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The Messenger to the Nine Churches of the Belvoir Team Benefice

A TIME TO REMEMBER



**“They shall not grow old as we who are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.”**



My mother, from time to time would go to a certain drawer and take from it a blue box. She would open it carefully and take out the crumpled tissue paper, unfold it and bring out a treasure – a once beautiful purse, now a well worn, dilapidated purse.

Only the front and back of it could be called beautiful. The back, plain mother of pearl and the front, mother of pearl painted with blue and red flowers. The worn, red material holding the little clasp - that once closed the purse, and the few pence - once inside the purse, lying there in the tissue paper.

Perhaps the blue flowers were forget-me-nots, for this was the last present her father had given her, just before he went to war, when some months later he was killed in action. My mother was 7 years old and her brother, Thomas, a few years younger.

My mother would bring it out on special occasions, always on 11th November. Sometimes I would see tears fall from her eyes and roll down her face as she tried to explain to me times of joy and sadness as she remembered her father and tried to tell me some things about him. I would then ask my father to tell me of his experiences as a soldier in the First World War.

This November many people in the Vale will be experiencing different emotions as they remember their loved ones, those that died, and those that returned. Some from long ago, some from most recent times. Some will be remembering and praying for their loved ones now serving in the war torn areas of the world.



This spring I was one of a group of people from the Vale who visited the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire.

These 150 acres of 50,000 trees and 130 memorials are devoted to the concept of remembrance. It is an awesome and emotive place.

It gives recognition and thanks for those who have died whilst on duty, or as a result of terrorist action, and acknowledges the enduring sacrifice of those who mourn their loss. Their loved ones names will be remembered for evermore.

The Millennium Chapel of Peace and Forgiveness was most inspiring – silence is observed there daily at 11 a.m.

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Pictures by Margaret Bailey, Stathern

Colonel John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Armed Forces in the First World War, saw the widespread devastation to the areas of Northern France and Belgium, but the poppy flowered every year bringing colour and hope to the landscape. John McCrae saw and was inspired by the poppies and wrote the following poem:

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep,
though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Civilians wanted to remember the people who had given their lives for peace and freedom. An American war secretary, Moira Michael, was inspired by the poem and sold poppies to raise money for the ex service community and so the tradition began.

The Royal British Legion was formed in 1921 and the Poppy Appeal has been a key annual event in the nation's calendar. This November as we pause to remember the terrible loss of the past and present, we shall wear our poppies with pride. It is a symbol of reflection and respect, an icon of remembrance and a hope for a better, peaceful world.

Rev Pauline Jenkins

Chaplain to the Royal British Legion, Harby & Hose Branch

Kohima Epitath

**“When you go home tell them all and say
For your tomorrow we gave our today.”**



JUDITH'S LICENSING

In June 2006 I was invited to go for selection for Reader training at Launde Abbey. The day itself was memorable – not least the interviews, which didn't help my nervous state. The first, with Tim the warden, took place in one of the bedrooms, so I opted for the chair nearest the door! The second, in the garden with the Archdeacon of Loughborough, was going well until he complained that the sun was burning his head, which he'd had shaved for charity the day before. After two years of weekly trips to Leicester University, most holidays spent studying and the completion of 15 assignments, I've finally made it. (What *am* I going to find to do on Monday evenings?).

Supported by family and friends, eight of us were licensed by Bishop Tim at Leicester Cathedral on 11th October on a wonderful sunny day. It was a moving and joyful occasion for us all. Thank you to everyone for your prayers and good wishes.

Judith

FATHER STUART

The Diocese has taken positive action to reduce the amount of pressure that has been laid upon our incumbent. When Fr Stuart returns to work - all being well, later this year - there should be a different approach to liturgical, pastoral and administrative responsibilities in the Vale. In the meantime Rev Beverley Stark, Rural Dean, continues to oversee the Vale. (01664 464 600)

We continue to pray that this period of rest will help to restore Stuart to full health.

FLOWER DEMONSTRATION
"CREEPING TO CHRISTMAS"

by JEAN EGGLESTON
 NAFAS AREA DEMONSTRATOR
 AND TEACHER



WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER
 IN LONG CLAWSON VILLAGE HALL

7.00PM REFRESHMENTS
 7.30PM DEMONSTRATION

TICKETS £6 INCLUSIVE

IN AID OF ST REMIGIUS CHURCH,
LONG CLAWSON

Tickets from:

Jean Cooke Smith 01664 822378
 Hazel Adcock 01664 823035
 Sally Ann Shouler 01664 822698



FOOD FAYRE

LONG CLAWSON VILLAGE HALL
SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2008

11 - 4

LOCAL MEATS, CHEESES, BEER
 CAKES, YOGHURTS, PAINTED GLASSWARE,
 POTTERY AND MUCH MORE
 REFRESHMENTS

ADULTS 50P CHILDREN FREE IF ACCOMPANIED
 PROCEEDS TO ST REMIGIUS CHURCH,

ST MARY'S, BOTTESFORD AUTUMN FAIR

Saturday 15th November 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments, Cakes, Jams, Chutneys
 and much, much more.

If you wish to book a stall, at a cost of £10, please
 contact Tina Harkin, churchwarden on 01949 844899

St Mary's Church, Harby
Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 12th December to
 Tuesday 16th December 2008

This year the theme is

Christmas Carols

12th December will be the Preview Evening when the
 Bishop of Leicester will open the festivities. This will be
 a Cheese and Wine evening and fancy dress is optional
 with the theme of "Carol Singers". Tickets are available
 from Gill Clark on 01949 861211 at £5.

From 13th December to 16th December the church will
 be open to view the Christmas Tree Festival from 12
 noon to 5 pm, admission free, programme available £1.

