

Blackbourne

Christianity Explored : October - November 2011

The *Christianity Explored* course gives people time and space to think through who Jesus is, and why it matters. A thought-provoking DVD, and delving into St Mark's Gospel, will help answer these questions. There will be opportunity for discussion and questions, or people can just sit and listen

The course will take place on Monday evenings at Troston Village Hall, 7:30 – 9pm, from October 10 to November 28 inclusive (no session on November 7); led by Phillip Garbett, and Don and Pearl Godfrey

Christianity Explored is open to all who would like to come, and is free of charge. If you know of someone for whom it might be useful, why not mention it to them now? Perhaps you could bring them to the first session. Details to follow. PG

Team Service

The next Team Service is on Sunday 28 August at 10:00am, at Bardwell

Morning Prayer at St Mary, Ixworth - Thursdays, 9 - 9:30am

During August, join Phillip and Liz for prayers in Ixworth Church, or Dinkie Williamson and others at Bardwell, 9–9:30am (please contact Dinkie to confirm venue 01359-251416). Common Worship Daily Prayer is used (text provided), with time to reflect together on the readings for the day. All are welcome. Prayers in September will be held in St Peter and Paul, Bardwell. PG

Praying for the Parishes

This month, your prayers are asked for the congregation, PCC, Churchwardens and parishioners of St Mary, Ixworth; All Saints, Ixworth Thorpe and St Marys, Troston. Pray also for our Church of England Primary Schools at Bardwell, Barnham, Honington and Ixworth. PG

Just-a-Bite : Church, but different

Sunday 4 September 9:30 – 10:45am, Ixworth Village Hall. Food to eat, food for thought, games, for all the family

Just-a-Bite

Sunday 7 August 9:30am
Ixworth Village Hall

Small Service

Sunday 7 August 11am
Ingham Church

Meditative Prayer Group

Thursday 18 August 7:30 –
8:30pm
Ingham Church

Team Service

Sunday 28 August, Bardwell

Messy Church

Friday 2 September
Barnham Church 10-12noon

Just-a-Bite

Sunday 4 September 9:30am
Ixworth Village Hall

Small Service

Sunday 4 September 11am
Ingham Church

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 17 September 8:15am
Great Livermere Hall

Informal Worship

Sunday 18 September 6:30pm
Ixworth Church

Christianity Explored

Starts Monday October 10

Quiet Day

Saturday 22 October 10am-4pm
Bardwell Water Mill

Promises, Promises ...

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, *Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.* Rev 21v1-4

Team Council

Thursday 22 September, 7:45 for 8pm. Would Council members please note the date. Venue and agenda to follow. *PG*

Meditative Prayer Group

Following a successful first meeting, we have decided to make the meditative prayer group a monthly occurrence - on the third Thursday of every month, 7:30 – 8:30pm at Ingham Church (18 August / 15 September / 20 October / 17 November / 15 December)

This group uses an ancient tradition of spending time in corporate silent prayer. There will be an introduction to lead into silence, a short Bible passage to meditate on, and a time of silent intercession. It will last no more than an hour. Enquiries to caroline@theredmans.co.uk

Are you refurbishing or up-grading your kitchen?

St Mary's, Ixworth is in need of some good quality used kitchen units. Please get in touch if you can help or know where we can source some. *PG*

Men's Breakfasts

No meeting in August. Next breakfast is on Saturday 17 September 8:15–9:30am , at Great Livermere Village Hall. The speaker will be Rev John Parr

Quiet Day at Bardwell Water Mill : 22 October, 10am to 4pm

Anne Spalding has agreed to lead the day for us. Anne lives in Woodbridge and writes this about herself: *Anne came to Christian faith through the evangelical and charismatic traditions, then trained in leading Open Door retreats. She acts as a Spiritual Director and is currently part of the Diocesan group supporting this ministry. Anne is also a member of the Third Order, Society of St Francis and has been in a variety of Third Order roles encouraging individual and corporate Christian journeys. She has postgraduate degrees in Theology and Philosophy*

On yer bike! Saturday 10 September 2011

The Annual Sponsored Bike Ride is a National event (in some counties known as *Ride and Stride*). The idea started in Suffolk, and the Bike Ride is the main source of income to Suffolk Historic Churches Trust to enable it to make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs

The ride is organised entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational. Cyclists are invited to seek sponsors, who will undertake to pay an agreed sum of money for each place of worship visited by the cyclist between 9am and 5pm on the Bike Ride Day. The money raised by each participant is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the cyclist

Why not raise money for your church and the Trust by cycling or walking - choosing your own route – to as many churches or chapels as you wish?

I'm delighted to see that all of the 11 churches in the Blackbourne Team are listed as being open and manned by volunteers to welcome visiting cyclists and sign their forms, and perhaps offer a refreshing drink. Perhaps you could help for an hour or two?

