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Forty Years Of Service

By Peter Steward

ONE of the biggest challenges facing the church in Hethersett is how to attract newcomers to the village through its doors.

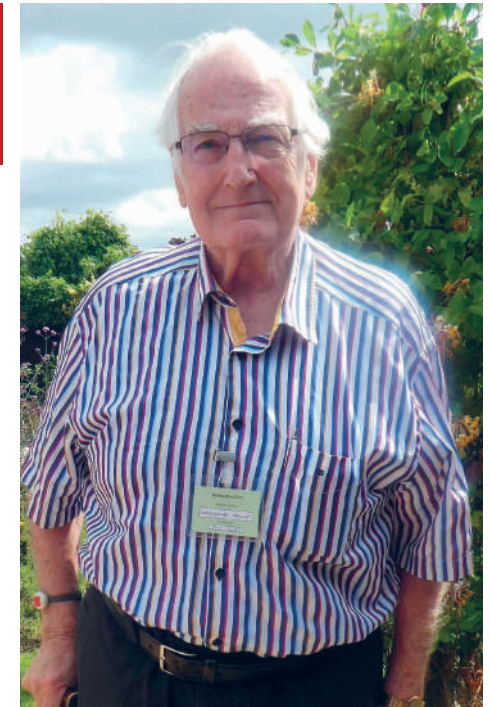
So says The Rev Christopher Mallett who, as we reported in the July edition of Good News, has just completed 40 years as a priest.

For much of that time Christopher carried out his church work alongside his employment as a nurse. He soon found that the two “professions” dovetailed well, with his Christian beliefs helping with his work in hospitals.

Christopher started his Christian journey as, what he describes as, a “Cradle Christian” with his family always involved in church life at Tilney All Saints and Tilney Cum Islington in West Norfolk. Tilney Cum Islington now has a ruined church.

Christopher remembers vividly going to the Royal Norfolk Show in 1952 where he was drawn to a Christian tent and met the then Bishop of Norwich the Rt Rev Percy Herbert who asked him what he wanted to do on leaving school and suggested entering the church.

He took a slightly circuitous route to the church, however, beginning his working life as a banker and then becoming a nurse of some note, progressing through the ranks and working in Bury St Edmunds, Cambridge, Bristol and then Peterborough before being appointed



The Rev Christopher Mallett photographed in July.

senior nursing officer at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in 1976. In those days The N and N also encompassed Dereham Hospital and the Colman Hospital in Norwich.

Wanting to live fairly close to his work, Christopher and his family which consisted of his wife Sheila and two daughters found a house in Bailey Close in Hethersett, a property he still owns.

As we mentioned last month, Christopher became the first person to be ordained in St Remigius' Church in Hethersett and somehow managed to fit in both his medical and church work which occasionally proved problematic when he was on hospital duty on

Sundays. He was also a part time chaplain at Wayland Hospital from 1986 until 2000.

Christopher saw his role at Hethersett as supporting the existing clergy: "An emphasis in my training was put on supporting parish clergy and helping them with their work," he said.

When he came to the village, the Rev Michael Sexton was Rector. Rev Sexton is now in his nineties and Christopher is still in touch with him. Christopher has served under four different Rectors—the Rev Michael Sexton, the Rev Bryan Llewellyn, the Rev Di Lammas and the Rev Derek McClean. The new incumbent, still to be appointed, will give him a nap hand.

For Christopher one of the biggest challenges facing the church in general

and in Hethersett specifically is attracting new people. He has seen The Church change and modernise over the past 40 years and has also seen the physical boundaries shift. When he became a priest, Hethersett was bracketed with Ketteringham. It subsequently lost Ketteringham but gained Little and Great Melton.

"I am sad that, although the village has grown, the attendance at church and the membership hasn't kept pace. This to me is a big challenge," he said.

It is a challenge he hopes to continue to be a part of as he enters his fifth decade as a priest. One thing that has pleased him is the close relationship St Remigius now has with Hethersett Methodist Church, working together to promote Christian unity.

Colourful Open Gardens Sunday

HETHERSETT was awash with colour as residents opened their gardens for a special event in July.

Open Gardens Sunday on July 9th saw over 20 gardens of all shapes and sizes open to the public.

A remarkable figure of over £1,900 was raised for Hethersett environmental projects. One of those opened was the special Community Back Garden at the Village Hall. Below one of the volunteers Linda Wishart explains the importance of this garden.

