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NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD

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FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

I am the bread of life. JOHN 6:48

During the pandemic St Andrew's Bredfield has taken many steps to keep people as safe as possible. This January it was very cold meeting for worship and for fellowship in the churchyard, yet very beautiful with birdsong and sunshine, making the promise of warmer days to come.

At the beginning of the month we meet to break bread together, to praise and worship Jesus. Sadly, we have not been allowed to share the communion wine for some time but we can share the bread and God's word. John reminds us that we *'do not live by bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God'*.

As a child of the 1960s the word Bread could mean many things other than a loaf, but the word used in the New Testament already had many meanings other than bodily sustenance. There is nothing mystical or mysterious about the word Bread. It describes a substance everyone knows about; Bread, or its equal in other cultures - manioc, cassava, rice, maize - denotes life itself. Without staple food we cannot survive. Bread is essential to life.

Jesus tells his followers that there is new bread which is not only life sustaining but life giving. *'If anyone eats of the new bread he/she will live forever.'* His followers asked where we could find this new bread.

'This bread is my flesh which I give for the life of the world.'

When we pray, *'Give us today our daily bread'* we are both asking God to sustain us and to give us life that extends into an eternity with him.

Jesus is the bread of life because in him we find all we need for real life, not simply existence. The world may eat the same bread or reject it. What the world cannot do is to find another diet to meet the same need. We welcome you to come and break bread with us on the first Sunday of the month.

May the Lord bless you and keep you this day and evermore.

Rev Bill Herbert, Associate Minister at St Andrew's and St John's

DIARY DATES

Sunday Services and Private Prayer

We have resumed Sunday services inside the Church with appropriate measures to counter the spread of Covid. **Pre-booking is strongly advised.** Pre-booking contact details: Paul and Alison Cannard (01473) 737707 or lantern.bredfield@gmail.com

We have also opened up the Church daily for private prayer. We request that four actions are taken if you wish to enter the church at a time other than for a planned church service.

- 1) Please do not come into the church if you have recently tested positive for COVID or display the symptoms of COVID.
- 2) Please use the hand sanitiser on the bench in the porch – even better use your own before touching the outside porch door handle.
- 3) Please wear a mask whilst you are walking or standing in the church – preferably at all times or at least until you are sat or knelt in a pew.
- 4) Leave the main door and porch door open whilst you are in church to aid ventilation. When you leave then both inner and outer doors can be shut again behind you as per normal.

These simple measures will aid the minimisation and spread of the COVID virus and help to keep your fellow parishioners safe.

BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE

The Bredfield Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. The Prayer Circle operates in confidence. It does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you.

If you are in need of prayer, or praying yourself, and would like the prayer of others please contact Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

WE'RE HAVING A MAMMOTH QUIZ

Friday 25th February @ 7.30pm
Bredfield Village Hall

£10 per person - tables of 4
Pay cash on the door
Includes Fish & Chip Supper
Bring your own drinks & glasses
Raffle

To book, call
Anne Henderson 07802 874397



Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Organised in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (2032867) and the Isle of Man (204). Also operating in Northern Ireland.

NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

Pictures from our Christmas Day Communion service



Photos by Andrew Cockrill

The appointment for a new vicar for St Andrew's Bredfield (and St John's Woodbridge) - progress so far

By the time the February Lantern is written and distributed a set of candidate interviews will have taken place at the end of January - by the end of February we should know whether a suitable candidate has been identified and has accepted the position of incumbent - or whether the net needs to be cast again. Four representatives from our benefice of St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield (two from each) have worked closely with the archdeacon, the Venerable Jeanette Gosney, the rural dean, the Venerable Annette Cooper and with each other to describe the benefice and the task of the vicar ("the Benefice Profile"), identify candidates to interview from a shortlist, produce a set of questions to help understand the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate and to oversee the interviews themselves. As one of the parish representatives I thank my fellow representatives for their diligence in these tasks.

During the course of this task of finding a new vicar, pieces of scripture have been presented to us and it is one of these that I would like to share with you - we thought it was particularly apt and timely. It is taken from the 1st book of Samuel Ch.16 v7, 11-13 and describes the process of choosing David (he of 'David and Goliath' fame) as the next King of the Israelites. But at the time of these verses David was still just a shepherd boy.

'But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and fetch him; for we will not sit down till he comes here." And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord

said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward.'

Paul Cannard

Neighbourhood Development Plan – A Review

The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Bredfield was 'made' by East Suffolk Council in May 2020. Although this is quite recent, much of the work had been completed during 2018-19, and the Parish Council believes that it would benefit by undergoing a review.

The aim of a Plan review is essentially to ensure that it is still in accordance with local policies and national legislation and also to make sure that the policies and statements remain relevant and are effective.

