

Services for the latter half of May  
and the first half of June

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May 25th PENTECOST  
(Whit Sunday) Foxley 8.30am Holy Communion  
Bawdeswell 9.45am Family Service  
Foxley 11.00am Mattins  
Foxley 2.30pm Baptism - Paul  
James Moore

Please note this extra...Bawdeswell 6.30pm EVENING PRAYER

June 1st TRINITY SUNDAY Bawdeswell 8.30am Holy Communion  
Foxley 9.45am Family Service  
Bawdeswell 11.00am Mattins

June 8th Foxley 8.30am Holy Communion  
Bawdeswell 9.45am Family Service  
Foxley 11.00am Mattins  
Foxley 3.00pm Baptism -  
Laura Ann  
Skinner

June 15th JOINT FAMILY SERVICE AT  
FOXLEY 9.45am

followed by CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC ON  
THE RECTORY LAWN-

BRING YOUR SANDWICHES AND FLASKS  
CRISPS & POP, or whatever you eat!

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The Methodist Church

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May 25th Foxley 11.00am Mrs Virgoe  
June 1st (Communion) Bawdeswell 2.30pm Rev. Claydon  
(Communion) Foxley 6.30pm Rev. Hambly  
June 8th SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY Foxley 2.30pm Mr. Bolderstone  
June 15th UNITED SERVICE Bintree 2.30pm Rev. Claydon  
Foxley 6.30pm Mr. Fisher

# The Reeve's Tale

Mid May Edition

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THE CHURCH ON FIRE

I hope the headline didn't worry you too much, your new Rector hasn't been going around with a box of matches to burn down either of the church buildings!

Of course that's part of the problem. ....

(What is, come to the point?)..... oh yes, well it's that word church. You see we've got so used to the idea of it meaning the building in the middle of the village, whereas in the Bible it means the people, those who've really believed in Jesus Christ.....

(Yes, well alright, but you can't go around setting fire to people either, can you?)..... No, but God can...

(Dear me, no wonder no body comes to worship if you parsons keep talking in riddles!)..... Well if you'd let me finish what I mean is this.

When someone puts their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus he receives the promise of eternal life after death, but more than that he (or she!) receives the gift of the Holy Spirit to help him face the troubles of this world and the believer will really want to worship God, it's a bit like having a fire in your heart. Understood..... good, I'll see you in Church on Pentecost Sunday, June 1st when we remember when God first sent his Spirit to Jesus' Disciples.

*Robin Brookes*

P.S. If I've left anyone out of this edition, my apologies. I hope to publish the next edition on Sunday June 8th. May I please have any material for publication by June 1st. Any contributions for the cost of production, gratefully received.

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YOUTH CLUB.

A Christian based group is meeting in Foxley Village Hall each Monday evening from 7.00-9.00pm. All young people are welcome. For details ring Margaret Flint 984 286.

Richard Quintin Gurney

Following a riding accident at Elsing on the morning of April 26th the death occurred of Mr. R.Q. Gurney, Churchwarden of Bawdeswell Parish Church.

At the funeral, the following Thursday, 1st May, the Bishop of Lynn, the Rt. Rev'd. Aubrey Aitkin said in his address that in the impossible task of trying to sum up a man like Richard Gurney he had been greatly helped by two phrases used by Bawdeswell parishioners. The first was "We all looked up to Mr. Gurney". He was a prominent person in every sphere of life in which he was involved; the civic life of the City and County, 'Norwich never really knew what hit them when he and Betty were Lord Mayor and Mayoress of Norwich,' said the Bishop. He was a leader in the business world, not having long retired from his position as a Director of Barclays Bank. He was a reader in the Church of England, and his brief but hard-hitting sermons were appreciated by all. He had been chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance for a number of years, but perhaps above the children loved him and he loved them, "We all looked up to Mr Gurney".

The second phrase that the Bishop had found helpful was, "He was a man in a thousand". 'Of course,' said the Bishop, 'it could rightly be argued that Richard had a head-start over the rest of us by being the son of Quintin and Pleasance Gurney, who were well known and respected in their time. One could say that Richard was "Vintage Gurney". And he took all his inherited gifts and poured them out in the service of God and his fellow men and women.

And then on that Saturday morning, he mounted his horse and rode off into eternity."

Following Mr Gurney's own instructions that there was to be 'no mourning', recorded in his will, the service was punctuated with the triumph of Jesus Christ over death.

