooks

It is the obvious which I usually need pointed out to me. Like, "have you asked for help? Or asked, but are refusing to listen because you think that you are right?" or "Are you crying, 'Lord, Lord!' but evading doing His will?"

God supplies our needs through each other: not through the perfect people we might be one day, but through the incomplete people we are today. God uses, not only our gifts and virtues, but also our failures, inadequacies and hang-ups.

As most people learn slowly, God may put us, again and again, in similar situations. We change jobs; fall out with friends; walk out of situations we don't like; earth dangerous conversations in harmless platitudes. What happens? Often the same problems, the same "impossible" person will reappear in another form.

Christ gives us the crazy picture of a person with a plank in his eye trying to remove a speck of dust out of somebody else's eye. High comedy - but who hasn't fallen into the tragic trap? But one way our neighbours help us is that in their personalities and behaviour we are given the opportunity to see ourselves. Next time somebody narks you, try taking a look at yourself, and see if there's more to it than your neighbour's undoubted faults. The problem could be your own. If so and you face yourself, instead of criticising your neighbour: 'The truth will make you free'.

Yet it is the presence of love which can precipitate the most painful self-judgement it is possible to face. Who doesn't try and wriggle out of it? Either like Pilate who thought he could side-step life by playing with ideas: 'What is truth?' or like the crowd: 'Crucify!'

If we feel too threatened or frightened to love and accept ourselves, then we shall have little love for others, and so we become antagonistic to people and situations. (And who loves God if they have no love for their neighbour?) We can hide our true feelings, but others will sense them. Nobody can simulate love, anymore than we can demand love from others.

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Christian faith rests on the transforming experience of the apostles, which enabled them to declare with St. Peter: "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made him Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." It is the same for us today. To be a Christian is to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and that he is now alive for evermore.

The stories of the empty tomb and the appearances may serve to confirm our faith, if rightly understood, but they are not the basis of it. Faith is an illumination of the mind, which enables us as it did the apostles before us, to recognise God in Christ and to be able to say with full assurance, Jesus is the Lord.

It is important to notice that the apostolic faith was expressed in these terms; not that Jesus was God, but that "God raised him from the dead". The belief that Jesus was God, though no doubt implicit from the beginning, was a later development of theology. The danger of this mode of expression is that it tends to put Jesus on the side of God and not on the side of man. The resurrection thus appears as a unique event without any parallel, as though it affected Jesus alone and not us also.

St. Paul is emphatic that the whole point of the resurrection is that it is the sign of our resurrection. "If there is no resurrection of the dead, "hesays, "then Christ has not been raised.

This gives the right perspective on the resurrection. It is the point at which human nature breaks through the barrier of sin and death and enters into the life of God. Sin has brought about the separation of man from God and has led to disintegration and death. The resurrection is the sign of the reintegration of humanity and its restoration to immortality.

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Reepham & District Day Centre.

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The Annual General Meeting will take place in St. Michael's, Reepham on Wednesday, 2nd July, at 2.15pm. All members, including volunteers, and those interested in this most worthwhile project to help the housebound, elderly and handicapped in our district are cordially invited to support this meeting.

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Bawdeswell & Foxley W.I.

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Mrs. Sue Lilwall's lovely flower arrangements were much admired by all members who attended the May meeting and a delight for those of us fortunate enough to receive one as a prize at the end of the evening.

The president, Mrs. D. Hepburn-Wright was pleased to welcome two new members to our institute.

Please note that our July meeting will be on the first Monday and not the second as is usual, and will be the visit to the Norfolk Rural Life Museum at Gressenhall as arranged at the June meeting.

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Bawdeswell P.C.C.

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The wine & cheese party held recently at the Rectory raised the sum of &77.08 in aid of Church Funds.

British Red Cross Society

The collection recently undertaken in the villages amounted to £16 in Bawdeswell and £15.25. Thanks are expressed to all who collected and all who gave.

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Foxley Parish Council

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The A.G.M. held on 7th May in the Village Hall was rather poorly attended, only 10 parishioners showed an interest to hear the yearly report and to voice their views on these matters. Mr. D. Webster was re-elected Chairman for the period 1980/81 and Mr. P. Davis as Vice-Chairman.

Village Hall Committee

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It has been decided to reorganise the Committee to manage the affairs of the Village Hall. Mr. Richard Parfitt is the Chairman and all willing helpers will be most welcome.

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Bawdeswell Parish Council

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The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Ames and Mrs D. Holmes, were re-elected for the period 1980/81 at the A.G.M. which was held on Monday 19th May at 7.30pm in Bawdeswell Village Hall. 16 parishioners attended out of a possible electoral register in excess of 400. Interesting discussions took place on matters of general interest, i.e. road naming and bus shelters. Volunteers to help erect the bus shelters are wanted - please contact the Chairman or the Clerk.

