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# INGHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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Schroeer  
January 2023

*Happy New Year!*

**January 2024**

## Editorial

Dear Reader,

All of us would like to wish you a Happy New Year and we hope you had a lovely Christmas. This month I decided to have a short break in my Sky at Night column to make some space for other things. But don't despair, I shall be back next month. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everybody who came to my Astronomy Evening in December, not forgetting all the helpers who set up the hall, provided the refreshments and cleared up afterwards. From meeting several of the audience after my talk I got the impression that everybody enjoyed themselves and, I must say, so did I. I am already thinking about topics I could talk about in a third instalment sometime in spring.

Spring... that seems a long time away. First we have to get through the cold and dark of the winter. Don't forget to look after each other. Keep an eye out for your friends and neighbours and make sure they are OK. Don't forget that some people don't like to ask for help, even when they really need it. Stay safe and warm!

*Andreas, Angela, Darren, and Lesley*

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## Happy New Year to ALL!

We look forward to seeing you at our events in 2024.



Forty-five people attended the Astronomy Evening on 2nd December inspite of the freezing fog and thoroughly enjoyed a very interesting and inspiring talk with slides by Andreas. We were unable to view any of the planets in the sky but the talk certainly made up for that. £125.65 was raised for Hall funds and we do thank Andreas and Angela for their hard work

Our first fund raiser for this year is a **Jumble Sale on 17th February**. Full details next month.

## Regular hirers for January (Contact numbers in brackets)

**Agni Yoga** - restarts on 9th January then every Tuesday, Chair yoga at 6.00pm, Yoga at 6.45pm (Pre-booking, Pam 07971 398284)

**Bridge Club** - sadly the club has closed.

**Cliff Knight Art Class** - every Wednesday 10am to 12 noon (Pre-booking, 01692 580212)

**Ingham Art Club** - Tuesday 16th from 2pm to 4pm (Anne 580814)

**Ingham Craft Club** - Tuesday 9th and 23rd from 2pm to 4pm (Faith 583338)

**Zumba with Tina** - every Monday - Zumba Gold at 6.30pm, Zumba Toning at 7.30pm (Tina 07341 360389)

**Broadland Group Norfolk Wildlife Trust** - Friday 12th - An Illustrated talk by Dr David Horsley entitled 'The Birth of the Blues' (David Mole 650826)

**Ingham Parish Council** - Wednesday 31st at 7.30pm

**All Hall Booking** enquiries to Darren Rogers 01692 580202

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## Farming Diary

Following an extremely dry, hot and drought year in 2022, I suppose it was inevitable the following year would be a wet one! 2023 actually started off quite dry, (Jan and Feb), then it turned wet, delaying the spring drilling of sugar beet and potatoes by a good month.

The winter barley and oilseed harvest started wet but dried out, just in time for the wheat to come in fairly dry, which was a blessing.

October turned out to be, particularly in the latter two weeks, incredibly wet. With 270mm being recorded here, which is over 10 inches of rain! Subsequently all land work ground to a halt.

My old Dad always used to say, 'If it's wet before Christmas, it'll turn dry after Christmas' I think he will be right.

Luckily we have some very clever tyre technology on the tractors nowadays, we can lower tyre pressures down to about 10/13 psi, this equates roughly to the pressure the tyre and tractor are putting down onto the soil, so it really helps in avoiding too much land damage. At these very low pressures the tyre almost looks flat, with a large "footprint" on the soil spreading the weight gently onto the land preserving soil structure.

I'm sure it'll turn dry again soon and we'll all be kicking up the dust again (probably looking for a rain again)!!

I would like to wish all residents of Ingham, a very Happy Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

*Alistair Wright*

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A very Joyful **Thank You** from ALL at Holy Trinity Church to Ingham Craft Club who spent time, skill and effort this year making a new set of superb Nativity figures for a new Christmas crib for the church to use during the Christmas season. It has been a really lovely addition to our celebrations this year.

Children visiting with parents local and from far afield loved it. Adults who visited the church loved it too. The little knitted characters have individual personalities and the animals do stand up.

Well done! To all involved and thank you for a lovely feature to tell the Christmas story.

If you haven't had time to see the lovely craftsmanship do pop into church, open daily 10am til 3pm.

We hope to have the knitted crib on show near the altar till 12th night (January 5th).

Thank you so much to the Craft Club for allowing us use of a beautiful 'Knitivity.' it is much appreciated.

*Bunty McClean*



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## News from Holy Trinity Church

Dear Friends

We ended 2023 with a bit of sadness at Holy Trinity, as we said goodbye to our dear friend Penny Underwood. Penny was a faithful member of the congregation, and did so many little jobs around the church, not least locking and unlocking so that the building was open for us all to enjoy every day. We held a thanksgiving service for her life at Holy Trinity, and the church was full of people whose lives she had touched. I spoke to lots of people about her, and they almost all said, Penny always.. Penny always did this little job, Penny always gave me a ring to check in, Penny always wrote to me, Penny always... She was a wonderful example of someone who showed love for her friends, family, and neighbours in so many little ways.