The Back Garden is a newly created

and delightful community garden initiated by Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).

It is situated behind the Village Hall in Back Lane and has been transformed from a disused skate park. Many people will have seen this garden during the Open Gardens event.

As a community garden, it is always open for villagers to wander, sit and read at any time.

Should anyone wish to help with the upkeep of this area HEAT has set up work sessions which will be held every



Wednesday between 10-12 pm and Saturday from 2-4 pm throughout the summer until the end of September.

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Pictures on this page are taken from the Open Gardens event and are courtesy of Don and Bridget Williamson.



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Parish Church Services in August



As we currently have no Rector, service times may vary.
Please check the list below and also further through the magazine for information
from the individual churches.

6th July: Trinity 9

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| Little Melton | 9.30 am | Family Service |
| Hethersett | 11.00 am | Informal Communion |
| Great Melton | 4.00pm | Garden Church at the Cricket Pavilion |

13th July: Trinity 10

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| Great Melton | <i>no service</i> | |
| Hethersett | 11.00 am | Parish Communion |

20th July: Trinity 11

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| Little Melton | 9.30 am | Family Communion |
| Hethersett | 11.00 am | Sung Morning Prayer |

27th July: Trinity 12

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| Great Melton | 09.30 am | Family Communion |
| Hethersett Methodist Church | 10.30 am | Joint Service |

(No service at St Remigius today)

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Hethersett Wednesday Communion Services will take place at 10:00 am on:

2nd August 9th August 16th August 23rd August 30th August

Little Melton Tuesday Morning Prayer at 10.00am on:

8th August 22nd August

Fun In The Sun

THE summer brings with it a host of village and group fetes and summer fairs. Here chair of Hethersett Parish Council and runner-up in the recent South Norfolk Community Hero Award, Sarah Lawrence tells us about just two of the events that took place in Hethersett during July.

After months of planning, the Friends of Woodside Summer Fayre finally came to fruition on Saturday 24th June and what a fantastic day it was.

The Friends of Woodside (FOWS) spent a lot of their free time organising this event, with meetings, sending letters and collecting raffle donations, organising games and vendors. There's a lot to do behind the scenes when you're organising a fundraising event.

The Fayre had all of the usual crowd-pleasers – the tombola, barbecue, bar, and all the games you would expect like hook a duck, the coconut shy and ring toss. In addition to this, The FOWS arranged for a fire engine and a police car to visit, which was enjoyed by many children. As well as the fun and games, there was a programme of events booked, with performances from the year one dance show, the Woodside Choir, the Woodside Samba Group, the Zumba Group and a demonstration of Powerhooping from a group run by Mrs Keeley (a teaching assistant at the school). Woodside favourite,



FORMER pupils of Hethersett Old Hall School returned to their seat of learning in July for a special reunion picnic. The school closed suddenly a number of years ago but, since then, former pupils have forged close links with the new owners Norfolk Police who use the buildings and grounds as a training complex.

Former pupils were welcomed back by Chief Inspector Keith Philpot who explained the importance of those links.

As well as enjoying a picnic, the former pupils were able to look round "their old school."

Freddie, was compere and in charge on the day too, making sure all of the performances ran on time using his cheeky charm. Freddie also added a bit of fun to the proceedings with some games and dance moves thrown in.

After expenses, the Summer Fayre raised an amazing £3,439 which will go towards enrichment and items to benefit children during their time at Woodside Primary and Nursery School.

Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Fete

On Saturday 1st July, Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club held its annual summer fete and dog show.

Speaking as a trustee, I can tell you that this year's fete was different to that of previous years as we were effectively starting from scratch.

After the sad loss of the Youth Club's former Chair, Gillian Saunders last year, a new committee was formed to manage the running of the club. After Gillian passed away, many of her contacts were lost with her. When it came to running the fete, we didn't really have a clue where to start. But, with a dedicated team keen to carry on Gillian's legacy and help the club move on, things started to come together with a lot of hard work, research and guess-work. One of the things that came especially hard to us all was the organising of the dog show - none of us had ever been to one, let alone organise one. After an appeal on social media for volunteers to help with that side of things, the fabulous Sophie Hughes came forward to help, even doing so after an injury. Sophie used her experience in working with animals and going to dog shows to help run that side of things, with Trustees sorting prizes. Sophie even recruited Councillor Kathryn Cross to judge.

