

# Our giving of Worship

## Anglican Services

Sept 7th	Bawdeswell	8.30am	Holy Communion, B.C.P.
	Foxley	9.45am	Family Service, Series III
	Bawdeswell	11.00am	Morning Prayer, B.C.P.
Sept 14th	Foxley	8.30am	Holy Communion, B.C.P.
	Bawdeswell	9.45am	Family Service, Series III
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Sept 21st	Bawdeswell	8.30am	Holy Communion
	*****FOXLEY	9.45am	HARVEST FESTIVAL,
	*****Bawdeswell	11.00am	FAMILY SERVICE, SERIES III***** Morning Prayer, B.C.P.
Sept 28th	Foxley	8.30am	Holy Communion, B.C.P.
	Bawdeswell	9.45am	Family Service, Series III
	Foxley	11.00am	See Methodists

Notes:- B.C.P.= The Book of Common Prayer. Series III = the modern language Holy Communion Service, with short address with children in mind. There is a full sermon at 11.00am.

## Methodist Services

Sept. 7th	Foxley	11.00am	Rev. G.B. Middleton
Sept. 14th	Foxley	6.30pm	Mr. Durrant
Sept. 21st	Foxley	9.45am	C/E Harvest Festival
Sept. 28th	FOXLEY	11.00am	Mr. G. Middleton
	HARVEST	* * * * *	* * * * *
*****	FESTIVAL	6.30pm	Rev. G.B. Middleton

Sept. 7th	Bawdeswell	2.30pm	Rev. G.B. Middleton
Sept. 21st	Bawdeswell	2.30pm	Rev. A. Fairhurst

## The Reeve's Tale

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## Church of England Finance and a suggested Guide for Giving

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### The Problem

In the past, the Church of England has been very fortunate in that most of the cost of running the Church (mainly clergy salaries and their housing costs) has been met from central funds, which represent the accumulated gifts and legacies given by church people over the centuries. Anyone with any savings will know that the income from and real value of such savings have not kept up with inflation in the last ten years. It follows that central funds, administered by the Church Commissioners, will in future be insufficient to cover the costs of maintaining the Ministry and a greater proportion will have to be found locally. As an example, it is estimated that in 1984, only five years hence, parishes will have to raise four times the amounts they are due to raise this year in order to maintain a fewer number of clergy in Norwich Diocese.

### Priorities

Much discussion has taken place at meetings of the Diocesan Board of Finance, and of Deanery and Diocesan Synods. Certain priorities have been agreed which, briefly, are:-

- First The maintenance of the Ministry - mainly clergy salaries and expenses.
- Second "Housekeeping" costs of churches - lighting, heating minor repairs etc.
- Third The maintenance and repair of churches.

### How to increase Church income

If we want to have a live ministry in our parish, we must be prepared to give more, preferably under covenant. This means agreeing to give a certain sum regularly, either weekly, monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or yearly for a minimum of four years. Provided income tax is paid at the standard rate, the Church can reclaim the tax represented by the amount given out of taxed income. For example:- If 50p a week (£26 p.a.) is given under covenant, with tax at 30%, £11.14 can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue at the end of the year, making the full amount received £37.14.

There are other methods which I would be happy to discuss if required

In addition to regular giving, preferably by covenants it seems to me that the traditional ways of raising money such as fetes, flower festivals, coffee mornings, wine & cheese parties etc. must continue because the need is not only more regular income for maintaining the Ministry but also we shall need lump sums from time to time for the upkeep and repair of the Church building.

### Standard of Giving

Much thought, prayer, and discussion has gone into giving some guidance as to how much people should be asked to give to the Church and ALL other charitable causes. Clearly it must be left to each individual's conscience but at the Diocesan Synod last June it was resolved "that for our Diocese a realistic standard might start at £1 of every £20 received - less in some circumstances (small income, heavy responsibilities) ) much more for others."

This may seem to be a very high and difficult standard but a telling point was made by one of the speakers in the debate - if you decide to give to Church and other charities from the "top" of your income rather than after all other spending, you will find a target easier to attain.

If you have any comments or questions, please get in touch with me.

Martin Chase.

