

THE LANTERN

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NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD



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FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

But what can I possibly do about Alan Kurdi and the nameless Syrian children like him?

For most of my life I have watched and read about conflict and proxy wars in faraway places. As a teenager I saw in my newspaper starving children buried as Biafra fell apart. I joined Oxfam and Third World First. As students we lobbied for change.

As an adult I occasionally met with people fleeing the Sudan, Ethiopia and Vietnam. I was usually struck by the optimism and thanks of people who had very little. Their gratitude for small kindness and their hope for the future was impressive. Working to organise ESOL (English for speakers of other languages), education and toy libraries was a joy.

For two decades we have watched men with modern weapons destroy the cities of the Middle East. As I write, busloads of Syrian people are being evacuated from the ruins of Aleppo into the safety and misery of the camps. Each night we have seen the horror of shattered lives and dying children.

Whatever your views on immigration, the poorest of the poor are the displaced people of Syria. They have nothing. Until December 100,000 people were repeatedly barrel bombed in an area of less than two square kilometres. Aleppo is now another ruin in the desert.

For me the one response is to encourage Suffolk Refugee Support based in Ipswich. In 2016 this small organization has started to settle Syrian refugee families taken from the camps in Turkey. The aims of Suffolk Refugee Support are straightforward – to help rebuild shattered lives and support individuals to become fully functioning members of UK society. With a small team of less than ten FTE employees and fifty five volunteers, Suffolk Refugee Support is engaged in long-term activity. A drop-in advice centre is the initial contact with men’s groups, women’s groups, ESOL teaching (English for speakers of other languages), employee advice and outreach.

Suffolk has agreed to take 200 Syrian refugees over the next five years as part of the national programme. These people will all need support in the years to come.

The funding for refugee support is uncertain; there are never enough teachers or volunteers.

If like me your heart broke to see the policeman cradle a three year old Syrian child, Alan Kurdi, washed up dead on a Turkish beach in 2015, you may wish to help Suffolk Refugee Support in 2017.

Bill Herbert

DIARY DATES

BREDFIELD 100 CLUB

Subscriptions will be due in January 2017. £12 per person, cheques made payable to Bredfield PCC. If anyone wishes to join, please contact Rosemary or John McCarthy – Tel 01473 737276.

WINTER CAMEO *Coffee, Cake and Chat*



St Andrew's Church Room

Wednesday 25th January

Wednesday 15th February

Wednesday 29th March

Teas, Coffees, Squash, Cakes - - Toys available

(voluntary £1 donation)

EVERYONE WELCOME- All ages, male or female

Bring a friend for a relaxing get together in the warm

Feel free to bring a craft or something to share with us if you wish

Hope to see you there. For more info contact Ann Stammers

01394 384371

NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

Thank You

A big 'thank you' to Robin and Janet for providing mulled wine and refreshments at the Christmas Carol Service, and also to all the others who provided delicious plates of goodies. The Carol Service was a great success with a full church, and we collected £242 for the Children's Society.

It was also wonderful to see a full church at the Christmas Day family service. Many thanks to Tessa for putting together a Nativity play that all the children could join in.

Thank you also to Rev'd Martin Roberts for stepping in during Clive's absence to take both the Carol Service and the Christmas Day family service, on top of the Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve.

We all send our prayers and good wishes to Clive for a speedy return to full health.

QUOTATION FOR JANUARY

'And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been.'

Rainer Maria Rilke

FIRST WORLD WAR Commemorations

We will be commemorating the centenaries of the death of five more Bredfield men during 2017. They are:

Private Ernest REVELL	11 th Bn Suffolk Regt	Died 24 March 1917
Private Frederick WORLEDGE	11 th Bn Essex Regt	Died 22 April 1917
Private Robert Henry RUDD	2 nd Bn Suffolk Regt	Died 18 June 1917
Lance/Cpl Herbert BRANCH	8 th Bn Suffolk Regt	Died 31 July 1917
Private Lester Horace WARNER	11 th Bn Suffolk Regt	Died 5 Sept 1917

If you are related to any of them, or know anything about their lives, please contact

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100 Club Winners

1st Prize	Mr. S Stammers
2nd Prize	Mrs J. Nicholls

Church Cleaning Rota

7th January	J. D'Arcy	14th January	C. Cowper
21st January	P. Cook	28th January	J. McCarthy

Church Flower Rota

1st January	A. Stammers	8th January	H. Young
15th January	S. Woods	22nd January	M. Bence
29th January	L. Rolph		

Refreshments Rota

1st January	-	8th January	A. Stammers
15th January	A. Stammers	22nd January	P. Cannard
29th January	A. Ackerley		

January Services at St. Andrew's

Sunday 1st January	Evening Prayers <i>Roger Ackerley</i>	4.00pm
Sunday 8th January	Family Service <i>Bill Herbert</i>	9.15am
Sunday 15th January	Communion <i>Rev'd Martin Roberts</i>	9.15am
Saturday 22nd January	Service of the Word <i>Gay Nichols</i>	9.15am
Sunday 29th January	Morning Prayer <i>Roger Ackerley</i>	9.15am



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REV'D. CLIVE HOWARD

CHURCHWARDEN: Vacant.