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Well, it's back to 'Lockdown' again, so there are no events occurring this month - hopefully some will be able to start up again in March.

We have included a couple of quizzes to help you while away the time and would welcome any articles of a similar nature so we can maybe make it a permanent feature of the magazine.

Would anybody out there be willing to contribute an article so we could make a regular feature on a subject like gardening, cooking, hobbies, etc.? If so we would be pleased to hear from you. Just email us your ideas at magazine@bawdeswell.net

Anne and team

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February Events	Date	Location/Time
Bawdeswell Parish Council Meeting	Thurs 4 th Feb	Zoom Meeting 7.30pm See Parish Council Report for information on how to join
Reepham Gardening Club	Tues 16 th Feb	Zoom Meeting See letters page for information on how to join

Hopefully events will begin again in March - details in March's Reeves Tale

Usual Regular Events	Time/Date	Location
Zumba Fitness	Mon. 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
FitSteps	Mon. 11 – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Fitness	Mon. 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zumba Gold	Tues. 9 – 10am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zenchee Flow	Tues. 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Youth Football Club	Wed. 6 - 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Hub Cafe	Thurs. 10am – 12pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Fitsteps	Thurs. 7 – 8pm	Bawdeswell Village Hall
Zenchee Flow	Fri. 10 – 11am	Bawdeswell Village Hall

ALL EVENTS ARE CANCELLED DURING LOCKDOWN WILL RECOMMENCE WHEN GUIDANCE CHANGES

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LETTERS

Bawdeswell Primary School Update

December was very exciting at school. The naughty elves were up to trouble! They knocked things over and ate all the chocolates! Thank you to all our elf helpers who made this so much fun for the children.

School may have been different but we still had some Christmas!



I would like to thank all the children in these tricky times. It has been so lovely to have all the children back in school and they have been amazing since September. Sadly, now are we closed for lots of the children. We look forward to being open again properly soon!

Secondly I would like to say thanks to the wider school community for all their support and kind words in these tricky times.

We wish you all a safe and happy new year!

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Garden Club Members and their Guests are invited to join us. Access to the meeting is simple and straight forward so if you haven't joined us before, please give it a try!

For more information call Jeff Johnson on **01362 680066**, visit our website: www.reephamgardenclub.org.uk

Or find us on facebook: Reepham Gardening Club

TOOTHPASTE TUBES AND BRUSHES

At Stibbard All Saints we have a recycling box for old toothbrushes and toothpaste tubes. It is in the porch. Thank you for your help. Marian Dugdale (warden)

JIGSAWS

John, who is a jigsaw fanatic, now has 16 completed jigsaws in the garage. We are happy for anyone in lockdown to come and pick one if they would like to. It alleviates the boredom. Obviously with social distancing in mind, we can open the garage and move away. Just seems a shame they are sitting there when someone may like them. Would be good if anyone wants to swap as John is going through about two a week. All 1000 pieces so happy to swap like for like.

Anyone interested can contact us Ruth and John Hannent 01362 688301.

TWO COTTAGES, FOXLEY

Two Cottages, The Street, Foxley is the cottage opposite Foxley Church that was owned by local character Frank, or London Frank, as some called him. It has been recently sold at auction and was been bought by Jon Penells and his brother-in-law, Jim. Their hope is to convert it back into two cottages, similar to how it was many, many years ago.

What they would like is to get some idea about how the property used to look and have asked if anybody has any old photos of how it used to look, or any memories – "we would love to incorporate some of the history into whatever we end up doing."

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Fri 12th Feb	Chippenham Park Snowdrops & Nev	vmarket 9.30am	£35
Sun 14th Feb	London Motorcycle Show	8am	£42
Thurs 18# Feb	Ely & Welney Wild Swans	8.30am	£32
March 2021			
Thurs 4th March	Kew Gardens Orchid Festival	8am	£55
Wed 10th March	Pretty Woman Musical	8am	£75
Wed 17th March	Wicksteed Park – Rat Pack 8am Show & Dinner		£56
Wed 17th March	Chippenham Park & Newmarket 9.30am		£35
Sat 20th March	Creative Crafts – NEC 7.30am		£40
Sat 20th March	Miniatura Exhibition – NEC 7.30am		£47
Sun 21 st Mar	London Model Railway- Ally Pally 8am		£40
Mon 22nd March	Blackpool 1950's week		
To Fri 26th March 20	21		
Wed 24th March	Royal Courts Of Justice Tour & 2-Course Café Rouge Lunch	8am	£60
Sun 28th March	Classic Car Restoration Show	7.30am	£50
April 2021			
Thurs In April	Ideal Home Show	7.30am	£40
Thurs 8th April	Newark Antiques Fayre 7am		£37
Fri 9th April	Bletchley Park	8am	£45
Sat 10th April	Keukenhof Gardens, Amsterdam	Sardens, Amsterdam 7am	
To Wed 14th April	& Bruges DBB		
Fri 16th April	Andre Rieu – Wembley I pm		£110
Sat 17th April	London Welsh Male Voice Choir Ely Cathedral	tbc	£55
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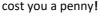
Happy New Year! 2021 is already a strange year, with fewer things than usual to celebrate, but we're grateful to have the opportunity to look beyond our current restrictions to a time when our Hall can again become a real hub for our community.

