

METHODIST TIMES FOR WORSHIP

SUN 5th October	Foxley	11.00	Mr. S.J. Casburn
12th October	Foxley	6.30pm	Mr. A.J. Barrett
19th October	Foxley	11.00	Mr. N. Davis
26th October	Foxley	6.30	L.P.M.A.

5th October	Bawdeswell	12.30	Mr. A. Clough HARVEST FESTIVAL
19th October	Bawdeswell	12.30	Rev. A. Fairhurst Holy Communion
26th October	Bawdeswell	12.30	Mr. S. Williamson.

ANGLICAN TIMES FOR WORSHIP

5th OCT	Bawdeswell	8.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
	Foxley	9.45	Family Service (III)
	Bawdeswell	11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP)
12th OCT	Foxley	8.30	Holy Communion (BCP)
		*9.45	HARVEST PRAISE (III)
		11.00	Morning Prayer (BCP)

*See centre pages. Also the 'Queen Mary's Lace' will be on display at this service.

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Notes: BCP = Book of Common Prayer Service - traditional
III = Series III Holy Communion, modern language
There is a short talk at the Family Service, with the children in mind. A full sermon is given at 11.00am

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The Reeve's Tale

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The magazine of Bawdeswell & Foxley

Given away freely. Suggested donation 10p per copy.

The Rector writes:-

Dear Friends,

I was mildly amused to read in one of the many magazines that I receive at BBC Radio Norfolk, "As we begin a new Methodist year.....". I had not previously realised that our Methodist bretheren had such an annual 'New Beginning'. I knew of the Jewish new year, falling this year on September 11th., the new academic year which our children, (and their teachers) have just started, the new Church Year coming soon with the beginning of Advent, and not far behind the turn of the year, when technically we begin the new decade with 1981.

All this got my cogs whirring around the topic of new starts and beginnings. Sometimes people move from place to place, hoping for a new start, a new life a new chance (and clergy are no exception to this!!). But somehow it all starts to go the same way as before and we wonder why.

The basic answer to this is of course - ourselves. We cannot of ourselves change our basic nature. It takes something from outside ourselves to change us - to make us better tempered, more loving, better able to cope with life.

And this is where the Gospel of Jesus Christ comes in. He alone is able to change us from within our hearts and minds and souls. He alone is able to forgive our past mistakes and wipe the slate clean and give us a true new beginning. But this can only happen if we allow Jesus into our lives to be the central area of our concern, the one around whom all else in our lives revolves. Christianity was never meant to be a religion. It is a new way of life with Jesus Christ at the centre.

Yours in Jesus' Service

Robin Brookes

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Some Words of Thanks

Firstly the Bawdeswell Church Gift Day was voted a success at a recent Parochial Church Council Meeting as the total raised from the direct giving of Village and Church people was £100.45. Very many thanks to all who gave generously.

Secondly thanks are due to all those who gave produce and flowers etc., to the Foxley Harvest Festival. Thank you also to the team of people who decorated the building so splendidly. The flowers and vegetables were taken to Reepham Day Centre and the Priscilla Bacon Lodge at Colman Hospital, Norwich. Very appreciative letters have been received from both with many thanks to all concerned. The Reepham Day Centre added that visitors are welcomed and invite Foxley members in for a cup of coffee one Wednesday morning.

Sale of Work

A sale of work will be held in Foxley Village Hall on

Saturday Oct 18th.

Cake, Home Produce and Jumble Stalls.

Bran Tub and Competitions for the Children

Proceeds in aid of Foxley Methodist Church.

2.30pm

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Christianity - Home

by Tom Houston, Executive Director of
the Bible Society

Grown

One of the great casualties of translation is the word 'church'. In New Testament times the Greek word for Church, 'ECCLESIA' meant the groups GOD had called to be his people. Nowhere is it used of a church building.

It is fascinating to think that in the half-century of church history covered by the New Testament we have no reference to a specific church building.