The Trustees had sourced various raffle prizes from businesses and individuals in the area. There was also the raffling off of a huge dog hamper which Emily Draper (of Carrot and Biscuit Pet Services) had put together



to raise funds for the club. We were very lucky on the day with the weather, the sun shone throughout. The usual barbecue was out, along with hook a duck, guess the name of the (giant) teddy and bunny, tombola and refreshments inside too. Chris Watt was on the microphone outside, alongside Neville Greenhalgh, both bringing order to the proceedings and making us all laugh in the process with some wisecracks. Despite the great weather, the turnout was lower than we expected, but there's definitely things we can improve on next year. For our first year, we didn't think it went too badly, and we all had a laugh, so we can't complain. The fete raised a total of £336 after expenses.

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Sunday 6th—10.30 am—Marion Baxter.

Sunday 13th—10.30 am—Service of Holy Communion at Wymondham led by Rev Mary Cousins (there will be no service at Hethersett).

Sunday 20th—10.30 am—Liz Thetford—Praise Service.

Sunday 27th—10.30 am—Trixie Dye.

The church's arts and craft group meets every Wednesday at 10 am. Please contact Tina Greenhalgh for more information on 810364.

The Men's Mardle will meet on Wednesday 2nd August from 10 am. This group now meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

The Inter-Church prayer group will meet on Monday 14th August at 2.30 pm in St Remigius and on Monday 28th August in the Methodist Church.

Please visit our Facebook Page, Hethersett, Morley and Wymondham Methodist Churches, where you will find service details and also a "Thought For The Week".

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The Methodist Church

Blow Your Own Trumpet

Café style all age worship at Hethersett Methodist Church got a bit wild on July 2nd.

The church family gathered for breakfast, activities and to learn about one of the heroes from the Old Testament, Joshua.

Joshua was appointed by God to lead the Israelites into the promised land after the death of Moses.

During the service the congregation heard about how Joshua and his people were able to liberate the city of Jericho. But it only happened with God's help.

The congregation made bricks to symbolise the walled city of Jericho and they put names on the bricks of people who have helped them. They heard the story on video and sang about Joshua. Trumpets were made and the congregation marched round the city walls (well the Church actually) seven times and on the seventh they blew their trumpets and shouted and the walls came tumbling down.

And the moral for the service was –" we can do nothing without each other and without God."

The service was enjoyed by all ages present from those under 10 to those in their eightieth decade.

Our all age café style services are held regularly and open to all people. Please came and join us, you will be very welcome.

Norfolk Police have teamed up with a men's mental health charity to turn a gardening area at its training complex on the B1172 into a community welfare area as Chief Inspector Keith Philpot explained.

"We have come together in collaboration with Menscraft to re-use the former greenhouses and gardening huts of the former Old Hall School. Menscraft is a Norfolk-based charity focusing exclusively on the health and well being of men.

"The Hethersett centre forms part of its Pit Stop group that aims to bring men together through common interest. The group at Hethersett have a common interest in gardening and everything horticulture with a view to building friendships, connections and helping people to belong.

"Throughout the spring and summer, the team have grown plants which are available for sale during office hours through a collection box at the Hethersett Training Centre." We will have more on this partnership initiative in a future edition of Good News



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Connie The Carer

HETHERSETT has lost an animal champion with the death of Connie Tindale who was affectionately known as the Hedgehog Lady for the gift of life that she gave to hundreds of hogs at her home in Grove Road.

Connie died in June after a long illness which never prevented her from lavishing care on the small creatures which she nurtured and cared for before releasing them back into the wild.

Connie took in hundreds of hedgehogs at her home and, using special diets, heat pads and other equipment, nursed them back to health. For many, she was the go to person when hedgehogs were found injured or confused by modern life as an article in the Eastern Daily Press from a few years ago underlined with the heading

“They cannot cope with the modern world. Connie gives the gift of life to hedgehogs.”

Connie had a rich and varied life that included setting up a charity for children in Egypt, a country where she lived for many years. She was also a published author on subjects as diverse as Bonsai trees and Egyptian History.

A full appreciation of Connie's life will be published in the August edition of Hethersett Herald which you can view at:

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“They cannot cope with the modern world: Connie gives the gift of life to hedgehogs”



NEWS STORIES

Connie Tindale, 72, who has spent the last 10 years of her life caring for hedgehogs, has died after a long illness.