Did you know? We've started taking bookings for 2021. We know it's difficult to predict when events will be able to restart but we can take a provisional booking with nothing to pay if the event cannot go ahead. This way you can plan your diary without worrying that you'll lose any money. Please contact our Bookings Manager on 01362 688944.

The Trustees continue to look after the Hall, making sure we will be ready to reopen as soon as restrictions are eased. We have taken all the bookkeeping back in-house and a small team now manages our finances. We would welcome anyone with financial expertise who might join us to act as a new Treasurer.

Like all businesses that have had to close in Tier 4, we cannot 'trade' therefore we cannot earn any income from hiring our rooms. We are grateful to Breckland Council for the grants that help mitigate some of the financial outgoings that we must make to keep the building in good shape.

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Bawdeswell Heath in 2020

This year has seen a record number of people, both those living locally and others from further away, enjoying the heath. It has provided a place for safe and enjoyable exercise during periods when we were required not to travel far and it has continued to provide a natural facility for families to enjoy as well as for a large number of dog walkers and their pets!

The heath is managed by the Bawdeswell Heath Trust, a small charity registered with the Charity Commission. All the Trustees (listed below) live locally. The Trust exists to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Bawdeswell Heath (35 acres) and to ensure access to the public for recreation and leisure.

The Trust is very small with an annual income this year being just £474 and its expenditure only £443.

The Trustees work with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust who advise on appropriate work to encourage the heather heathland. Mid Norfolk Conservation volunteers have helped with extensive gorse clearing and have been able to hold a number of working parties. Thank you! Since the autumn, this work has also been undertaken by a small number of people who have established a monthly heath working group. Sadly, this had to be cancelled in January when the area went into Tier 4 but it will start again as soon as allowed.

The bridge across the stream by the car park had become unsafe and thanks are due to Norfolk County Council who replaced this during the summer

Autumn brought quite a lot of damage to trees with some becoming a hazard and the Trustees were grateful for the help of Dean Able who kindly made a number of trees safe and made no charge for the work.



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We also had to discourage use of the woods as a bike track with ramps and jumps. Whilst we had sympathy with the need for recreation facilities for young people, the heath is not a safe place to do this with so many walkers including children and the elderly. We encouraged the cyclists to use Sloughbottom Park bike track which is purpose built and has appropriate insurance. We would ask parishioners to help us stop this activity which causes damage to the valuable ecology as well as putting visitors at risk.

Just before Christmas, the Trustees had good news that they had been successful in obtaining a small grant from Breckland District Council. Once this has been processed, it should be possible to do further work on trees which are in danger of causing damage. A further small improvement should be made early in the new year (weather willing) to fill in potholes in the Swanton Morley road car park.

The Trustees hope you have found this short annual report helpful and that you will continue to enjoy visiting the heath in 2021.

The Trust is keen to recruit new Trustees who would like to be involved with this valuable local asset and particularly those who have relevant knowledge or skills. Potential Trustees should be either residents of Bawdeswell or will be demonstrable, regular users of the heath and live within a five mile radius. If you are interested, please come and talk to one of us. The duties are not arduous

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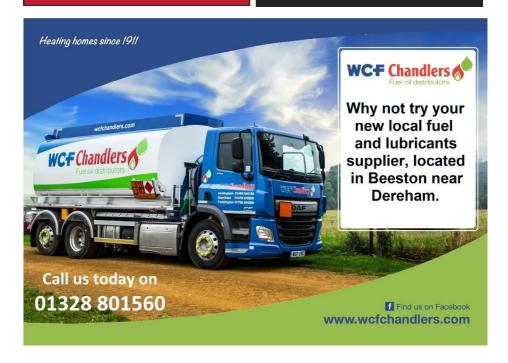
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Bawdeswell Bowls Club

January and February are the time when all club's start to arrange fixtures for the 2021 season; - fingers crossed that it can start in May.