We do not know how they held big meetings. The main clue as to where Christians met is in the phrase, "the church in their/her/your house" (e.g. Colossians 4:15)

At its simplest level, the home was a place where they shared hospitality. "They has meals together in their homes eating with glad and humble hearts," (Acts 2:46). They put up Christians who ere travelling from one place to another, especially those who were teachers or evangelists.

Yet the heart of hospitality is not either of these two activities. The word means 'love for the stranger'. It is quite explicit "Remember to welcome strangers in your homes" (Hebrews 13:2). The place where the church met the world in effective contact was in the homes of Christians

They took seriously the words of Jesus "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". Their homes were also used for instruction. Perhaps the one most mentioned in the early church was that of Priscilla and Aquila, the tent makers (Acts 18:1-3). They obviously entertained the preachers who moved about but they had something to offer to, as well as receive from their guests. They "explained to Apollos more correctly the Way of God" when they took him to their home (Acts 18:24-28). The result..... a marked upgrading of this able man's effectiveness as a preacher!

(3) Today there is a steady growth in the number of Christians who have Bible Study groups in their homes.

Christianity Home Grown continued.

In some places this is the growing edge of the Church.

The homes of Christians need to be places where opposites meet and discover each other to be people made in the image of the same heavenly father.

And the 'Bible Study' on Marks Gospel continues each Tuesday at the Rectory at 8pm. It's not 'high flown' or very academic - because I'm not! You are most welcome to come along.

Tailpieces

The fact that the Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit really happened seems only commonsense to me - how else could eleven frightened, disillusioned men have been transformed into dynamic, fearless leaders except through a personal encounter with the risen, Divine Christ?

That was their moment of truth. It was no spectacular vision in the temple. It was simply a recognition of God in the humble figure of the Carpenter of Nazareth.

- Len Griffiths.

Christianity has become so irrelevant to most British people that they accept the media's portrayal of the wet ineffectual caricature of the clergy as the norm. Dick Emery has become the archetypal vicar.

- Clive Calver, National Director of
British Youth for Christ

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BAWDESWELL

Oct 11th & 12th

HARVEST

THANKSGIVING

WEEKEND

Saturday:-

9.00am onwards - Decorating of the Church.
All gifts of produce, including tinned
and packet items gratefully received.

All will be given away to the 'Little
Sisters' in Norwich to aid their
ministry to the terminally ill.

7.30pm

Harvest Supper - an evening for all
the family.

Our guests include Mrs Margaret Wood
the wife of the Bishop who will
entertain us.

Dancing to the Harvest Moon Roadshow

Tickets Adults £2.00 Children 50p

Sunday:-

9.45am - Family Service (Series III Communion)

"all good gifts around us are sent
from heaven above, then thank the
Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his
love".

All are welcome to attend this modern
language service. Children are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you

Love

The Greeks in their unique wisdom, always spoke of love in three terms: eros, philia, and agape. They would have thought it absurd to hear us say, "I just love my new coat" or "don't you just love his new car - hair - walk". They instead referred to love in fullness as a combination of the three.

Eros is the physical love that we feel when we are attracted to others and contrary to Mrs. Grundy is not a sin; contrary to Hugh Hefner, it is not salvation either, but an essential aspect of our relationship with another. How we interpret it, though, is essential for it is like nitroglycerin. It can either be used to blow up bridges, or to heal hearts.

Philia is the love in friendship - the times we enjoy being together - enjoying each others company without feeling the necessity of another couple's presence so that you can keep the conversation going. Instead, that love allows two to be silent together without feeling uncomfortable.

Finally and most completely is agape - the spiritual love - the love that is absent from 85% of divorce cases throughout the country. That love brings fullness to a relationship - it is the strength that gets you through when "for worse" rolls around. It is the love that allows you to look into each other's eyes without flinching, to cry or to laugh together without embarrassment and to say "I believe in you" with eternal tones. It is the love that helps us love the other as much as we love ourselves.