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Groups and Societies

Friends of Hethersett Library

The Friends of Hethersett Library's next presentation will be an illustrated talk on the Mid-Norfolk Railway by Paddy Anstey on September 21st. The group will be organising a quiz in Hethersett Village Hall in October and a children's party at a venue to be announced in December. We will have more details of these events in coming editions of Good News.

Services in August

Sunday, 6th August – 9.30 am Family Service.

Sunday, 20th August – 9.30 am Holy Communion.

Please see page seven for details of services available in the benefice throughout August.

Morning Prayer in August will be held on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd at 10 am.

This is a short, informal service with a reading and prayers. All are welcome.

Beauty—In The Eye Of The Beholder

Love it or hate it? “Beauty is in the eye of the beholder”.

Our churchyard can be seen as a haven of peaceful serenity where nature and passed loved ones can be admired and remembered. Or, it can be seen as untidy and unkempt. Governance of the churchyard is done through The Churchyard Regulations of 2016 which outline various responsibilities. The Parochial Church Council’s responsibility is to maintain the churchyard to a reasonable standard to allow access to the graves.

The responsibility for the grave plots themselves lies with the owners of the plots. In addition to this there is a “green drive” across the Church of England which our current Bishop Graham is pushing for. Recent Rural Churches Forums have made it clear that areas with unkept/natural growth should be the norm not the exception. To this end, All Saints churchyard is managed for conservation in three areas; one in the newer churchyard extension, one by the church itself and

one by the path leading to the church. These areas do not cover any tended graves and indeed in the extension are not around any graves.

These areas were selected because they have a particular profusion of wild flowers and plants on which insects thrive. Our intention is to maintain these areas whilst keeping the rest of the churchyard accessible. With the help of a grant from the parish council, we have a contractor who mows the grass during the summer months. In addition, there is a working party every month that works its way around the churchyard strimming and tidying up as much as possible. With very few volunteers and with rapid growth during certain parts of the year it can be very difficult at times to keep on top of things.

We do our best and realise that we will never please everyone but if anyone would like to help, they would be most welcome.

Our next working party will be on Saturday, 5th August at 10 am.

Messy Church

At our last session in May our young people made items to sell at the Church Summer Fayre with the proceeds going to Christian Aid.

They raised an amazing £48. Well done everyone.

The next Messy Church will be on **Friday 25th August from 11 am until 1pm.**

Weather-permitting this is likely to be an outdoor event so bring your sun hats and we’ll provide plenty of water.

All young people need to be accompanied by an adult. If you can let Sue know on sjrc.sjrc00@gmail.com

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See you there!



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News From Little Melton

Summer Fayre



Our Summer Fayre took place on Saturday, 17th June. Although the rain threatened, the sun shone on us adding to a lovely afternoon. We enjoyed burgers and hot dogs for lunch and cream teas and cakes in the afternoon.

The plant stall was as popular as ever and there was great competition on the games. A big thank you goes to all the contributors, helpers and visitors on the day. We raised over £800 for the church. Thank you.

Little Melton Mother's Union

At our meeting in July, we had a very interesting talk from Mrs Margaret Burgon entitled 'My life as a vicar's wife'.

What a fascinating life she has led with Rev George Burgon, not only the places they've lived but also the people they have both cared for.

Some of the tales were very sad as they dealt with bereavement and some hilariously funny as they helped some unusual characters from all walks of life. Our next meeting is a home communion at Sue's to celebrate Mary Sumner Day on **Monday 14th August at 1.30 pm. 6 School Lane.**

News From Little Melton

Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride on Saturday, 9th September.

ALTHOUGH it is called a cycle ride, you can take part in other ways too. You can walk or drive between churches and get sponsors in the same way. Money raised is divided equally between your nominated church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. If you are unable to take part, you can sponsor those who are or just make a donation.

It is a great way to explore Norfolk's magnificent churches and countryside whilst also having exercise and raising money for your local church. Last year was a record for us in Little Melton. Let's make this year even better. As mentioned last month, this year is the 40th anniversary of the event. So, pump up your tyres, dust off your walking boots, pack a picnic and plan a route to visit as many beautiful churches in Norfolk as you can.