For this, a small team needs to be assembled from the village, who can carry out this work. If you would be interested in joining the group and assisting with this important work, then please contact the Parish Council at bredfieldpc@gmail.com or by speaking to one of the Parish Councillors

David Hepper

Chair. BPC

International Kite Festival 14 January 2022



The New Year window display was intended to bring a breeze of colour, to bless the wind of change and to bring more stable energy into 2022. Those keen followers of my window displays will have spotted previously used kites, but there are additionally two on loan from my family; a stunt kite and a retro Barnstormer kite with the longest tail I have ever seen! There are some other unique touches in the form of the coloured 'I' lettering in the window titling; one in yellow and one in green – this helps represent the saffron yellow, white and green of the flag of India (along with an actual miniature flag on the hillside). Why India? Well, the International Kite Festival is held in Ahmedabad in the Gujarat State on the Western Coast of India. The event goes from dawn to dusk and has its own pop-up kite bazaar appear the week before the Festival and includes special foods for the occasion like Laddu/Laddoo (a type of ball shaped sweet treat doughnut?).

Something for the Historian Readers:

Gujarat was the home state of Mahatma Gandhi, a determined soul who wanted civil rights to triumph over adversity in a totally non-violent way, essentially freedom above everything else.

What better symbolism could there be to both honour Mahatma Gandhi and freedom than by allowing over 40 countries to go fly homemade kites together in Gujarat. Whilst not excluding those unable to fly kites; by hosting alternative kite viewing parties.

- The exact date and origin of the kite is not known, but it is believed that they were flown in China more than two thousand years ago.
- One legend suggests that when a Chinese farmer tied a string to his hat to keep it from blowing away in a strong wind, the first kite was born.
- Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.
- The world record for the longest kite fly is 180 hours.

And (*according to Wikipedia*) we have Peter Lynn, a New Zealand kitemaker, engineer and inventor to thank for the humble kite's commercial progression. Being most notable for his construction of the world's largest kites, giant inflatable display kites, the popularisation of kite buggying and contributions to the development of power kiting and kitesurfing.

Something for the Naturalist (courtesy of allthingsnature.org)

A kite is a raptor in the family Accipitridae, along with hawks, eagles, and other birds of prey. The graceful soaring look of a kite in flight is said to be quite stunning to look at; the man-made flying objects known as kites take their names from this bird. Kites can be found on most continents, with three subfamilies representing an array of species. In addition to being seen in the wild, kites can also be seen in

aviaries at major zoos; some zoos even offer a bird of prey visiting hour for people who want to interact more personally with these birds. The kites share several traits as a group. The first is that the birds have very weak legs, and as a result they spend a great deal of time in the air. Kites also have small heads, short beaks, and narrow wings and tails; their tails can look almost like streamers or the tail of a child's kite when the birds are in motion.

In flight, kites tend to flap once and glide for a long distance before flapping their wings again. While gliding, the wings are tucked behind the bird to create minimal air resistance so that the birds seem to float through the air. Kites are also diurnal, meaning that they are active during the day and they sleep at night.

May 2022 bring more social freedom and let delightful expectations soar!

Lindsay

Christmas Spot-The-Difference Answers: 1. Jug lid upside down, 2. Whole Wooden figure changed (marked torso), 3. Cracker changed to another elf, 4. Candle different colour, 5. Candle snuffer missing, 6. Jug mat changes size.

100 Club Winners

1st Prize	No. 49 D. Causier
2nd Prize	No. 62 A. Stammers

Remembering Snow by Brian Patten

I did not sleep last night.
The falling snow was beautiful and white.
I dressed, sneaked down the stairs
And opened wide the door.
I had not seen such snow before.
Our grubby little street had gone;
The world was brand-new, and everywhere
There was a pureness in the air.
I felt such peace. Watching every flake
I felt more and more awake.
I thought I'd learned all there was to know
About the trillion million different kinds
Of swirling frosty falling flakes of snow.
But that was not so.
I had not known how vividly it lit
The world with such a peaceful glow.
Upstairs my mother slept.
I could not drag myself away from that sight
To call her down and have her share
That mute miracle of snow.
It seemed to fall for me alone.
How beautiful our grubby little street had grown!
Suggested by Anne Henderson

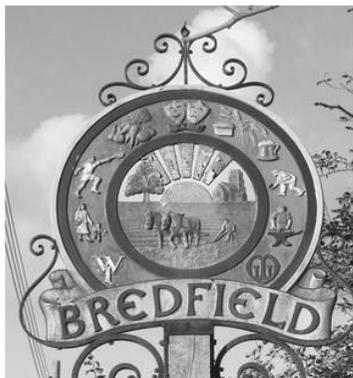
You will have noticed that we have now resumed delivery of paper copies of the Lantern. However, several people have contacted me to say that they would prefer to continue to read it on the website only. If you no longer wish to receive a paper copy, please contact your deliverer. If you unsure who your deliverer is, contact me at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com and I'll try to help.

Alison Cannard

February/March Services at St. Andrew's

Sunday 6th February	Holy Communion Rev Bill Herbert	9.15am
Sunday 13th February	No service at St Andrew's	-
Sunday 20th February	Morning Prayer Roger Ackerley	9.15am
Sunday 27th February	No service at St Andrew's	-
Sunday 6th March	Holy Communion Rev Bill Herbert	9.15am
Sunday 13th March	No service at St Andrew's	-
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Sunday 27th March	No service at St Andrew's	-

To book your place, please contact Paul and Alison Cannard on 01473 737707 or at lantern.bredfield@gmail.com.



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