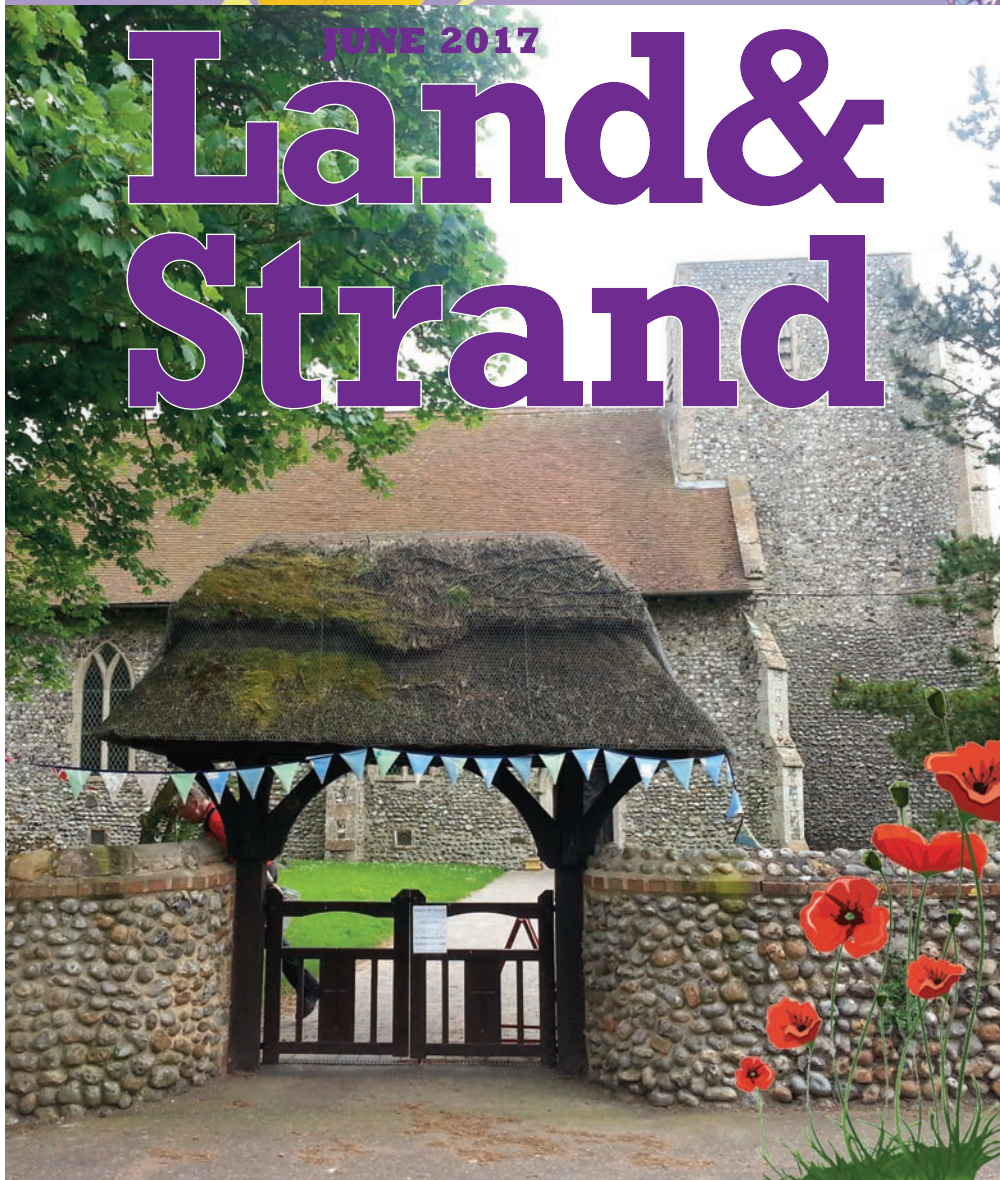




JUNE 2017

Land & Strand



**News, Views and information for the villages of Antingham,
Northrepps, Overstrand, Sidestrand, Southrepps,
Thorpe Market and Trimingham**

Dear friends . . .