You can pick up a sponsor form from the back of the church. Alternatively, sponsor forms and any further details can be obtained by contacting Nick or Lavinia Ganley on 810149.

Groups and Societies

The RiNG (Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group) by Viv Hawes

WHAT a lovely afternoon we had for our June meeting. The sun shone on Jane's wonderful garden and our speaker Clare Jacklin, an old friend, now CEO of NRAS, gave us an update on the organisation.

Many changes had to be made post covid but they are carrying on their lobbying work in bringing Rheumatoid Arthritis to the attention of Government to have it declared a chronic ailment and added to the list of prescription exempt conditions such as Diabetes.

Clare was also able to talk about the strides being made in combating RA drug-wise. I would also like to say thank you to Sue and Avril for their sterling help with refreshments and to Robert and Richard for their help setting up.

July saw us welcome Alistair Bielby from Footsure. The August speaker is as yet unconfirmed.

If you would like to join us, we meet at 2 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month in Hethersett Village Hall. Tea and cake are offered and the entry fee is £4. All are welcome to come and perhaps make new friends.

For any more info contact me on 01603 811347 or viv.hawes@talktalk.net

Groups and Societies



By Anne Steward

Members of the Hethersett Forget-Me-Not Café have enjoyed two very different activities in the last month.

On the first Tuesday, Celia Alden and her Tuesday morning yoga group which meets each week in the upper room of the Methodist Church, led the café members in a chair workout, concentrating on breathing and simple movement of each body part.

On July 4th, in keeping with Wimbledon fortnight, it was strawberry time with scones and cream and cake. This was preceded by a visit to the garden of Mrs June Key where the above photograph was taken. June also opened her garden in Great Melton Road to the public as part of the village's Open Gardens Sunday on July 9th.

Both events were enthusiastically received by café members.

Our August café will take place on the 1st and 15th in the Methodist Church Hall in Great Melton Road from 10 am.

On the first, Angela Bishop, representing the John Hurt trust from Cinema City, will reminisce about cinema through the ages. The 15th will be a games and quiz morning. The café operates on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Everyone is welcome.

Ceri Bids Farewell

HETHERSETT musician Ceri Peterson has bowed out after 10 years as leader of Wymondham Symphony Orchestra.

Ceri's last concert with them was in Wymondham Abbey in July when the orchestra performed a special work "Living Stones" written by its conductor Andrew Parnell, along with works by Brahms and Dvorak.

Ceri's life has been surrounded by music since she was born. She started playing the piano at the age of four and the violin when she was just eight. Music became one of the dominant forces in her life, along with the love of her tightly knit family.

Ceri moved with her husband Gordon to Norfolk and Hethersett in 2000. She grew up in Beverley in the East Riding of Yorkshire and at school played a prominent role in the East Riding Youth Orchestra whilst also playing with the Hull Philharmonic and Beverley Chamber Orchestras.

She then studied music at Birmingham University and graduated with a BMus Honours degree with a diploma in violin performance. She led the university orchestra and, after gaining a PGCE from the University College of Ripon and York St John, began a teaching career in South Humberside and then the East Riding before moving to Norfolk where she became a peripatetic teacher with the Norfolk Music Service, teaching children of all ages.

From 2012 to 2015, she was string co-ordinator and tutor for the Norfolk County Youth Orchestra and from 2020 until 2022 was string tutor for Guildhall Young Artists in Norwich.

Ten years ago she joined Wymondham Symphony Orchestra (WSO) as its leader and says she has very fond memories of her time with them.

Ceri's final performance with the WSO was a celebration in more ways than one. It not only marked her 10 years as leader and her retirement from the orchestra, but also the 20th anniversary of Andrew Parnell's involvement. His work "Living Stones" was originally composed for the 900th anniversary of Wymondham Abbey in 2007.



Ceri Peterson (centre) with fellow musicians at the end of her last performance with the Wymondham Symphony Orchestra.

Looking back on her 10 years with the WSO, Ceri picks out her performance as a soloist for Vaughan Williams' ever popular piece "The Lark Ascending," as one of her highlights in "a very happy 10 years."

Ceri admits that she will miss the orchestra, although she feels it is the right time to retire. "I will miss it. It is always exciting when a work comes together," she said. But Ceri is certainly not retiring from music. She has many projects on the go.

