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	2.15	NR24 2AX	The Street
Corpusty	2.45	NR11 6QP	School
	3.40	NR11 7BU	Great Farm Cott's
Saxthorpe	4.10	NR11 7BL	Old Post Office
Corpusty	4.30	NR11 6QJ	Adams Lane
	4.50	NR11 6QL	16 Council Houses

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Hempstead	3.40	NR25 6TL	Telephone kiosk
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	4.20	NR25 6LG	Old Post Office
	4.40	NR25 6LJ	Council Bungalows

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Clash Diary

Dec 7 Plumstead PC
June 26 + 27 Hempstead Open Gardens

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Letter from the Rector - Revd Canon David Longe

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Etty Hillesum (1914 – c1943)

Dear All

Recently I had a chance encounter. I sat, listened and learnt. This is often the way of my work: I learn so much, and am so often humbled by that which I hear.

We were speaking about someone they had lost. And how in their relationship there had so rarely been any disagreements. All relationships have points of tension, and we trust we can work through them. When disagreements turn to anger, anger – if not tempered – can turn to hatred, which is frighteningly destructive.

Indeed, as we flick on our televisions, or scroll through our news apps, we see anger on the streets. This week (I write in late October) there was the tension between Manchester and the Government, this coming month no doubt there will be an outpouring of words with anger expressed at the US Presidential Elections. If not checked this anger may turn to hate.

This is not to say that anger is not a good thing – it has its place. I am conscious, as a priest, that Jesus was angry when he saw the money changers in the Temple (cf John 2.15); but he did not hate. Even on the cross he forgave: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Etty Hillesum, a young Jewish woman who died at Auschwitz, wrote a remarkable diary, *A Life Transformed*, in which she describes her spiritual awakening. In one entry she writes to a former lover describing a colleague who she feels is consumed with hatred, before reflecting on its destructive nature:

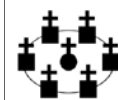
Appearances are so often deceptive. Take one of my colleagues. I see him often in my thoughts... his inflexible and rigid neck. He hates our persecutors with an undying hatred, presumably with good reason. But he himself is a bully.

We are hurtful enough to one another as it is. And I don't really know what I mean when I say there are bullies and bad characters among our own people, for no one is really 'bad' deep down. I see no alternative: each of us must turn inward and destroy in himself [sic.] all that he thinks he ought to destroy in others. And remember that every atom of hate we add to this world makes it still more inhospitable. And you [would] say "But that – that is nothing but Christianity!" And I, amused by your confusion, retort quite coolly, "Yes, Christianity, and why ever not?"

With my prayers for you all, and as we continue to endure these uncertain times, may God be with you all and with all those whom you love.

David

I would like to express an enormous thank you to all who sponsored me and others on the bicycle ride in September. I pray that we can use these much needed funds gathered to continue to support the ministry within these beautiful parishes. I have also been delighted and astounded by the generosity shown since lockdown as we have sought to raise funds for those in need, from the Food Bank, to those in care homes, to those suffering from domestic abuse, to the RNLI, to farmers in distress, to those who are impoverished in the Holy Land. Thank you so very much.



The Benefice of Matlaske Church Services for November

Services in Church: All services follow strict COVID guidelines, as published by the Church of England. All churches within the Benefice are open for private prayer.

1 st	All Saints	
10.30	Eucharist Reopening of the Church with a blessing of the new thatch upon the Aspe	Hempstead
2 nd	All Souls	
6.30	All Souls Service	Baconsthorpe
8 th	Remembrance Sunday	
8.00	Eucharist (said)	Matlaske
10.45	Remembrance Service	Saxthorpe
10.45	Virtual Remembrance Service	Barningham Winter
10.50	Remembrance Service	Edgefield - Village Hall
15 th	2 nd Sunday before Advent	
10.30	Eucharist	Plumstead
22 nd	Christ the King	
10.30	Eucharist Preacher: The Very Reverend Jane Hedges, Dean of Norwich Cathedral Dean Jane was ordained Deaconess in 1980, Deacon in 1987 and Priest in 1994. She was the first woman to be appointed a Residentiary Canon in the Church of England, serving as Canon Pastor at Portsmouth Cathedral. In 2006 she became the first woman Canon at Westminster Abbey, moving from there in 2014 to become the first woman Dean of Norwich	Baconsthorpe
29 th	Advent 1	
10.30	Eucharist	Barningham Winter
5.00	Virtual Service, Advent Carols Preacher: The Reverend Canon Susanna Gunner Diocesan Adviser in Spirituality and Discipleship and Chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen	North Barningham
6 th Dec	Advent 2	
10.30	Eucharist	Hempstead
Mid-Week Communion in Saxthorpe at 9am Wednesday 4 th November and Wednesday 2 nd December		

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Baconsthorpe

Treasure Hunt

The only news to report is a 'no news' item. The 27th September dawned – the wind howled, the rain deluged and the temperature was low! We really had no choice but to postpone the Treasure Hunt. Realistically as the days shorten and the weather worsens it seems sensible to wait until the spring to hold this event, so look out for the re-arranged date.