Arranging home fixtures for Bawdeswell, Bintree and Lakeside has to be arranged so that only two games are played at home each evening as there are seventy to eighty games played at home.

Just to mention that the green is wintering very well; we just need some dry days so we can tidy up. We hope to paint the cabin. Unfortunatley as at this time only one person can work at once.

For information, please contact Paul on 01362 688615, Mob 07769694574



Bawdeswell Knit and Natter

Dates for February are the **11th** and **25th**.

It is still not looking good for Meetings. We can but hope!

Knit, Sew or Crochet. Refreshments served. All welcome - do come and join us.

Enquiries: **Josie Beach 01362 688869**.



Book Club

Book Club Gatherings

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Bintree Bowls Club

Happy New Year!!!!

In the last edition, I said that some of our members played indoor bowls at the Gallow Indoors Bowls Club at the Fakenham Leisure Centre. At that point, the winter season was suspended until 2 December 2020 and we were waiting to see if the season could be resumed again after that. Unfortunately, we have not been able to play again and it seems unlikely that we will be able to play any more indoor bowls again this winter.

The picture below shows a Xmas present that I received. Not quite the same as playing to a 28 metre jack but a very welcome addition to the games collection. Thanks Santa!!



We must all remain positive, however, look after each other and look forward to next summer when, hopefully, things might return to some normality and we can play outdoor bowls again. Let's hope so!!!!

New members are always welcome and you can track us on our website, bintreebowlsclub.co.uk.



Bridge Club

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The JayCee Bridge Club is now meeting online, until they are able to return to the village hall. Please contact Roger or Patsy for information, or to confirm a session is to take place. Whilst we aspire to play well, our range of bridge playing abilities means that it's really bridge for fun! No regular partners are needed.

Contact: Roger Fryatt: 01362 688627 or Patsy Catchpole: 01362 688352

FAB Dates for 2021

(These dates are provisional and dependent on government restrictions)

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and meet with neighbours and friends

A warm welcome to all

Wednesday 2nd June

Wednesday 4th August

Wednesday 6th October

Wednesday 1st December

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Beck WI

The Beck is an enthusiastic group which normally meets on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Old School Room at Sparham. Unfortunately, due to the covid-19 restrictions we are not able to meet at the moment.

Please contact Linda Rose on 01362 688488 for further information.



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Fifty and Beyond (FAB)

FAB should meet on the first Wednesday of alternate months, the first meeting should have been on 3rd February 2021 but unfortunately due to the recent 'Lockdown' will no longer take place



Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning

No Coffee morning in February.



Flower Arranging

In Bawdeswell Village Hall, Tuesdays at 2pm Meetings cancelled until further notice.

Foxley Village Hall Coffee Morning Dates for 2021

(provisional dates dependent upon government restrictions)

Coffee mornings are held on the third Wednesday
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A warm welcome to all

Wednesday 17 th March	Wednesday 21 st April
Wednesday 19 th May	Wednesday 16 th June
Wednesday 21 st July	Wednesday 18 th August
Wednesday 15 th September	Wednesday 20 th October
Wednesday 17 th November	Wednesday 15 th December

We look forward to seeing you

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Iceni Choir

The Iceni Choir is based in Reepham. We are at present 38 members both male and female. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening 7.30pm at Reepham Methodist Church. The Iceni Choir is not meeting or performing at the moment. Check out our website **www.icenichoir.org**. for more information.



Little Monkeys Parent and Toddler Group

Bawdeswell Village Hall every Friday morning during term time, 9.15-11.30am. £2 for you and your child, 50p for each additional child. Includes snacks.

Opening to be reviewed after Lockdown ends.

For more information, contact **Tara** on **01362 688826** or **Anne** on **01362 685308**. Find us on Facebook: Bawdeswell Little Monkeys.



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Wensum Valley Birdwatching Society

Indoor meetings at Great Witchingham Village Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome (There is a £2.00 charge for non-members)

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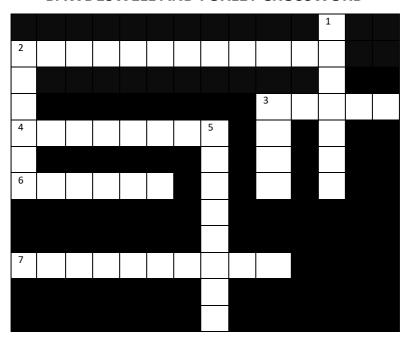
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Across

- Where was the original village school (3,9)
- 3 See 3 Down
- 4 Where is Foxley's swimming pool (4,4)
- 6 The original Bawdeswell village hall was in The ---- (6)
- 7 What is 1 Across now called (6,4)

Down

- 1 Where was the stop for stage coaches The...(4,3)
- Who is Foxley church's Patron Saint (6)
- What is Foxley Wood famous for (4,5) with 3 Across
- 5 What type of plane crashed into Bawdeswell church in 1944 (8)

(Answers on Page 38)

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Prescriptions can still be collected and delivered from Reepham and North Elmham surgeries.