She currently plays at weddings with a group of friends known as "Cordes Strings." When lockdown restrictions were eased a little, this group delighted Hethersett residents by practising in the open air near Ceri's home.

She is also a member of a relatively new chamber orchestra entitled Ensemble East which is based in Norwich. She will continue her work in schools and also coaching a number of individual students in violin and viola at her home.

News From St Remigius, Hethersett



St Remigius Church Baby and Toddler Group

Our Baby and Toddler Group is held on the first Tuesday of the month 10-00 – 12.00 in St Remigius Church.

A friendly and fun time for everyone with babies and toddlers. We look forward to welcoming you at our next session on TUESDAY 1st August 2023.

**Future Dates:
5th September 2023
5th October 2023**

For more information tel: Pauline 01603 812610

News From Messy Church

We were sorry that we had to cancel the Messy Church in June due to unforeseen circumstances. Our next Messy Church will be on 9th September, more details in the next Good News. **The Messy Church Team.**

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Village Screen

Hethersett Village Screen is set to return at the beginning of September and dates for the showing of films in Hethersett Village Hall have been set as far ahead as 2025.

The films to be shown are still to be announced but dates are as follows. All films take place in the village hall at 3 pm on a Sunday afternoon.

2023—3rd September, 1st October, 5th November and 3rd December.

2024— 7th January, 4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 12th May, 8th September, 6th October, 3rd November and 1st December.

2025—5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 11th May

Hethersett Mothers' Union with Kate Reynolds

During our June meeting, we shared reminiscences of a safari holiday in South Africa. Sue Head explained the wonder of being almost in touching distance of some of the wildlife there. We were transfixed whilst watching and sharing their marvelous photography from the trip. We are at present looking forward to our meeting in July which will be an Afternoon Tea open to all.

August is our holiday month so our next MU meeting will be on Monday 24th September and will take the form of an "Activities Afternoon".

Hethersett Mothers' Union meets on the last Monday of the month in St. Remigius Church at 1.30 pm

Have a lovely Summer.

Contact Details for Good News

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We are also looking for people willing to distribute magazines on a monthly basis. If you can help please contact Kim Arnall using the details above.

Groups and Societies

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Mondays: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm

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Fridays: 9.30 am until 5.30 pm

Saturdays: 9.30 am until 2.30 pm

Sundays: Closed

Hethersett Parish Council

Dates for meetings of Hethersett Parish Council for the remainder of 2023 are: August (no meeting), September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th.

For other committee dates please refer to the council's website which includes minutes and agendas and plenty of other bits of information about the village.

Aid In Sickness Fund

HAVE you heard about the Hethersett and District Aid In Sickness Fund which was formerly known as the Hethersett Nursing Association?

If you live in Hethersett, Ketteringham or Little Melton and you or someone you know is in need of financial help because of illness or disability you could qualify for a grant. Examples of help available include car adaptations, wheelchair or other mobility items, support during a sudden medical crisis, nebulisers and other equipment or pre-payment of certificates for prescriptions. All applications are treated in strictest confidence.

To apply for a grant contact any of the following: Alex on 07805 242326, Rachel on 01603 812596, Mary on 01603 811330, Barbara on 01603 810502, Christopher on 01603 811010 or Debby on 01603 812221.

News From Great Melton

Coming Diary Dates

Sunday 3rd September 11 am. to 4 pm. – Open House and Gardens at the Old Rectory, Great Melton.

Learn about the history of the house with the rooms set out in Edwardian splendour and costumed characters in attendance. Find out more about the history of the parish.

Wander round the lovely gardens and enjoy a cup of tea together with delicious homemade cakes. If you like vintage clothing there will be an opportunity to buy in the stable yard. So much to do and see – admission is £5 with school children free. The proceeds will be divided between the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Great Melton Church.

Saturday 9th September – Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Sponsored Bike Ride Day.

Norfolk Churches Trust have grant aided Great Melton Church in the past so it would be lovely if we can support this event again this year. Lots of churches are open on this day that it is usually not possible to visit and it doesn't matter if you visit one church or lots of churches as the saying goes "Every little helps". Sponsor forms will be available in church or from Mary Tuddenham. In fact you don't need to bike round the churches, walking or travelling by car is just as good and you can even be sponsored to sit in church and welcome visitors.

Sunday 10th September at 6 pm.

