

# **QUINTET NEWS**

**FOR THE BENEFICE OF  
AYLMERTON  
BEESTON REGIS  
GRESHAM  
EAST RUNTON  
WEST RUNTON**

**JANUARY 2021**

**FREE**

## HELLO FROM CANON WILLIAM

Dear Everyone,

I start my Letter by wishing you all a happy New Year and that the coming year may bring us new encouragement.

Every new year we know that there will be both good and difficult issues in the coming 12 months but 2020 has been an exception with the coronavirus affecting not only us and our country but the whole world.

Christmas itself was different for many and some could not meet family or friends as normal. This may remind us that Christ came into the world because life was difficult; he was born in a stable and soon after the family became refugees in Egypt. God had love and concern for them and it is the same for us now.

With all the difficulties of 2020 the coming year has two new opportunities for us and we pray that God's plan for the world will give us new hope.

The first is for us as a Benefice – Jeremy Sykes is to be Licensed on 18<sup>th</sup> January as our new Incumbent by the Bishop of Lynn.

As he settles in, we look forward to new ideas and opportunities; we will need his encouragement and guidance and he will need our support. We are looking forward to his arrival.

The other is a new vaccine for the virus which gives everyone protection so we can be kept healthier. It should also mean our lives can return nearer to how they were, to be able to meet family and friends more easily and many of the events that have been cancelled can resume.

However, as I write this, it is uncertain what will happen at the end of the year when our links with the European Community change. Uncertainty with this is also a part of life generally and can be unsettling. I am reassured that God's love sustains us in uncertainty because his love does not change.

This was the same for Jesus; life was insecure for him. He was born defenceless, leaving power behind, to share our lives among us. And in due course God allowed him, defenceless, to be crucified for the salvation of the world. His security was in his Father's love which he also shares with us.

Similarly, our security can only be based in the same love of God that Christ pointed to. We depend on God, on Christ's saving death, and on the Holy Spirit's strength – the true strength in the world.

With this, we are able to do the things God wants us to do in his service – whatever the situation.

So, I finish as I started, by wishing everyone a happier New Year in the love and protection that God provides.

With my good wishes

Canon William

*A Sharing Prayer:*

*Lord of light – shine on us;*

*Lord of peace – dwell in us;*

*Lord of might – succour us;*

*Lord of love – enfold us;*

*Lord of wisdom – enlighten us.*

*Then, Lord, let us go out as your witnesses,*

*in obedience to your command;*

*to share the good news of your mighty love for us*

*in the gift of your Son,*

*our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

*Amen*

(The Church in Wales)

**DON'T FORGET.....**

If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email then please contact Ali Wharton, the Benefice Administrator, at [quintetchurchesnorfolk@gmail.com](mailto:quintetchurchesnorfolk@gmail.com)

**.....AND REMEMBER**

If you would like to have an item included in February's Newsletter then please call or email Jenny or Pam by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January—

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## SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany  <i>(White)</i>	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ  <i>(White)</i>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2  <i>(White)</i>	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3  <i>(White)</i>	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> January Presentation of Christ  <i>(White)</i>
<b>Holy Trinity West Runton</b>	<b>11.00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>			<b>11.00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>
<b>All Saints Beeston Regis</b>			<b>11.00am</b> <i>Morning Worship</i>	<b>11.00am</b> <i>Holy Communion</i>	

### INSTALLATION OF THE REVD JEREMY SYKES

The Installation Service has been scheduled for **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church, West Runton**. At the time of going to print no further details were available concerning the Service – and due to the current covid-19 restrictions, attendance at the service may be by invitation only. Please view the website for updated information.

### ATTENDING SUNDAY SERVICES

A reminder that it is necessary to register your intention to attend Sunday worship by contacting Peter Strudwick (823657) or John Meikle (820364) by 4.00pm the previous day. A list of those attending worship will be kept for 21 days. On arrival, 2 metre social distancing will be necessary on church premises both inside and outside. A service booklet placed on the pew will identify a seating position. Please remain in your seat throughout the service. Holy Communion in one kind only will be brought to you by the presiding priest who will be adhering to safe hygiene practice. Until singing is permitted there will be recorded music at the beginning and end of the service. Stewards will direct you in a one-way system to sanitiser stations at entry and exit. You will be encouraged to leave promptly, row by row, keeping a safe 2 metre distance from others. Face coverings are necessary in church except for those taking part in leading worship.

### CONTACT DETAILS

Until our new incumbent, Jeremy Sykes, arrives we are very lucky to have an excellent team of retired Priests, Readers and Churchwardens to look after us. If you wish to speak to a priest contact Canon William Bestelink in the first instance. You may wish to speak to one of the retired clergy but it is important that Canon William knows this is happening. The Benefice Administrator, Ali Wharton, should be contacted for non-clerical matters. You can of course speak to your Churchwardens. They are there to help where they can. All contact details can be found on the back page.