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## Foxley Harvest Festival

The Anglican Harvest Festival at Foxley will be on Sunday September 21st., at 9.45am. Please could your most welcome gifts of fruit, vegetables, flowers etc., be brought to the Church any time during the afternoon of Friday 19th September or early on Saturday morning. Also help with the decorating of our church at either time would be much appreciated.

As usual all the produce will be given away.



# Bawdeswell Gift Day Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept.

In common with all parishes in this Diocese, All Saints' Bawdeswell has to find its share of the common purse to be administered by the Norwich Diocesan Board of Finance.

This year, Mr. Brian Winterbone, treasurer, tells me that the amount that Bawdeswell is expected to contribute is £519. This works out at just short of £10 per week or 50p per head assuming an adult congregation of 20, (and there's usually more than that). Therefore if church people are giving according to the DBF's suggestion, outlined in Mr. Chase's article, (which personally I don't believe is anywhere near tough enough), we ought to have no problems.

However it may surprise you to learn, especially if you are a villager who doesn't (yet) attend church that the amount required by the Diocese is arrived at by taking the number of voters on the Westminster Electors' List.

The Parochial Church Council therefore decided that there should be a gift day, when any persons living in Bawdeswell who wished to give to the Church, as a thank offering to God for blessings received or whatever reason, would be able to do so on the morning of Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup> would be able to do so from 9.00am till 12.30pm. I shall be sitting inside the church to receive gifts to be put into the envelopes placed inside the Bawdeswell editions of the 'Reeve's Tale'. Total anonymity will be observed with the gifts being placed into a box and then opened by the treasurer and other members of the PCC. I shall only be informed of the final figure on next morning in order to give thanks to God during our family service.

*Robin Spokes*

Priest in Charge.

# Times to Receive Mid-Norfolk Julian Grp.

The next meeting will be held at Barwick House, Bawdeswell, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm.

All welcome.

# Bible Study & Prayer Meeting - Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Sept

An new series of Bible Studies taking us through to Christmas will commence on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 8.00pm at the Rectory.

We shall be looking at what God has to say to us through the first written, most basic punchy and direct Gospel - that of Mark.

The meetings are open to people of any denomination or none. (Perhaps this is your opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith?)

We shall also be trying to encourage more participatory prayer, offering to God the concerns of our parishes and churches and personal matters and 'praising Him in all circumstances'.

Look forward to seeing you there.

# Read MARK Learn.



# Bawdeswell & Foxley

W.I.

The August garden meeting went with a swing despite the rain. Members were able to walk round Mr & Mrs Brewter's lovely garden. The meeting then continued indoors, Mr & Mrs Brewster showing us many of the interesting and beautiful things they have collected over the years. We were able to have a quick look at Mrs Winter's garden before retiring indoors for refreshments and some amusing chatter. All in all a very successful evening.

It is with regret that we hear our president will be leaving us soon and as a result will be unable to hold the Wine and Cheese party at Mill House in September.

Members will be sorry to hear of the death of Mrs Rosemary Shackmaster's mother and one wonders if Rosemary will wish to postpone her visit to our institute on Sept. 8th. This would be disappointing but understandable.

We are to be hosts at the next Group Meeting on Monday October 6th. At our monthly meeting on Monday 13th October we hope to have Dr. McNair as our speaker.

## Twiggy

Twiggy (Mrs Dorothy Holmes), wishes to purchase a bicycle to improve her figure, health and bank balance.

She also has details of a relaxation class which she has found helpful.

I believe she has also heard of rumblings about the possibility of erecting a Bawdeswell village sign. Perhaps you could let her know of your feelings one way or the other.

# The Retor's Timetable

am	pm	eve
S Worship	Family Time	Family Time "Surgey" Baptisms, Weddings, Problems I/Views Tel B'well 397
M Pollard Court. Visiting Holy Comm. Bible Study	Parish Visiting Bawdeswell	Bible Study
T Prep of Sun Svces Bible St. etc. + other parish p/v	Parish Visiting Foxley	Radio Norfolk
W Radio Norfolk	Radio Norfolk	Eve Meetings, Deanery Synod etc Julian Mtrngs.
T Radio Norfolk	Radio Norfolk	Eve Meetings Reepham Xian Fellowship etc.
F Chapter Meetings or Family Shopping	Radio Norfolk	Radio Norfolk
S Day Off	Day Off	Final Preps for Sunday.

This won't always work- but it's a basic outline. R.K.B.