

Information for the Parish of Hellesdon St. Mary's, St. Michael's and St. Paul's



Coryn Stanforth writes...

The Horstead Passion

On Passion Sunday the Horstead Passion was performed at the Tithe Barn, Horstead. The production was performed by a cast of over forty actors joined by groups from local schools. The play was written and produced by Kandi Kammoun. The Angel Gabriel played by the Bishop of Lynn guided the story.



Kandi describes the play this way: "The time is the present and, as usual Satan is up to no good. He has ventured behind the Heavenly curtain and managed to reach the gates to the Garden of Eden. The Angel Gabriel is despatched to find out what he wants. Following the encounter, Gabriel reflects on the happenings of some 2000 years ago- Jesus' birth, life, ministry and the events of Holy Week."

The early scenes involved various skirmishes as Satan (Charles Read) tried to cause problems as described above. Time then moved onwards to the Annunciation to Mary and then to Jesus' life and ministry. The events of Holy Week were acted out in some detail and the audience journeyed through these events as we relived the Last Supper, the garden of Gethsemane, Judas' betrayal of Jesus and his trial.

At the end of Jesus' trial there was a short break in the performance. The audience who had previously been sat in rows were asked to move their chairs to the side of the hall and to stand for the remainder of the performance. The next part of the play involved the journey to the cross which took place around the hall followed by the crucifixion up on the balcony. The audience were completely still and silent in these latter stages of the performance. Finally after the crucifixion, Jesus' body was placed outside in the tomb and accompanied by a music group we all processed outside (through the snow) to Jesus' tomb.



If you are now wondering what part I played in the play... well my main part was as Cora (devil) where I tried to tempt Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to resist his death on the cross and to instead marry my daughter and run the Bethlehem inn! I also had a number of smaller parts as a servant and as Tamar, one of the friends of Mary.

It was hard work taking part but we also had tremendous fun. The weather made life interesting. The dress rehearsal took place in an unheated church and on the day of the performance it was a totally new experience walking through the snow wearing sandals and a thin dress! For the cast and the audience I think there was also the feel of a pilgrimage as we walked with Jesus through some of the events of his life and then followed him to the cross and the tomb.

St. Paul's Wives Fellowship

2:00pm
St. Paul's Church

Wednesday 4th April

Easter Customs
with
Rev. Enid Jones Blackett

Mothers' Union

2:30 pm
St. Paul's Church

Tuesday 10th April

Easter Service



Mothering Sunday

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Mothers' Union - Make a Mother's Day project through the churches cash collection on Mothering Sunday.

We raised £100 which will help with women's education.

It will empower women in Papua New Guinea to speak out about their rights, helping them to gain independence, build communities and set up their own business.

Prayer Triplets

As you meet together to pray this month, please consider the following:-

Preparation for Christian Aid week
13th to 19th May

For the first of our services for
"Sharing the Journey"
To be held on 29th April.

The ongoing situation in Syria.

Parish Services

Sunday April 29th 3:00 pm
St. Mary's
Holy Communion
(followed by tea and cake)



Sunday 6th May 10:00 am
St. Paul's
Holy Communion



Thursday 10th May 10:00 am
St. Mary's
Ascension Day Holy Communion

Easter Flowers for St. Mary's and St. Paul's

As part of our Easter Thanksgiving and Celebrations - I invite you to bring a jar of flowers (no precious vases please) or a small pot plant and place it at the base of the font at either the Easter Eve Service at St. Paul's or the Easter Day Service at St. Mary's.



The Psalms

Psalm 86: 8-13

Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.

All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

For you are great and do marvellous deeds;
you alone are God.

Teach me your way, LORD,
that I may rely on your faithfulness;
give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.

I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my
heart; I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the depths,
from the realm of the dead.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 7th April

9:00 am
The Oaks, Cromer Road

Please bring a friend or a neighbour!



Parish Weddings

Please pray for these couples who will be
married in April:

Scott and Danielle in St. Mary's Church,
Hellesdon

Stephen and Joanne in St. Margaret's
Church, Whitnash

David and Jennifer in Wymondham Abbey

Please also pray for Martin and Ellen who
were married at St Mary's on 24th March



Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting and Vestry Meeting

**Thursday 19th April, 7:00 pm
St. Paul's Church**

For the election of Church Wardens, PCC members and the adoption of the accounts and Annual Report.

Our APCM is an important part of the life of our churches. It is a meeting open to everyone on the electoral role (one of the main reasons for being on the Roll). We are legally required to hold this meeting to elect our Church Wardens and PCC members, accept the annual accounts and a report on the activities of the church, but I believe that it's about more than our legal responsibilities.

The annual meeting for me is an opportunity to thank all those who serve our church in an official and voluntary capacity. It allows each one of us to feel that we are involved in the decision making process of the church as we vote on the election of Wardens and PCC members. It is the place to hear about some of the things we may not be aware of in the life of our church, perhaps to understand the finances a little better or discover what we are focusing on into the coming year.

This year there is opportunity to look at the results of a fascinating Wildlife study that Freda Wilkins-Jones has been conducting in the St. Mary's Churchyard so come and discover the amazing number of species that she has identified and see how we are part of protecting and encouraging nature's diversity.

The meeting is not lengthy - there is tea, coffee and biscuits, good fellowship and guaranteed love. It may not be the most exciting option available to you on April 19th at 7:00pm but it's something that forms part of your commitment to serve God and the community. If you really can't make it then do please send your apologies (either to Debbie Cronk: hellesdonchurches@gmail.com or through your Church Warden) and in doing so you are clearly saying that this meeting is important to you even though you are unable to be there.

I look forward to sharing the evening with you.
Rev. Louise

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hellesdonchurches.webplus.net