**FELTHORPE NEWSLETTER**

**MARCH 2022**

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**The Lay Reader writes:**

Well, things are slowly moving forward as we gradually move out of lockdown with some restrictions still in place, we continue to love our neighbour. One thing we can be certain about is that things are uncertain. We only have to look at the economy, things happening around the world, particularly the ongoing situation between Russia, Ukraine and the rest of the world. Each generation makes the same mistakes and have to learn all over again. This may seem such a waste, but is it? Each generation has to cope with new challenges which the previous ones did not.

What about ourselves? Taking time to reflect in lockdown, I wonder what we’ve learnt? What is life really all about? What really matters? What are the priorities in life?

These are very thought provoking questions. I wonder if we can remember those promises we made to ourselves and others once lockdown was over? Our lives are long enough to learn but are they long enough to change anything?

Lent starts on the 2 March. During this time we remember Jesus, who after being filled with the Holy Spirit went into the wilderness for forty days and forty nights. Here he was tested in every conceivable way. He chose to go into what could be considered a lockdown in a very inhospitable place. No food, no water, searing temperatures during the day and freezing at night, no interaction with anyone. For our sakes he chose to do what he did. He understands when we go through tough times and feel like giving up, he has been there and came out the other side.

Lent, like lockdown, enables us to press the pause button on life and to take stock of our own lives. Lent gives us another opportunity to rekindle those promises, whether it is giving something up or taking something on. One thing you can be certain about, whatever you are going through, Jesus understands.

**Services in MARCH, St Margaret’s unless indicated otherwise**

Wednesday 2nd March 7pm: Ash Wednesday service at All Saints Church, Horsford: Lent begins

 6th March   10.30 am   Benefice Service at All Saints Church, Horsford

 13th March   3.00 pm     Holy Communion BCP

 20th March   3.00 pm   Evening Prayer BCP

 27th March  3.00 om   Holy Communion BCP

  3rd April     5.00pm.   Evening Prayer BCP

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**FROM THE PARISH RECORD**

There were no entries for February

**Marjorie Marshall**

There is a Thanksgiving Service for Marjorie at All Saints Church, Horsford on Friday 25 March at 2.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Parking is at the Spice of India restaurant.

**Re-ordering at St Margaret’s –** As with all things, change is always present, so too with St Margaret’s. From not having any seating at the time of being built (the first named priest C1297) to the Victorian seating we have today, the need and type of seating has been reviewed by the Parochial Church Council (PCC). As a building open to all, the PCC, following expert advice applied for a Faculty (an ecclesiastical form of planning permission) to remove the pews in the North and South aisles and replace with portable chairs and also have tables available for hospitality purposes. The Faculty application has been granted. The planned changes will allow easier wheelchair access, safer and more flexible use of the area close to the recently installed kitchen unit. We will keep readers up to date with progress in future editions. Brian

**Baptist Chapel,** Mill Lane, Psalm 46.vs1: “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble”. We would be pleased to see you at any of our meetings. Ian Mckemmie, email ianmckemmie@btinternet.com

**FELTHORPE PAVILION & RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE**

**BINGO - Thursday March 17th and April 21st 2022 at 7.30 FOR PLAY AT 8pm.**

£5 per session. Then every **third Thursday in the month**. Please join us for a fun evening.

**TABLE TENNIS – Tuesday evenings at 6pm to 8pm and Wednesday mornings 10 to 12.**

Refreshments provided at each session, All abilities welcome. Any questions please contact June on 01603 754400 or 07552 724440

**ZUMBA GOLD – Tuesday mornings - 10am to 11am.** £5 per session. Any questions please contact Sarah-Jayne on 077789 561224.

**FITNESS PILATES – Monday mornings - 11.45am to 12.45pm.** £6.00 per session.

Improves posture, movement, mobility and flexibility. Helping to identify basic postural

imbalances through Pilates based exercises. Any questions please contact Jo

on 07969 863078 or email.  jo@mojofitnessandwellbeing.co.uk

**BALANCE & STRENGTH PILATES - Thursday mornings. 11am till 12 pm.** £6 per session. This is an exercise programme aimed at the over 55`s. Jo takes you through a variety of seated and standing exercises which helps to improve confidence and mobility. Leg weights will be available to purchase at a reasonable cost. Any questions please contact Jo on 07969 863078 or email.  jo@mojofitnessandwellbeing.co.uk

**ROCKBOX – A DRUMSTICK BOXING WORKOUT – Wednesday evenings 6.30 to 7.30**

£6 per session and if required drumsticks may be purchased at a cost of £4 .

Please contact Steph on 07841 029555 for further details.

**SOUP LUNCH -  Wednesday 9TH March.**12pm, please book, call Wendy 754683

**CHEESE AND WINE EVENING – April 2nd** starting at 7-30 cost £7-50 the BAR will be open.

Please contact Dumpy 07714748248 or Sonia 01603755351. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening. Or contact any committee member.

**RECYCLING –** Many thanks to everyone who uses our recycling facilities. Just a reminder, we recycle paper (not cardboard) , glass, clear and coloured, clothes and shoes.

It has been suggested that a collection is made around the village collecting glass , perhaps monthly, would you be interested? Please contact a committee member if interested.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY  MARCH 10TH 2022, 7.30**

**VISITORS MADE VERY WELCOME SO PLEASE JOIN US.**