His body was laid to rest in Bawdeswell cemetery by Canon 'Tim' Townshend, the former Rector.



CORRECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE GUIDE

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R.A. & G.M. Dewing

Post Office Stores, Bawdeswell,

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER SHOULD READ BAWDESWELL 284

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EMERGENCY TRANSPORT

Should you find yourself in the position of needing to reach an elderly or sick relative, at hospital or at home some distance away, where public transport is inconvenient or unavailable, Leslie and Dorothy Holmes will be willing to transport people in genuine circumstances, for the refund only of the cost of the petrol.

You can reach them at The Cuttings, Reepham Road, or on Bawdeswell 349.

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APPOINTMENTS WITH THE RECTOR

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Until such times as my work with Radio Norfolk is fully established, after its coming onto air on Sept. 11th., I am setting aside Monday evenings to be a time when people can come to see me about, Baptisms, Weddings, Personal Problems or any other matter. It will probably be best to make a 'phone call first to fix a definite time of appointment, on Bawdeswell 397.

This of course does not mean that I'm unavailable at any other time. If you need the services of a minister call me at any time of the day or night.

I am discovering slowly hosebound folk. If you know of any who would like a visit, please use the forms in the churches.

Folland Court

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I was happy to recommence the taking of Holy Communion services at Folland Court last Monday and the pattern will continue fortnightly as previously until September. There may then have to be a revision, depending again on BBC Radio Norfolk and my duties there.

So for the next few weeks the dates are as follows:-

- Monday 26th May 10.00am Bible Study
- Monday 9th June 10.00am Holy Communion
- Monday 23rd June 10.00am Bible Study

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TWO EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Bishop's Youth Event - Monday 26th May 1980

4.00 - 9.00pm at the Cathedral

Workshops on Craft Two groups starring Koinonia & Art the 'Leap' Dance Group. Music.

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The Diocesan Children's Festival - 28th June 1980

2.45 - 4.20pm at the Cathedral

'The Life of St. Peter' Lead by the children from St. Edmunds, Taverham and Kinsale Middle School, Hellesdon and the Choir of St Mark's Lakenham.

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Bawdeswell & Foxley Womens' Institute.

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We are delighted that the 'Reeve's Tale' is back with us and congratulate our new Rector, Robin Brookes on the magazine's speedy return.

Our jumble sale on Saturday May 3rd was a success and made about £30 for the W.I. funds and we are happy to think that our customers got some real bargains.

We look forward to hearing about her Drama Course at Denmon College from our secretary Mrs Olive Curtis and hope that it will inspire other members to go on courses of interest to them.

We must know by Monday June 9th how many members and their husbands or friends wish to go on the outing to Gressenhall Rural Life Museum on July 7th to enable us to arrange food and transport.

Anyone of sixteen years or over who may be a newcomer to the village during the absence of the 'Reeve's Tale' and thinks that she would be interested in W.I. activities, do come along to one of the monthly meetings as a visitor. A charge of 15p is made for visitors; this includes entrance and refreshments.

The next monthly meeting will be held in Bawdeswell Village Hall on Monday June 9th at 7.45p.m.. The speaker will be Mrs Mary Law, her subject Barton Baubles.

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Not that simple!

A theologian and an astronomer were talking with each other.

The astronomer said that he had studied theology and felt that all religion could be summed up in the statement: "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

The theologian then confided that he had always been interested in astronomy and had read the books and felt

that all astronomy could be summed up with the statement: "Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are."

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The Royal National Lifeboat Institution

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The Dereham and District Branch of the R.N.L.I. wish to thank all those ladies who so kindly collected for them recently and also those who contributed.

The total of monies collected were

Bawdeswell:        £30.60  
Foxley:             £11.26

It is hoped that the final result for the District will be well over £800. This will be published in the E.D.P. when it reappears.

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FOXLEY        -        JUNE 4th 1980

IN AID OF METHODIST CHURCH FUNDS

A COFFEE MORNING 10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.

will be held at the home of

Mrs RICHARD PARFITT,

POL-NA-CHESS, MILL ROAD.

THERE WILL BE A CAKE AND HOME PRODUCE STALL.

PLEASE COME        -        WE NEED YOUR HELP.



The Roman Catholic Church

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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

Catholic National Pastoral Congress

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Some 2,000 delegates from all dioceses of the Roman Catholic Church took part in the 1980 National Pastoral Congress at Liverpool from May 2nd - 6th.