Corinne Youngs
577263

Village Hall News

The Village Hall Committee Annual General Meeting was held in September and I am happy to report that all seven of the current members of the Management Committee decided to stand again and were duly elected. My thanks to all of them and to the many other supporters of the Village Hall for all their hard work over the last year or so.

In line with Government COVID rules the Village Hall is still available for hire, though clearly there are limits on groups sizes and social distancing must be observed. A brief risk assessment of the planned activity is also needed. The only regular activity currently taking place is the opening of the Post Office on Tuesday afternoons. Let us hope we will see a return to our normal activities in due course.

Piers Warner

Barningham Winter

It was so nice to see so many people at St Mary's church at the harvest service at the beginning of October. Thank you to everyone who contributed and bought goods for the local food bank which was greatly appreciated.

We send our love and best wishes to Mrs Dorothy Parker who has recently been in hospital.



Sara Buxton
577207

It is with much regret that we will NOT be holding our annual wreath making day this year which has been so popular over the last few years. If you do want a special wreath for your door do phone Mrs Tessa Papworth on 01328 822379 for prices etc. I would be only too happy to deliver them to you and if you haven't ordered your Christmas turkey yet do look at the Morton's Traditional Taste website where you will can find oven-ready turkeys and chickens for sale. These are all home reared by my son-in-law Robbie Morton who farms at Skepton near Aylsham and once again I would be only too happy to pick your order up and deliver to your door.

After a wet spell and soon the shorter days just be aware of muddy roads again and also of the huge tractors and trailers on the roads at the moment carting potatoes and sugarbeet.

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Edgefield

Church News

Remembrance Sunday is 8th November. With Covid restrictions, we shall meet at 10.50am, outside at the War Memorial. Sadly, the Village Hall is not large enough for adequate social distancing. We sincerely hope that the weather will be kind. If not, umbrellas and waterproofs will be needed, and we shall have a shortened service. Everybody is very, very welcome to join us.



Richard Peaver
587486

With so much rain recently, we are having serious drainage problems at one corner of the church. There are no records of where the drains are situated, so I asked the Wizard of the Divining Rods to come and help! Richard Peaver has this amazing knack of finding any water underground. In no time the rods were going mad, circling around over what we sincerely hope are drain pipes! We shall shortly be investigating, and then we shall see... If you would like to come and help, do give me a ring (avoiding answerphone messages if possible).

Angela Turner

Village Hall News

A reminder that the hall is very much open for business to our various groups as long as the COVID guidelines are adhered to. The new cooker was wired in last month and a new mixer tap installed in the disabled toilet, so we are champing at the bit to show off our wares and get cracking again! September 200 Club winners: Ann Knobbs (167), John Hardiment (104) and William Longe (38).

Jim Frost

Edgefield Fuel Fund Distribution

The Trustees will distribute a payment of £25 per eligible* household in the Village Hall on Saturday 12th December 2020, from 11.00am until 12 noon. No payments will be made outside these hours. COVID requirements: Queuing outside may be necessary, so please dress accordingly. Face masks will be obligatory. You will be asked to complete a form with your name and signature. Please note: The distribution of the funds is at the discretion of the Trustees. Rude and abusive behaviour is not acceptable and is likely to result in a refusal to release a payment to an applicant or their proxy.

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Request for Information

My family and I live at 15, Rectory Road in Edgefield. My partner and I moved here in 2014. Occasionally at Christmas we get cards for a Kay Edmunds. We have always marked these as "not known at this address" and returned them to the "postie". But we have just received a handwritten letter from Kansas City, USA, and I would love to send it on to Kay. I just wondered if anyone might know someone in the village who might know where she now lives?

Emma Harris / harris.honeybee@outlook.com

Hempstead

200 Club

A Inglis £50, A Parker £20, K Hurrell £10, D Sanders £5, R Culverwell £5, C Inglis £5

Some residents may not know that both Anne Udale and David Durst were taken to hospital during the last four weeks. Anne is now in the Community Hospital in Dereham and David is in a Care Home in Docking. We wish them well and hope that they will be back in Hempstead before too long.

Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bicycle Ride

Hempstead has excelled yet again. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of sponsors and donors we have raised £5,282. Credit goes to the energy and commitment of fellow cyclists Mathilda and Buster Hannah, Charles and Lorne Inglis and Alison and Imran Tyabji and thanks also to Airlie Inglis and Diane Collier who manned the church throughout the day to offer refreshments to visiting participants. This is a truly remarkable achievement and we are grateful to all those who supported us.