We are having a Songs of Praise service at Great Melton Church followed by refreshments. Please let Mary, Charlotte or Liz (our contact details are at the front of the magazine) know your favourite hymn and if there is a special reason why you like this particular one. There doesn't need to be a specific reason just the fact you enjoy singing it is absolutely fine.

If you would like to keep up to date with what is going on at Great Melton Church please follow us on Facebook @greatmeltonchurch or visit our website greatmeltonchurch.co.uk.

Great Melton Parochial Church Council

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News From Great Melton

The services for August are as follows:-

Sunday 4th August – 4 pm Garden Church, Great Melton Cricket Pavilion.

Sunday 13th August – 4 pm – Garden Church Pimms and Praise (see details below).

Please note there will be no family service in Great Melton Church on the second Sunday of August. We look forward to seeing you at Pimms and Praise instead.

Sunday 27th August—9.30 am—All Age Family Communion Service in Great Melton Church



Join us for 'Pimms and Praise' in Wymondham at 4 pm on 13th August. This is a simple, fun way to meet others, enjoy a short thought for the day and a song. A safe soft landing into community and faith.

Maybe there is someone you could invite along? Hosted by Charlotte and Mary in beautiful surroundings. Email mary@ublgroupp.co.uk or charlotte.bayes@garden-church.org for the exact location if you would like to come.

News From Great Melton



What a month it's been

On June 18th, the Bishop of Norwich visited Garden Church in Great Melton Cricket Pavilion. He baptised Jayne and then confirmed Jayne, Laura and Grace. It was a beautiful, moving and amazing celebration of faith. A folk band led us in song and worship with an upright double bass, folk guitar and



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News From Great Melton



accordian. There was a great atmosphere and the Bishop led us in conversational learning as we enjoyed tea and cake.

On the first Sunday in July, we met and thought about what it means to be 'new creation' in Christ. We baked bread and thought about the irreversible change from dough to bread.

It can never return to dough again, just like when we are made a new creation in Christ. 'The old life has gone. The new is here!' (2 Corinthians 5:17).

We are currently meet on the first Sunday of the month, 4 pm in Great Melton Cricket Pavilion (NR9 3BJ) as family for fun, friendship and sharing faith and food. If you'd like to know more please get in touch

Charlotte.bayes@garden-church.org.



More About Rev James McAnally

By Peter Steward

In the previous edition of Good News I mentioned the connection between a church in Great Massingham in West Norfolk and St Remigius in Hethersett. This involved the McAnally family and here are some details of The Rev James McAnally that I subsequently came across.

The Rev James Mortimer La Fontaine McAnally spent over seven years serving Hethersett before the outbreak of the Second World War.

He wrote extensively in the Good News magazine about the war and the part it played in Hethersett. The Rev McAnally was married with a daughter Rachel Mary. Rachel married Donald Dashwood on 21st December 1940 and died on 8th May, 2001.

Rev McAnally had a very varied career.

He was born in 1888 which made him 44 when he moved to Hethersett and 51 at the outbreak of the Second World War. He was educated at Keeble College, Oxford, gaining a BA degree in 1909 and a Masters Degree in 1913. He was made a deacon in 1911 and a priest in 1912 and was curate at Wymondham from 1911 to 1913 before working at Edgbaston in Birmingham

from 1913 to 1916 and Eton College from 1917 until 1921.

He was Rector of Newdigate in Surrey from 1921 until 1927 and Rector of Haslemere in Surrey from 1927 until 1932 when he moved to Hethersett where he stayed until 1942. He was also vicar of nearby Ketteringham from 1939 until 1942. He moved to Alton Barnes in Wiltshire where he stayed until 1945 when he became vicar of Netherbury with Solway Ash in Dorset. He served there until 1953 and was curate in charge of nearby Stoke Abbott from 1949 to 1951 and Rector from 1951 to 1953.

He was Rural Dean of Beaminster in Dorset from 1948 to 1953 before moving to St Edmundsbury and Ipswich from 1953 to 1956 and that saw him living in Southwold. He was Rector of Spexhall with Wissett in Suffolk from 1956 to 1958 before being awarded the living of Shotesham in 1959. He was curate in charge at Worstead and at Westwick with Sloley from 1962 to 1964. It is likely that he died in either 1976 or 1977.

In next month's Good News I will round off my articles about Rev McAnally with some of his writings in Good News around the time of the Second World War

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