If you would like to contribute to the Festival by creat-
 ing tree or by sponsoring the event, please get in touch
 with Anne Dames, 01949 860031, as soon as possible .

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:-

Saturday 8th November - Barkestone Autumn Fair, St
 Peter & St Paul's Church, 2.30 p.m.

Saturday 29th November - Harby Christmas Fayre at the
 Village Hall. 1pm - 4pm.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS IN OCTOBER

Baptisms

Bottesford Elliot David BISHOP

Funerals

Violet Kathleen HIND(98) Gladys ALLBRIGHT(93)

Dennis PATCHETT(69) Terence BURNS(80) *Hose*

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Bottesford Communion every Tuesday 9.00am

Belvoir Castle Communion third Tuesdays 7.00 pm

Plungar Communion third Wednesdays 10.00am

BELVOIR TEAM CLERGY

Team Rector: Revd Stuart Foster, The Rectory, 4 Rutland Lae, Bottesford. NG13 0DG. (currently on leave)

House for Duty Priest: Revd Lois Warburton. 21 Walnut Road, Bottesford, NG13 0AY. T: 01949 843470

(days off Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat)

BENEFICE OFFICE, ST MARY THE VIRGIN, BOTTESFORD

For Wedding, Baptism, Funeral and General Enquiries, please contact the Benefice Administrator on 01949 842859

Assistant Clergy:

1. Revd Gillian Deave, 8 City Road, Stathern, Melton Mowbray LE14 4HE Tel: 01949 860340
2. Revd Simon Shouler, 1 West End, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray LE14 4PE Tel: 01664 822698
3. Rev Pauline Jenkins, The Cottage, 5 Main Street, Stathern, Melton Mowbray LE14 4HW 01949 869474
4. Rev Alan Haydock, 29 The Teasels, Bingham, Notts G13 8TY: 01949 875805

Benefice Reader: Judith Wells, 6 Post Office Lane, Redmile, NG13 OGG Tel: 01949 842804

Pastoral Assistant: Sue Oldham, 7 Mill Lane, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray LE14 4NU. Tel: 01664 823313

VALE SUNDAY SERVICE ROTA—NOVEMBER 2008

2nd NOVEMBER Trinity 24 4 before Advent <i>All Souls</i>	9th NOVEMBER Trinity 25 3 before Advent <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	16th NOVEMBER Trinity 26 2 before Advent	23rd NOVEMBER Sunday next before Advent <i>Christ the King</i>	30th NOVEMBER Advent Sunday
08.30	08.30	08.30	08.30	08.30
<u>Muston</u> HC (BCP) Rev A Haydock	<u>Bottesford</u> HC (BCP) Rev A Haydock	<u>Muston</u> HC (BCP) Rev L Warburton	<u>Bottesford</u> HC (BCP) Rev A Haydock	<u>Stathern</u> HC (BCP) Rural Dean
<u>Harby</u> HC (BCP) Rev L Warburton	<u>Long Clawson</u> HC (BCP) Rev S Shouler	<u>Hose</u> HC (BCP) Rev C Connell	<u>Stathern</u> HC (BCP) Rev L Warburton	—
10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.30
<u>Bottesford</u> Come And Praise Mrs J Wells <u>12.30 Baptism</u> Rev L Warburton	<u>Bottesford</u> CTiB Remembrance Rev L Warburton/ Mrs J Wells 12.00pm War Memorial	<u>Bottesford</u> Parish Eucharist (CW) Rev L Warburton <u>12.30 Baptism x 2</u> Rev L Warburton	<u>Bottesford</u> Informal Eucharist (CW) Rev A Haydock	<u>Bottesford</u> Benefice Healing Service (CW) Rural Dean
<u>Plungar</u> HC (BCP) Rev A Haydock	10.45 <u>Plungar</u> Remembrance Mr A Reed/Mr D Kirk	<u>Redmile</u> 'Come And Praise Mrs J Wells	<u>Long Clawson</u> HC(CW) Rev S Shouler	
<u>Stathern</u> Family Service Lay Led	10.45 <u>Harby</u> Remembrance Rev P Jenkins	<u>Long Clawson</u> Family Service Rev S Shouler	<u>Harby</u> Family Service & Baptism Mr P Towns Rev L Warburton	
	10.15 <u>Stathern</u> Remembrance Mr J Deave/ Mr R Hawkins		<u>Plungar</u> Sunday Supplement Mr J Bartlett	
16.00 unless stated	16.00 unless stated	16.00 unless stated	16.00 unless stated	16.00 unless stated
<u>Barkestone</u> All Souls Service Rev L Warburton Mrs J Wells	<u>Muston</u> Remembrance Mr P Daniel	18.30 <u>Plungar</u> EP (BCP) Rev A Haydock	<u>Muston</u> EP (BCP) Mr P Daniel	18.30 <u>Barkestone</u> Festival of Light Rural Dean
18.30 <u>Long Clawson</u> EP (BCP) Rev S Shouler	18.15 <u>Hose</u> Remembrance at Baptist Chapel	<u>Stathern</u> EP (BCP) Mrs M Briant	<u>Barkestone</u> HC (CW) Rev L Warburton	18.30 <u>Long Clawson</u> Advent Carol Service Rev S Shouler
			<u>Hose</u> EP (BCP) Mr P Towns	

BENEFICE ALL SOULS SERVICE

Our All Souls Service, with both the Bottesford and Vale choirs, is being held at St Peter & St Paul's, Barkestone on Sunday 2nd November, beginning at 16.00.

During the service we shall be commemorating the faithful departed and there will be an opportunity to light a candle to remember a loved one. Please contact Judith Wells at the Benefice Office (01949 842859) for their names to be remembered in the prayers.