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Church Services for November:

Every Sunday 10am Parish Communion Ixworth Church (also on Facebook)

Every Thursday 11am Morning Service Ixworth Church

Every Sunday 8am – BCP on-line Service (using Facebook)

Sunday, 15th November 10am Parish Communion at Barnham

Sunday, 1st November - A time to remember all those who have died over this past year - including the many who have died during the pandemic - and also the NHS staff who have sacrificed so much. The churches will be open for an hour for prayer and for anyone to come in and light a candle in remembrance. As we have to sit socially distanced in the churches, it would be helpful if you could let us know if you are coming and how many would be in your family group:

3pm - Barnham: Rev'd Sue Nutt 01842 890409/07818670124

3pm - Euston: Rev'd Canon Sally Fogden 0159 268923

3pm - Fakenham Magna: Jenny Phillips 01359 268269

Remembrance Sunday, 8th November: **Barnham** 10.50am – a short service and wreath laying on the green
Euston 10.50am - a short service and wreath laying at the memorial

Barnham St. Gregory's church - Bring Your Own Coffee - While the sun shines and it is warm enough we shall continue with "Bring Your Own Coffee" on Wednesday mornings at 10am in the churchyard. We will be in groups of six people observing social distancing. Contact Sue Nutt on 01842 890409.

Phone line - We are living in unprecedented times which none of us could have envisaged last year at this time. Some of us are very vulnerable and some have lost confidence in it being safe to mix with others. All of us are having to adapt and it is going to be a difficult winter. Our electronic devices have made life somewhat easier for some of us but others with no internet can feel very isolated. If you would like someone to phone you once or twice a week just for a chat perhaps to make you laugh or, as you get to know them, share your fears. Please contact Sue Nutt on 01842 890409 or my mobile 07818670124 and she will put you in touch with a phone friend. Also recommended is Daily Hope, a Church of England link, recommended by Pam Rhodes of Songs of Praise, which is only available by telephone on a free number. There you will be able to hear your favourite hymns and reflections: 0800 804 8044

Christmas – *we are hoping to hold a Christingle service on 6th December at 4pm. Also, we may have a "drive in" carol service at Euston Park on 20th December at 6pm – details to follow!*

Christmas Wreaths and Topiary Trees - Following last year's sell-out we are going to be making Christmas wreaths and topiary trees again. We use foliage from Barnham gardens as well as fir cones, baubles, ribbons etc. to make them really special. Wreaths – medium £15 and large £20. Topiary trees – large £15. Please contact Mark at The Old Bakery or leave a message on 07748854635 to place your order by 1st December and we will deliver to you in the week beginning 7th December.

Homemade Marmalade - Dr Belsham's delicious marmalade just £3 a jar... please give Sue Nutt a ring on 07818 670124 and it can be delivered.

Thank you - Molly Constance wishes to express her sincerest thanks to everyone for their thoughtful cards, messages and prayers following the loss of her dear husband, Ralph on 1st March. Your support at such a difficult time has been a great comfort and is much appreciated.

Barnham Village Hall – Sadly, due to Corona virus restrictions the Village Hall remains closed. We will continue to take provisional bookings in the hope that the situation will improve. If you have any enquiries about booking the hall please contact Judy on 01842 890291 (and not Amanda Kingsnorth on 890037 as before). The village hall has a website: www.barnhamvillagehall.org and a Facebook page.

Barnham Parish Council met virtually in July and September (as usual on the second Tuesday of each alternative month) using “zoom”. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 10th November at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend – please contact the clerk for an invitation to the zoom meeting whilst the village hall is closed. Details about the parish council (including the latest draft minutes) can be found on the notice board at the village hall and on the parish council website: www.barnham.onesuffolk.net. For further information phone: 1842 890355 or email: barnhamcc@btinternet.com.

There are two important public consultations running at the moment which affect Barnham:

West Suffolk District Council – Local Plan. 13 Oct. - 22 Dec. <https://westsuffolk.exhibition.app>. Tel. 01284 757368.

Local Government Boundary Commission – proposed new electoral arrangements for Suffolk County Council. 15 Sep. to 23 Nov. <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.

Speed Watch– can you help? We are looking for some more volunteers to help with this. Please contact John Bauer for more information on 01842 890093/john.bauer@btinternet.com.

Euston Farm Update from Matthew Hawthorne (Farm Manager) - Autumn is all about planting next year’s crops and harvesting maize. But with 75mm or 3 inches of rain since 10th September this has made this busy time fraught with problems. By now we should have virtually completed drilling our Autumn cereals, however, at the time of writing we are about 45% complete. The ideal time to have the bulk of Autumn planting happening is the first week of October and as we work our way from mid to the end of October the yield potential for 2021 starts to decrease. We have been harvesting our maize for the anaerobic digester in the farmyard, which provides energy for 3,500 homes. I want to thank you all for your patience with any increase in tractor traffic or mud on the road. When we plan our harvest operation, we pay a lot of attention to three major factors: is the crop ready, a one way system for tractors/trailers and mud on the road. Please be assured we always aim to be considerate to all in our local area. I look forward to updating you on news next month.

School News from Mrs. Amy Arnold (Head teacher) - I am so proud to share with you just how well all our children have adapted to the new routines and systems in school. Children are enthusiastically getting stuck into learning in their own class bubbles. We are very much missing visiting the church for our harvest celebrations this year; however, we have been creative and have devised our own bubble harvest thanks and celebrations. Vicar Karen visits each week and carries out a socially distanced collective worship with a bubble of children, we value this weekly link with our church.

We were fortunate to have a Suffolk County Council Enforcement Officer visit to observe parents collecting their children from school. He was happy with the majority of the parking and recognised what a busy road Mill Lane is with two bus stops and a school! We will continue to remind parents of the children at the school to park in a safe and respectful manner.

Our Year 5 pupils have been busy taking part in outdoor challenges working on their collaboration, problem solving and communication skills, along with increasing stamina and resilience. After carefully reading maps to identify the route of their 1.93 mile walk on Euston Farm, children worked in teams to transport logs to a specified location, ready to work collaboratively to build a fire. Their team working skills and perseverance paid off with a quick toasted marshmallow on the fire before heading back to school.

Our next school update will share with you our achievements of the Autumn Term and our socially distanced Christmas celebrations.

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Third age support service. I’m a former sheltered housing warden who has a great deal of experience in supporting older people and looking out for their welfare. I am happy to discuss your needs in a free no obligations visit. Based in Barnham, DBS checked and references available. Call Liz on 07956 797455.

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