Jackie Cunliffe Co-ordinator 01362 688956



Current Opening Hours and Locations

Tuesday Bawdeswell Church Friday Bawdeswell Church 9.00am - 12.00pm 9.00am - 12.00pm

St Valentine's Day



The Feast of Saint Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius I in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honour of Saint Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269. The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of courtly love flourished, apparently by association with the "lovebirds" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion in which couples expressed their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Since the 19th century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.



Try our Valentines Quiz

- 1. Who starred with Ryan O'Neal in the classic 1970 film Love Story?
- 2. What was Juliet's surname in Romeo and Juliet?
- 3. Which popular Irish singer died in 2015 age 88, whose first names were Michael Valentine?
- 4. In Norfolk legend and tradition, who visits on the night of 13 February to leave presents on people's doorsteps?
- 5. According to the 1950s song, famously sung by Frank Sinatra, what do Love and Marriage do?
- 6. Can you complete this quotation? "If music, play on"
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(Answers on Page 38)



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PARISH COUNCILS

MEETING OF BAWDESWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3rd DECEMBER 2020 AT 7.30pm HELD VIRTUALLY BY ZOOM

Present: B.Cunliffe (Chair), J. Lilwall, A Hartley-Walder, A. Toomey, K. Ewing and R. Reed, Mrs. J Boxall (Clerk), County Councillor B. Borrett.

Members of the public – 0

District Councillor G. Bambridge and the Police were not in attendance.

Drainage Village Hall car parking area

Councillors met with the farmer responsible for maintaining land next to Village Hall with regards to making further enquiries about drainage. Whilst permission was granted for pipework to be extended to VH car parking area, a need to check levels to ensure drainage into field was identified. It was agreed to investigate further.

Parish noticeboard move

It was previously agreed that the noticeboard needed refurbishment and should be moved to the left of the archway in the Jubilee Garden. Suggestions were made by residents to position the noticeboard to the right of the arch. It was unanimously agreed to get the noticeboard refurbished immediately and position it to the right.

Maintenance Churchyard & Jubilee Garden

As it was confirmed that the current contractor was no longer able to carry out the work, three quotes were received for the maintenance of the Churchyard and Jubilee Garden. It was unanimously agreed to approve the quote from Garden Guardian. It was acknowledged that quotes would need to be sought for all maintenance areas for 2022/23.

Finance

The balance of the Community account as at 30th November was confirmed as £19,227.56, Business Money Manager was £2258.78, Project Bawdeswell account (earmarked reserves) was confirmed as £5006.64.

The Clerk circulated the financial report / budget. Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to keep the precept at the same level as the current year and request a precept of £24000 for 2021/22. The precept demand goes to Breckland District Council, who collects the tax for the Parish Council. The 'Precept' is converted into an amount per Council Tax Band that is added onto the Council Tax bill.



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PARISH COUNCILS

Bawdeswell continued:

Planning

No new or late planning applications were received.

It was acknowledged that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against an enforcement notice issued by Breckland District Council in respect of unauthorised development at Pigmans House, Reepham Road, Bawdeswell.

Due to current Government restrictions, the next Parish Council meetings will be held on Thursday 4th February & 4th March 2021 starting at 7.30pm via remote means. Members of the public are warmly invited to attend. Please contact the Clerk for joining instructions or see website.

If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Clerk Jo Boxall, White House, Pettywell, Reepham, NR10 4RN, Tel: 01603 879480, Email: bawdeswellpc@hotmail.com

Full draft minutes from this meeting and minutes from previous meetings, including financial / audit information and policies can be found on the Parish Council website http://bawdeswell.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

Proposed dates for Foxley Parish Council Meetings 2021

All meetings held at 7:30 pm in Foxley Village Hall or by Zoom*

Thursday January 21st 2021

Thursday March 11th 2021

Thursday May 13th 2021

Thursday July 15th 2021

Thursday October 14th 2021

All Welcome

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A Card Trick

Have a pack of cards thoroughly shuffled and, as you place it face down on the table, secretly note the name of the bottom card which, let us suppose, is the Ace of Clubs.

Ask someone to choose a card from the pack. Return it to the top of the pack and cut the pack several times. With a bit of luck, the chosen card will be the one after the Ace of Clubs. Try it!