It is lots of little things that make a community, people coming together, in big ways and small, looking out for one another, building relationships, and helping each other out where we can. Ingham I think is pretty good at that sort of thing. We may not be a big village, but I think we're rather mighty none the less.

My hope and prayer for 2024 would be that we can continue to get to know one another better, working together, supporting each other as neighbours, as well as our Village Hall and Church. I hope that this year will be a good one for you and your families and friends, and know that the Church and the village is here for you if you find yourself in need of a bit of support.

*Helen Lynch*

*Rector of the Benefices of Smallburgh & Stalham*

*Phone/WhatsApp 07902 447821*

*My rest day is Friday*

### Services at Holy Trinity Church

Sunday	7th January	Holy Communion	9.15am
Sunday	14th January	Morning Prayer	9.15am
Sunday	21st January	Holy Communion	9.15am
Sunday	28th January	Morning Prayer	9.15am

## **A message from the Church Warden**

Does anyone remember the writing of Thank you letters?

In those far off days of postwar childhood as soon as the Christmas decorations were put away out would come the 'Basildon Bond' and your school pen. A proper nib too, 'pre Biro' I was. With sinking heart I would realise it was time for the thank you letters.

Every sender of a half crown or a chocolate bar got a thank you letter, best handwriting, formal style properly addressed. 'Thank you so much for the hair ribbon... or slippers or geometry set.

It was only in adulthood that I learnt that those letters had meant so much to the recipients. Clearing an elderly relative's effects I found a little pile of letters tied with a ribbon and labelled Bunty. The first began 'Dear Auntie Mudd', well I knew Maud had a 'U' in it, just hadn't worked out what else! I was six. How she must have laughed to have cherished it for so long.

How times have changed.

Now, if I'm lucky, I get a one line text 'Thank you for my money Nan. Love you.' That'll do kid.

I must stress that the following 'Thank you' letter is not written under duress but out of genuine gratitude.

## **The Holy Dusters**

Many people say how beautifully kept is Holy Trinity. Well it doesn't happen by accident or divine intervention.

We have a little band of unsung heroes nicknamed the Holy Dusters. Some churchgoers, some not who love the old building and the peace within its walls who selflessly turn up at a time of their choosing in a busy week to spend an hour or so sweeping polishing and tidying their assigned part of the church. It is a huge church to clean, far too much for one or two but a cleverly designed rota (thank you Irene) ensures that at least once every two weeks every part of the church is thoroughly cleaned.

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A Holy Duster may be assigned 'Porch' one week 'Tower' (only the ground floor don't worry), another 'Chancel' or 'have right' or 'have left' and so on. You all know we couldn't keep the church so beautiful without your help.

From all of us at Holy Trinity comes a heartfelt thanks for that little stint with brush or Hoover, polish or cobweb brush.

The church is a Grade 1 Listed building and it is good to remember that English Heritage deem Holy Trinity Ingham 'a church of historical significance'.

It is indeed a historical wonderment. People have worshipped within its walls since the time of the Domesday book. Built by a Norman Frenchman as a Priory on the site of an old round tower Saxon church. It took three generations to build and the Tower one of the tallest in Norfolk was completed in 1350.

The church was used through medieval times and the Dark Ages, through Tudors and Stuarts Church reformation to Church of England and through Regency and Georgian into Victorian times and seeing the beginning of state education.

People have come to the church for comfort and solace, to pray and give thanks through the wars of the 20th century and to celebrate special ceremonies of Joy or Sadness down the centuries.

Thank you to each and every Holy Duster. We are grateful for your help in keeping this little bit of our heritage alive and clean

*Bunty McClean. Churchwarden*

If you think you could help the odd hour as a Holy Duster, OR would like to hear some more about the history of Holy Trinity and Ingham contact 01692 583481.



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Secondly, our previous lifeboat 'Lionheart' having been retired from the service has now been sold. Lionheart was purchased following the generosity of the Wroxham Lions over a decade ago and has provided outstanding service. The sale of Lionheart will put some much needed funds into our coffers and we are delighted to be able to inform you that she has been sold to the Captain Paul Watson Foundation (formerly known as the Sea Shepherds), where we believe she will be used in marine conservation. So that initial act of generosity by the Wroxham Lions has just kept giving.

Have you ever thought about volunteering in your local community? Do you enjoy being part of a team and helping others? Then we would really like to talk to you. We are looking to recruit volunteer members for various roles, including, boat and shore crew (ideally you should live or work within 15 minutes of Sea Palling), fundraising and maintenance. No experience necessary as training will be provided. For further information please contact us via Facebook, via email at [info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk](mailto:info@seapallinglifeboat.co.uk) or pop in and see us for a cuppa and a chat. There is a role for everyone.



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