More information, including sponsorship forms, may be available at the back of your church. If not, contact our area organisers, Christopher and Joanna Spicer, 01359-230800. *PG*

Blackbourne Team Homegroups

Bardwell: Wednesday evenings (usually... please phone)

- At the home of Michael and Angela de Lotbiniere, The Water Mill, Bardwell, 01359-251111

Great Livermere: Restarting on Tuesday 30 August, from 8 to 9:30pm

- At the home of Jim and Margaret Hartley, Mere View, Church Road, Great Livermere, 01359-269487
- Then on Tuesday 13 September, at Tony and Caroline Redman's home

Honington: Resuming on 5 October: Wednesday evenings, from 7:30 to 9pm

- At the home of Don and Pearl Godfrey, Oak Mead, Malting Row, Honington, 01359-268413

Ingham: Wednesday 10 and 24 August, and 7 September: all at 8pm

- At the home of Ros Simmonds, Inglenook, Culford Road, Ingham, 01284-728152

Ixworth: Wednesday evenings, from 7:45 to 9:30pm

- Contact Phillip or Ingrid Garbett for details: 01359-234415
- We are looking at the major aspects of St Paul's life, teaching and mission; and what that means for modern Christians.

All Homegroups in the Team are open to members of any of the Team churches

Bardwell

A concert of light classical music will to be held on Saturday 1 October, at 7:30pm, in Bardwell Church. It is organised by Friends of Bardwell Church. Admission is free of charge, but donations invited to *Friends of Bardwell Church*

Barnham

- **Barnham Loos : Monday 8 August from 7pm.** Tony Redman will be giving his highly amusing and light hearted talk, *Skip to the Loo Me Darling*. The venue is a wedding marquee at Jubilee Cottages, Barnham, by kind permission of Dr M Belsham. There will be a finger buffet and glass of wine or fruit juice. Barnham Church is hosting this event in aid of their Fabric Fund. Tickets £10 from Sarah Rush 01842 890095, or email to sarah.rush@rymerfarm.co.uk
- **Barnham Messy Church : Friday 2 September 10am - 12 noon.** Painting, models, banners, singing, and acting. Enquiries to Sue Nutt on 01842-890409
- **Barnham School : Coffee and Cake on 9 September 9 am.** Includes an *Open The Book* presentation. If you are considering joining *Open The Book*, come along and see what we do. Any enquiries to Sue Nutt
- **Barnham Grand Fete : Sunday 11 September 11pm.** To be opened by the Mayor of St Edmundsbury Christopher Spicer. Running bar and barbecue, Irish dancers, Morris Men, bouncy castle, inflatable rugby game, all the usual amazing stalls, teas, cakes, golf, books, plants, bottle stall, bowling for a pig, smashing crockery. Do come along – it is always a great afternoon. The proceeds are divided between Barnham Village Hall, Barnham School and St Gregory's Church. The theme this year is *Circus* so there will also be lots of clowns. Children will be judged for their best clown costume!
- **Barnham Harvest Service : 18 September at 11am.** Kit Brinkley will be preaching at this service, followed by lunch in the churchyard. Kit has been licensed by the Bishop to preach regularly



Euston Flower Festival

A visitor to Rural Pastimes (on 12 June) asked for his congratulations to be passed on to all the flower arrangers, as the church looked magnificent! Our thanks go to all those who put in such a tremendous effort to make this such a wonderful occasion and to all those that offered their support and visited the church and made such generous donations

Honington Open Churches Week

Open Churches Week is a national event, with hundreds of churches taking part. Honington church is open every day, but on Saturday 13 August we shall have displays of crafts and wedding photos taken at Honington and Sapiston churches. There will also be flowers, stalls, a children’s competition, and you could try ringing the bells. Tea, coffee and cakes will be available from 10:30am – 4pm. We hope you will visit us

Ingham, Ampton and Gt Livermere

- **Great Livermere Church:** Prayer for the Blackbourne Team, every Thursday, 6 – 6:30pm
- **Ingham Small Services:** Sunday 7 August and Sunday 4 September, both at 11am
- **Ingham coffee mornings:** Tuesday 30 August and Tuesday 27 September in Ingham church: 10:30 am
- **Great Livermere Village Fun Day:** Sunday 11 September
- **Ingham Village Sale Trail:** Sunday 18 September: refreshments provided: Ingham church
- **Ampton Harvest Thanksgiving:** Sunday 25 September at St Peter's Church, Ampton: 6pm

Ixworth St Mary’s : Harvest Supper

Saturday evening, 24 September. Please contact Rev Jill Walker 01359-230776 for information and tickets

Troston Village Fete : Sunday 7 August, 1 - 4 pm

Held at Troston Village Hall. The entire area will be packed with a wealth of traditional fete games such as Splat the Rat, Skittles, Tin Can Alley, and Stocks. There will be a barbecue, teas, refreshments and a beer tent, as well as the ever-popular Raffle, Tombola and White Elephant stalls. There’s plenty for everyone to enjoy, some great prizes to be won, warm hospitality, and terrific bargains to be bagged

Garbett’s Giggles

Quotes from church bulletins or announcements in church services

- The church will host an evening of fine dining, superb entertainment, and gracious hostility
- Potluck supper on Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow

<p>Contacts Rev Phillip Garbett, Team Rector, tel 01359-234415 Rev Liz Jump, Team Vicar, tel 01359-269265</p>	<p>Sept /Oct 2011 Newsletter to be published on 11 September Please submit items to Pearl Godfrey pmg@capstonesystems.co.uk, by Thursday 8 September</p>
<p>Staff Rest Days Phillip, usually Mondays Liz, usually Friday</p> <p>Website blackbourneteam.btck.co.uk</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">The Blackbourne Team Ministry</p> <p>The Blackbourne Team of Churches consists of the parishes of Bardwell, Barnham, Euston, Fakenham Magna, Honington-with-Sapiston, Ingham with Ampton & Gt & Lt Livermere, Ixworth-with-Ixworth Thorpe, Troston</p>