The Magic Egg

Soak an egg in a cup of vinegar for two days. The shell will go quite soft and you can squeeze it through the neck of a bottle. Soon it will harden again, will puzzle your friends and confirm you as a magician!

Crossword Answers

Across

- 2. The Workhouse
- 3. see 3 down
- 4. Moor Farm
- 6. Street
- 7. Church View

Down

- 1. Bell Inn
- 2. Thomas
- 3. Blue Bells
- 5. Mosquito

Valentines Quiz Answers:

- 1. Who starred with Ryan O'Neal in the classic 1970 film Love Story?
- Ali McGraw
- 2. What was Juliet's surname in Romeo and Juliet?
- a. Capulet
- 3. Which popular Irish singer died in 2015 age 88, whose first names were Michael Valentine?
- a. Val Doonican
- 4. In Norfolk legend and tradition, who visits on the night of 13 February to leave presents on people's doorsteps?
- a. Jack Valentine
- 5. According to the 1950s song, famously sung by Frank Sinatra, what do Love and Marriage do?
- a. Go together like a horse and carriage
- 6. Can you complete this quotation? "If music, play on"
- a. If music be the food of love, play on
- 7. What play does the above quotation come from and who wrote it? (half a point for each!)
- a. Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare
- 8. Which duo's dramatic and passionate performance was watched by over 24 million people on British TV on 14 February 1984?
- a. Torvill and Dean's Bolero Ice Dance in the 1984 Winter Olympics
- 9. To what did Robbie Burns compare the person he loved?
- a. A Red Red Rose
- 10. Who composed "Wonderful Tonight" about his wife in the 1970s?
- a. Eric Clapton

CHURCH NEWS

Bawdeswell Church News



The December Christmas services went ahead in Bawdeswell but regular Sunday services in church stopped again at the beginning of January. We went back to meeting on-line once more, not because we had to but because it was agreed, throughout our Benefice, that it was the safe thing to do following the sudden rise in covid-19 cases.

The Carol Service/Concert with the All Saints Festival Choir was a treat in these miserable times, and much appreciated by those who attended. That same morning some of us attended a Confirmation service at Foulsham at which The Bishop of Lynn confirmed three adults, one of them from Bawdeswell.

On Christmas morning we had a good turn out and the singing and music was provided by the All Saints Music Group. Very moving it was.

We hope in the latter part of February to return to using our churches for services. Please sign up for the Weekly Church Bulletin for up-to-date details (sanditaylor@bawdeswell.net). This also has links to the weekly Zoom Service.

In the meantime, All Saints Church remains open for Private Prayer and the twice weekly Post Office (Tuesday and Friday mornings).

Robin Taylor, Churchwarden

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We look forward to hearing from you!

CHURCH NEWS

Church Letter

Dear Friends,

It feels a little late to wish you a Happy New Year, but I am heartened to hear that some people in our villages have received both doses of the vaccine for coronavirus, so we begin this year with a great sense of hope.

As February dawns, we finally turn our backs on the great celebration of Christmas. 2nd February is the celebration of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple – known to most of us as 'Candlemas'. Mary and Joseph took their infant son, Jesus, to the Temple in Jerusalem to give thanks for his safe delivery and to make the sacrifice required under Jewish Law. The couple presented a pair of doves, as they were too poor to offer the customary lamb.

The idea of sacrifice seems very strange to us now. Those of us who have celebrated the birth of a child or grandchild during 2020 have sent or received gifts and rejoiced with our families. I am among that number, having become a grandmother for the first time in August. Will these children become known as the "Covid-generation"? I hope not.

But the birth of a child is always a great celebration of new life; new hope; and a sense that all is well in the world.

To quote our own Mother Julian of Norwich: "All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well."

My prayer is that you will all stay safe and well, and that we can look forward in hope to a brighter future.

Yours, in Christ, Revd Sally

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February Schedule of Services

Sunday	7 th February	10:30am	2 nd Sunday before Lent
Sunday	14 th February	10:30am	Sunday next before Lent
Wednesday	17 th February	10:30am	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	21st February	10:30am	1 st Sunday of Lent
Sunday	28 th February	10:30am	2 nd Sunday of Lent

Church Services in February

With all the uncertainty of Lock-down, the Heart of Norfolk Group (HON) has decided to suspend public worship until the Prime Minister's next statement about Covid restrictions, expected mid-February. This suspension may continue through to Easter (4th April).

Therefore, all services will be available on Zoom. The HON weekly e-bulletin will also publish this information, along with other news and resources you may find helpful.

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