YG

A Reminder: Hempstead Open Gardens Sat June 26th and Sun June 27th 2021

Had we been able to have this event this year both days were dry sunny and very windy, let us hope for dry sunny and a little less wind next year! It is early to be thinking of Open Gardens 2021 but as Jo and Jill are going to need lots of help we thought it worth reminding you of the dates (June 26th and June 27th 2021) hoping that you will put them in your new diaries. Both our Church and our Village Hall are going to need all the support we can provide.

Jill Roy and Jo Hurrell

A Warning

Up to about 12 October we had about 40 fish in our garden pond which adjoins the patio. Often in cool weather they hid under the lilies but came up for food. On this day no fish appeared, and some lily leaves were detached. There was no other damage. The pond is protected by a metal frame with a net which has successfully repelled herons for the last 12 years. On investigation every single fish had disappeared without leaving a trace. They ranged from 8 large koi carp over 12" long one of which had lived with us for over 40 years in 4 different places and goldfish of all sizes up to 6".

At first we suspected an otter or necessarily quite a few otters. We have taken expert advice that otters would leave debris and there was none. So reluctantly we have to conclude that humans with "professional" skill are involved. They must have had prior knowledge since the pond is not visible from the road, and we have had very few visitors since we have been isolating since March.

Police have been informed. The questions remain: how did they do it and have there been any other local cases?

Jill & Dick Roy
The Forge



Diana Spalton
711117

Matlaske

100 Club

£25 Adam Carman, £10 Chanelle Shepherd, £5 Felicity Rushmer

Welcome

To Myles and Tyler who have moved into our village. We hope they will settle in well and enjoy their new surroundings.

Bonfire Night Event

Nowhere in the history books does it say Guy Fawkes DID NOT eat pizza ... so in an effort to 'mark' bonfire night in a distanced fashion why not come and collect a pizza from the middle of the village. Thomas and Amelia will be trying to waft a hint of Italiano over Matlaske. Cooked in a wood-fired pizza oven at the end of Barningham Hall drive we will be producing wafer thin, crispy crusted, smokey flavoured pizzas for a Naples meets Matlaske experience.

Menu:

- Classic Margarita: tomato, mozzarella and basil (basil optional!)
- Prosciutto: same as before but with ham (ham optional, but then it turns back to.... see above!)

In light of limited ingredient storage, limited skills and being at the limit of our culinary imagination the menu is limited to these two delicious offerings. Preferably pre-order by emailing thomas@barninghamestate.co.uk or ring 07966 36418920 mins prior to coming. Cooking from Thurs 5th Nov 6pm-8pm £5.00 / pizza... cash please, as no other 'facility'. Any surplus above ingredients costs to Matlaske church funds. Ciao!

Christmas Party

I am sure that you are all aware, that due to the current restrictions and lack of fund raising, we are sadly unable to have our Christmas party this year. We had a small amount of funds left from last year, so, can hold a free raffle. Random.org spinning wheel will be used to generate the winning names and 100 Club members will be e-mailed with further details.

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Plumstead

Last month I started my piece by talking about the glorious beginning to September we were experiencing – but lo and behold I spoke too soon: the storm blew, trees toppled, branches were strewn across the roads and we had an inordinate amount of rain in 36 hours. The rest of the country had no idea what we were saying while they basked in some late Autumn sunshine.



Mary Lintott
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Church News - Our Pumpkin & Dahlia Festival



So, October is usually a quiet month for flower arranging in St Michael's & All Angels Church, Plumstead, that is until 2020 and the original idea for a Pumpkin & Dahlia Competition first began. The ideas for the event were tossed around by this strange year of the Pandemic but a Pumpkin & Dahlia Festival was finally settled upon, which allowed us to comply with all the COVID restrictions. It seemed even more important to have an opportunity to cheer everyone up at this time. The plans began to gather momentum and the word spread around. The call for contributions for bright and colourful dahlias, pumpkins and anyone willing to scour the hedgerows for autumnal arrangements went out. The response was overwhelming and the village rose to the occasion with the most glorious display of fun and colour. There were pumpkins and gourds on every available shelf, ivy and autumn leaves highlighting the wonderful splash of the brightly coloured dahlias which were so kindly donated by friends from the surrounding areas. A group of 12 happy volunteers followed a plan and observed COVID restrictions whilst also having a great time. The church was resplendent with good cheer, colour, cakes, jams and a true sense of well-being for all those concerned. We also had a good response to our carved pumpkin competition - who knew we had such a talented group of children and adults in the village? We shall be announcing the winner in the December magazine. All in all a great time was had by everyone and as an added bonus our visitors have generously donated to Church funds. Just watch this space for 2021! Please see back cover for colour photographs.