Before the Congress began it was stated that its aim was that Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, be seen and heard in every walk of life. Congress set itself the task of "helping the Church to grow more and more into the loving, caring, praying and worshipping Body that Jesus Christ intends it to be.

Like St. Paul to be continually "In travail until Christ be Formed".

The underlying intention running through the whole of the Congress was therefore that, "Within each area of the agenda we should strive to find out how Jesus Christ speaks to us, and how as a result we, both as individuals and as a Church, should live and should pursue our mission to the world in which we live and to which we are sent".

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These were the high ideals which they set out with. Next time I hope to report some of the conclusions they came to and the decisions they reached.

The Bishop of Norwich Writes

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My dear friends,

Thank you for your generous support for the Bishop's Lent Appeal for the Church in Uganda. Over £7,000 has come in, and we hope to turn much of this into practical equipment like "bicycles for pastors", which has caught the imagination as our own "mopeds for ministers" did five years ago.

Pray on for Archbishop Silvanus Wani, for Archdeacon Livingstone, recently in our diocese and now to be consecrated Assistant Bishop, and the Bishops, priests, deacons and lay-preachers of Uganda, as well as the congregations. Don't stop praying.

Confirmations - Here is one encouraging statistic! Although Bishop Aubrey was unwell in 1979 we carried through 103 Confirmations (104 in 1978) but in 1979 we confirmed 1470 new communicant Christians in the Diocese, which was 144 more than in 1978 (when the figure was 1336).

With the growth of Family Services and Parish Family Eucharists and Home Meetings for Bible Study, I believe Christian Family Life is deepening in the Diocese. I thank God for this. 40% of those confirmed were over 20, and many of them were parents being confirmed with their children.

Thank God for the growth of warm, Christian, loving Family life! Let's do all we can to help, never ceasing our compassionate care for those whose marriages are strained. Still "the family that prays together" has a better chance by God's good grace "of staying together".

God bless you all,

Maurice Norvic,

Your Friend and Bishop



## The Playgroup

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First we would like to offer our thanks to Gill Potts for all the work she put into playgroup. We were very sorry to lose her and wish her well in the future. However we are very lucky in having Mrs Taylor as our new supervisor and welcome Mrs Chestney as assistant. Also we would like to express our thanks to Mrs Binge for all her help and welcome Kevin and Rachel, new members from Bawdeswell and Lisa from Foxley.

Unfortunately we had to cancel the coach trip into Norwich because of the pending strike action by museum staff - our apologies to anyone we disappointed.

On 2nd. July we are joining with the toddlers' group to organise an outing to Hunstanton. If there are any mothers with small children who are not members of the toddlers' club or playgroup but are interested in joining us, they would be most welcome, but please contact someone beforehand so we can know seating numbers.

We hope to arrange a social evening, open to any interested members of the villages after half-term and will post details of this later.

### Holidays:

Half-term: 26, 27, 28th May  
Norfolk Show: 25, 26th June  
Summer holidays begin: 24th July

Play group would like to offer congratulations to Celia Flynn and family on the birth of their son David.

May we also remind you we have coffee mornings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and EVERYONE is welcome no matter what age. Just come along and meet people and have a chat.

We can find use for:-

Old birthday cards, egg boxes, pieces of material, cotton reels, wool, and odds & ends of wallpaper.

## BAWDESWELL COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Much excitement is abroad in the school, for this coming week sees the performance of 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat'. The performances are on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the 21st and 22nd May at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from school, there is no admission charge as there will be a silver collection after each performance. Many hours of hard work - some sweat, a few tears, but NO blood as yet has gone into this production!!

Mums take on the youngsters at the Annual Rounders Match on Friday 23rd May at 2.00pm. I wonder IF the Mums will win again this year!!! Always a lot of fun.

There was a gallant effort by the children in the inter-school Road Safety Quiz held at Softwood.

The boys played well in the Reepham Soccer Tournament, winning as many games as they lost.

### BIBLE STUDIES

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We are at present meeting in the Rectory each Tuesday evening, working our way through a Bishop Maurice Wood's recently published booklet, 'How can I know Christ better?' Anybody is very welcome... just come along at 8pm.

# FOXLEY FETE

To be opened by Mr. Mike Chaney, Station Manager of BBC Radio Norfolk.

Come along and bring all the family to Cranfield House, Chequers and Church Farm. Side shows, refreshments. All good fun.

SAT 24<sup>th</sup> MAY from 2.00p.m.