Waste Paper

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Many thanks for all those who save their paper for this project. Delivery points are still at Mr. J. Ames, "Barwick House", Mrs. O. Curtis, "Cursden" and Mr. C. Sparkes, "Red Bricks". If unable to deliver please contract Mr. Ames or Mr. Sparkes for collection.

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Bawdeswell Playgroup

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First we are very sorry to lose Mrs Taylor, who, unfortunately has had to give up the position of supervisor . We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all the time and effort she has put into playgroup, first as secretary, then as assistant and supervisor; also to wish her well in the future. We are lucky in having Mrs Chestney, who has agreed to take over as supervisor, and also Mrs Danvers who is to be the new assistant. We also welcome two new members to playgroup, Matthew and Toni.

The outing to Hunstanton which was mentioned last month - would anyone interested not involved with toddlers or playgroup please pop into the village hall on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday morning and give their name and number of children so we can make final arrangements.

On Tuesday 10th June we are holding our monthly coffee morning and hope as many people as possible can come along. Please may I stress it is for EVERYONE who would like to come just to have a cup of coffee and a chat. This month we hope to organise a nearly new stall of children's clothes and a cake stall during the coffee morning. Would you please note we are changing the time to 10.45am so mothers can take children home as soon as the coffee morning ends to save repeated journeys to the hall.

We hope to arrange a social evening-Cheese & Wine towards the middle of July, details will be out later.

Playgroup can always find a use for paper, material, boxes, string, wool, and any other model making 'junk' so please don't throw it away.

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Quotable Quote

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"Every man must do two things alone:  
he must do his own believing, and his own dying.

- Martin Luther.

Every day Prayer - continued

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Often unaware of it ourselves, we erect an unseen barrier which not only cuts ourselves off and so stunts us, but it can effect those around us. Then people get upset, things go wrong or come to nothing however hard everybody works.

When we allow God to heal us into accepting ourselves then we forget ourselves. We can risk being generous and vulnerable. (Yes, we may get badly hurt; and in our turn we will make mistakes and hurt others.) But also generosity -not only with our own giving, but even more in acknowledging others - draws generosity from one another. Life grows effortlessly - even if it's hard, painful work preparing the ground.

When this happens I know God is saying: 'Well, if you had let me, I would have given all this to you a long time ago.'

LOVING LORD You told us that You came for those in most need. May we know that You are at work in everything, every painful encounter or burst of laughter. May we learn, and then trustingly ask for the healing which only You can give; so that we may live to Your glory and service, which is our freedom,

Amen.

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What do you know about following Jesus?

Try this quiz and see how you score!

- 1) Jesus first disciple, Andrew, followed Him because  
a) he had a vision; b) he worked out for himself that Jesus was the Messiah; c) John the Baptist pointed him to Jesus.
- 2) Jesus' first response to the would be disciple was  
a) "Wait and pray"; b) "Come and see"; c) "Go and give"
- 3) When Andrew realised Jesus was God's Messiah, he  
a) kept it to himself; b) told his brother; c) tried to convert everybody.
- 4) Peter and Nathanael both found the same thing about Jesus  
a) He was hard to get to know; b) He made them feel good inside; c) He knew all about them already
- 5) When Jesus sent out the 12 disciples He told them to  
a) proclaim God's reign and heal people; b) collect money and sing hymns; c) announce God's judgement and keep clear of sinners.
- 6) When the disciples failed to help a demon possessed boy Jesus said the answer was  
a) harder work; b) faith and prayer; c) better training
- 7) What was John's reaction to the empty tomb of Jesus?  
a) bewilderment; b) emotion; c) faith.
- 8) What did Thomas say when he realised he was seeing the risen Christ?  
a) "It's a dream"; b) "what a great experience";  
c) "My Lord and my God".

Answers: 1) c. 2) b. 3) b. 4) c. 5) a. 6) b. 7) c. 8) c.

### Methodist Church Services

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June 15th	UNITED SERVICE (Bawdeswell Congregation)	BINTREE FOXLEY	2.30pm 6.30pm
June 22nd	Mrs E. Jones	FOXLEY	11.00am
June 29th	Mrs Fisher Mr. G. Read	BAWDESWELL FOXLEY	2.30pm 6.30pm

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Methodist Church Coffee morning - June 4th raised the sum of £85. Thanks are expressed to all concerned.

### The Roman Catholic Church

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

Mass each Sunday: RAF Swanton Morley 9.00am  
Dereham Cath Church 10.30am & 6.30pm

The article on the Catholic National Pastoral Congress is held over till next month.

### Folland Court

Monday 23rd June 10.00am Bible Study

Monday 7th July 10.00am Holy Communion