## READINGS FOR JANUARY – YEAR B

<b>Sunday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> January Epiphany	<b>Isaiah</b> 60. 1–6	<b>Ephesians</b> 3. 1–12	<b>Matthew</b> 2. 1–12
<b>Sunday</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> January Baptism of Christ	<b>Genesis</b> 1. 1–5	<b>Acts</b> 19. 1–7	<b>Mark</b> 1. 4–11
<b>Sunday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 2	<b>1 Samuel</b> 3. 1–10	<b>Revelation</b> 5. 1–10	<b>John</b> 1. 43–51
<b>Sunday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany 3	<b>Genesis</b> 14. 17–20	<b>Revelation</b> 19. 6–10	<b>John</b> 2. 1–11
<b>Sunday</b> 31 <sup>st</sup> January Presentation of Christ	<b>Malachi</b> 3. 1–5	<b>Hebrews</b> 2. 14–18	<b>Luke</b> 2. 22–40

See the Quintet Benefice website for more weekly worship resources:  
[www.quintetbenefice.com](http://www.quintetbenefice.com)

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

It is with much sadness that we announce the deaths of two faithful members of our congregations—

**Anthony Baker** died at home on 29<sup>th</sup> November. He had worshipped at Beeston Regis for several decades. He had contributed much to the development of the Church, its activities and the Services.

**Vera Botham** died at home on 9<sup>th</sup> December and was a much loved member of the congregation at St. Andrew's Church.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
 May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE BENEFICE

### AYLMERTON

#### **A Message from Connie and Margaret:**

“As we enter into a new year we all hope covid-19 will be under control and look forward to our lives returning to some sort of normality. At Aylmerton, like Gresham and East Runton, we have been closed since March and, at present, we have no date as to when they might be open again. Gresham Church has been closed for refurbishment and, again, it will be lovely to see it open.

Although St John’s has been closed, our monthly outgoings have still been £1500, and this is not a situation that can go on indefinitely. A big thank you to our congregation who have continued to support us financially during 2020.

As we now look forward to the installation of our new priest, The Revd Jeremy Sykes, let us hope that it will not be long before all the churches in the Quintet Benefice can return to holding services on a regular basis.

Margaret and I wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.”

### BEESTON REGIS

**Gift Week** – We would like to say a very sincere thank you to everybody who contributed so generously to our annual Gift Week appeal which again coincided with our patronal festival on All Saints Day. The incredible amount of £2,650 was donated, so thank you to all.

If anybody would like to either join the "weekly envelope" scheme or set up a Standing Order for 2021 please do contact our Treasurer. Remember if you are a taxpayer we can claim back Gift Aid on your donations from HMRC.

You may have seen in the local press that we were fortunate enough to have been awarded a grant of £22,000 from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund under the Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund and a smaller one of £1,500 from the Norfolk Churches Trust to enable essential repair works to be carried out to the Church roof which were identified at the Quinquennial Inspection in 2016. The builders have been hard at work, braving the weather, and hope to complete the work early in 2021. We are extremely grateful for these grants.

### EAST RUNTON

**Vera Botham** – It was with much sadness that the congregation of St. Andrew's Church learnt of Vera Botham's death on 9<sup>th</sup> December after a long fight with illness. Vera was very brave and an inspiration to us all. We will miss her very much, especially seeing her wearing her lovely hats in church. We send our love and prayers to her husband, Ron.

**A Message from Ron Botham** – “I would just like to thank everyone for all the support which you gave to me during Vera’s illness, and also for all the messages of sympathy. It has meant a great deal to me.”

**A Message from Jean Steward** – “Well done and many thanks to Karen Jackson, who made some beautiful Christmas wreaths and table decorations to raise some money for our church, selling them not just locally, but on Facebook as well. At the time of writing, she still had some more orders to complete.

Christmas, we hope, brought a little joy and peace for everyone, after such an “annus horribilis” as the Queen would say, and we look forward with optimism and anticipation for a better 2021.

Happy New Year from us all at St Andrew’s”

**LOCAL EVENTS**

**Runton Parish Council** — Meetings are usually held on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January but please note that until further notice the meetings are being held virtually by the online client “Zoom”. Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting but if you wish to speak then please contact the Clerk not less than 24 hours before the meeting to register your intention to do so. The Clerk can be contacted on 01263 512214 or by email [runtonpc@aol.com](mailto:runtonpc@aol.com) to receive a link to the meeting.

**West Runton Social Club** remains closed, but we would like to wish our customers a happier and healthier new year. We hope to be in touch with good news in the new year!

**\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\***

**PLEASE BE AWARE** that there is a scam currently doing the rounds whereby you receive an email asking you to buy a Gift Card, or send money to someone, on behalf of one of the Clergy.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Neither the Clergy or Officers of the Church will ever ask, via email, for Gift Cards or money to be bought or sent on their behalf. Please be extra vigilant when reading emails: look at the FROM address and the message itself and ask “could this be a scam?” If in any doubt, contact the person the email says it is from and ask them “did you send this?”. **DO NOT** reply to the original message – instead start a new blank email and let the person who the email is purporting to be from know so that they are aware of the situation. You can forward the email to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) – the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) from the National Cyber Security Centre. Also in your email program, mark the email as spam to help prevent future emails from the same sender coming into your inbox.

**THE BENEFICE OF AYLERTON, BEESTON REGIS, GRESHAM and RUNTON**

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