Church Re-opening

So after 7 months of the Church door being firmly shut for services, cobweb removal and dusting, St Michael's was open for business again on 11th October. Candles were lit on the chandeliers and there were flowers. A service sheet had been prepared and we were ready for the off. We sang outside with Catherine giving us a lead on the organ after which we meandered home. It was really good to be back.

Parish Council News

As the season for cutting grass around the Flagpole and in the churchyard draws to a close, it is time to acknowledge the group of volunteers that operate the rota; each person is needed about three times for 2 hours. They are John Lintott, Jonathan Pilbrow, Matthew Sewell, Brian Faulkner, Steve

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Price and Nick Fulford. Living directly opposite, the large number of people visiting/having their lunch is good to see. In addition John and Nick did some essential watering on the shrubs and trees during the drought in the summer.

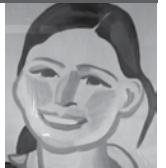
Also thank you to Keith Harding for flying the Flag on the occasion of the birthdays of Plumstead residents and the Royal Family along with notable dates such as Remembrance Day. There is going to be a discussion about how many members of the Royal Family should be recognised in the future. If you would like a name added to the list please let Carolyn Price, our Parish Clerk, know.

Nick Fulford

Saxthorpe with Corpusty

Corpusty Bonfire & Fireworks

Sadly, for the first time in living memory, the bonfire and fireworks are cancelled this year. Let's hope that they will be revived next year. In the meantime, the cover photo is a reminder of what we shall be missing.



Sophia Hodgson
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St Andrew's Church

Our thanks go to the Friends of Saxthorpe Church in response to our recent leaflet drop; to those who have recently joined and made a donation, especially in these difficult times, and all those who continue to provide practical help in keeping the church clean, decorated with flowers, the bells rung, the flags raised and lowered and the churchyard regularly trimmed and mowed. With recent contributions, we have purchased a general waste bin which has been placed outside the church porch and will help to keep the church and yard tidy and the compost area free from debris.

A reminder too, that there will be a Remembrance service on Sunday, November 8 at 10:45am to honour those casualties of wars past.

Cathy Stern

Trussell Trust

The News included a plug for the plant stall on Heydon Road, Corpusty during lockdown. Caroline Randell reports that the stall raised an astonishing £600 this summer from the sale of plants, flowers and produce. The money has been sent to the Trussell Trust food bank. Thanks everyone who provided support.

COVID Volunteers

A big thank you to all the kind volunteers who looked after us all during the lockdown. We couldn't have managed without you.

Valuable Good News

Cathy and Paul Firman have been living on Irmington Road for 25 years. Cathy was born in the village, daughter of Rhona Shreeve. Paul has been unwell, but on 13th September he received a new kidney. He had been waiting five years for a donor kidney. The operation, undertaken at Addenbrooke's, has been a great success. Keep on the road to a full recovery Paul as friends and family want to see you gardening again soon!

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As I write this I am contemplating the damage we had during the storms at the end of September. We sadly lost a couple of trees, one a particular favourite was a really tough gnarled, stoical hawthorn tree that we estimate must have been at least a hundred years old. It had the most beautiful blossom in spring and was always covered in berries in autumn, aesthetically otherwise it was a bit of a challenge and quite how it managed to hang on this long is beyond us, but it's now had its day and every time I turn in our drive I am saddened. We will think long and hard of what to replace it with. Now back to the garden: having been fairly industrious with the early autumn prep, it was quite a morale buster to have an awful lot of the hard work undone. However nothing to be done but to roll-up your sleeves and crack on with it! Also not forgetting this is the best time to put in bare rooted trees/hedging, so if you have lost much this is a good time to begin replacing them.

Apart from clearing up, November is a good time to think about your outdoor pots, any which are frost vulnerable move somewhere under cover. Collect up and store any canes and sticks you've been using throughout the year, the same applies for plant labels. Give the potting shed a good clear out, so that as stuff gets slowly moved back inside it's easy to find homes for everything. Have a round-up of any plastic pots you have too, you will thank yourself come spring!

Now to the lawn, we have had a fair amount of rain this autumn, so check how your drainage is; if you have unhappy areas on your lawn, then wait for a dry(ish) day and with an aerator, spike the tricky patches then brush lawn sand into them. It's a good time to check the edges of your lawn too, make any repairs necessary now and then your lawn will have time to settle before next year.

November is a good month to get bulbs in, especially tulips! Always a lovely optimistic task... and who doesn't enjoy browsing a tulip catalogue with a hot cup of tea on a grey rainy day!

This month's question is from Paul Fields who wants to know when the best time to prune climbing roses is. In my experience it is best to wait till the leaves drop; this means you can see the structure of the rose much easier, thus making it easier to see what needs doing. However it's not a task to prevaricate from doing for too long, wind rock can really affect roses so it's important to reduce their height in the autumn to lessen this risk... Good Luck!

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