I pray that you all will share in the unty of those loves and that your lives will be full.

From "Our Church Times" - U.S.A.

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Bawdeswell School

The School held its Harvest Festival on Friday 26th September with a goodly gathering of parents. The produce was taken to Folland Court.

After another successful year the Friends of the School held their A.G.M. on Wednesday 24th September at 8.00pm in the School Hall. A new committee was elected :- Chairman - David Oldfield, Secretary - Terri Walters, Treasurer - Rob Walters.

In the past year money raised by the Friends has been used to pay for football shirts, records and repairs to the mini-bus. We very much appreciate the hard work that the Friends put in for the School.

We are hoping to build on the interest and abilities that the children showed when we presented "Joseph" last term. A school choir has been formed and rehearses weekly. Also children from class 1 & 2 will have the opportunity to learn to play the recorder under the capable guidance of Mrs June Chestney. We are most grateful to her for giving up her time to help us.

On Thursday 25th September some of the children took their cycle proficiency test, having been instructed by Special Constable Elsdon and tested by P.C. Dingle.

There are now two evening classes held at the school hall:- Adults' Keep Fit on Thursday evenings from 7.15-9.15pm and St. John's which is open to the village children on Fridays.

Forthcoming events include a visit from the Masque Theatre on Friday October 10th. They will perform their very amusing play "Wait and See Pudding" to the school in the afternoon. Also we hope to have a school Hallo'e'n party on Friday 24th October.

Finally we hope that all our former pupils are settling happily into their secondary schools.

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Playgroup

Playgroup opened again after the summer holidays on Sept. 9th., having lost five of the older children to school. We are fortunate that both Mrs. Chestney and Mrs. Danvers are able to continue their work with us and we greatly appreciate the work and time they have put into playgroup. We would also like to welcome our new members Andrew, Susan and Daniel.

On Wednesday Sept. 17th we held our A.G.M. in the village hall. The meeting was very well attended. There were several new members elected to the committee. Mrs. Spencer was elected as Chairman, Mrs Kane -, Secretary and Mrs Seviour as Treasurer.

As winter is unfortunately approaching we have to think of heating. If there is anyone who has a large 'Mothercare type' fireguard they would be interested in selling, we are in need of two, so please let us know if you can help- our present ones are on loan and are likely to be needed by their owners this winter. Also we would be interested in buying an empty Calor Gas cylinder (blue) if anyone has one spare.

May I last of all take this opportunity of thanking everyone for the support they have given playgroup this last year and I hope that you will continue to support coffee mornings etc. as you have done in the past.

For Sale

One Super Ser gas fire recently converted to Calor Gas and serviced.

£30.

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Women's Institute

We were all pleased that despite her recent bereavement Mrs Rosemary Shackmaster was able to be the speaker at our September meeting.

Rosemary gave us a run down on the history of spinning then proceeded to demonstrate the craft from the fleece to carding, spinning, washing and dyeing the wool with natural dyes such as carrot tops etc. Besides some completed garments we were shown samples knitted with wool from different breeds of sheep.

A most interesting and enjoyable evening - Thank you Rosemary.

Dates for your diaries:-

October 6th	Group Meeting
October 13th	Monthly Meeting, speaker: Dr. McNair
November 10th	Monthly Meeting A.G.M. - speaker: Mary Law on Barton Baubles
December 8th	Our Christmas Party

Toy Library

The toy library for handicapped and temporarily disabled children is moving from Church House, Dereham, to the Theatre Street Playgroup room at King's Park School in Dereham. It will be re-opening with a coffee afternoon on Wednesday 8th October from 1.30 to 3.00pm. Parents are warmly invited, with or without their children. The library provides a meeting place for parents and their handicapped children and has a broad range of toys which may be borrowed.

For further information you could telephone:-

Mrs Crutch on Dereham 3385.

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