Days after I wrote last month's letter the PM called the General Election and took us all by surprise. If a week is a long time in politics, a month is even longer – although the speed with which the magazine deadline comes around doesn't seem so! We had a technical hitch (at our end) last month which meant the copies arrived late, but we hope to get better as the months go by! If you receive an electronic version please do send it on to your friends and family as we only have 500 paper copies at the moment, until the advertising income increases.

I have received a number of positive comments about the new format, which is satisfying, but do remember that we can only include items which are sent in – so if there's nothing about your church or village, that's why. You may think this is a more 'churchy' magazine than previous; this is deliberate and I hope we can enjoy a good mix of village news and church articles to help people think about issues which may be important as well as getting the church's message across to as many people as possible.

Whatever your political leanings I do hope you will make every effort to cast your vote on the 8th. In a Pastoral Letter issued last month, the archbishops of Canterbury and York have asked us to “set aside apathy and cynicism and participate... this election is being contested against the backdrop of deep and profound questions of identity” but the UK “at its best, has been represented by a sense of not only living for ourselves, but by a deeper concern for the weak, poor and marginalised, and for the common good.”

These are basic Christian values but also accepted as part of the way of life by many people in these islands regardless of race or religion and I hope we will be able to make informed and considered choices as we decide which box in which to put our 'X'.

June is lovely time of growth and abundance (as long as we get some decent rainfall) and I do hope you will join us for a gentle 'Pilgrimage Walk' between Overstrand and Southrepps on 11th with the promise of tea and cakes at the end. I hope there will also be some glorious weather on 4th for Northrepps' Open Gardens day and look forward to seeing you there.

God bless *David* (Rector)

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Cover picture: The church of St John the Baptist's Head, Trimingham. It is thought there is only one other church in England with this unusual dedication! John the Baptist's (birth) day is 24th June.

Church Services in June

4th PENTECOST

- 9.30am Holy Communion (bcp) at Antingham
Holy Communion at Thorpe Market
Holy Communion at Southrepps
11.00am Holy Communion at Trimingham
Morning worship at Overstrand
4.30pm Evening Prayer at Sidestrand

11th Trinity Sunday

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Northrepps
11.00am Holy Communion at Overstrand

18th 1st Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Thorpe Market
Morning Worship at Northrepps
11.00am Holy Communion at Sidestrand
Morning Worship at Overstrand
Special service for FATHER'S DAY at Trimingham

25th 2nd Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00am Holy Communion Benefice Service at Southrepps

Every Wednesday at 10.00am Holy Communion (bcp) at Overstrand
Every Thursday at 10.00am Holy Communion at Southrepps

From the registers . . .

Holy Matrimony

Graeme Lodge & Lizzie Langton were married at Northrepps on 6th May

Andrew Coupe & Jessica Ward were married at Northrepps on 27th May

We pray for these newly married couples and wish them long and happy years together

Funerals

The funeral of the late **Barry Purdy** took place at Overstrand on 19th May.

For many years Barry looked after the churchyard, where he is now laid to rest.

The funeral of the late **Marie (Mary) Jenkins** took place on 26th May at Southrepps.

Peter Youngman

On the western edge of Northrepps village, just past the Foundry pub and at the bottom of Hungry Hill, a mellow farmhouse stands back from the road; the home of Ann and Peter Youngman. Peter arrived in 1958, having been appointed farm manager by Ann's father, and has stayed ever since, having married Ann the following year.

Farming is in Peter's blood. Born in Wimbledon and brought up in Surrey, Peter's grandfather was a farmer, but the tragedy of WW1 meant the farm was lost when his grandfather was killed in the war and Peter's father had no farming interest. However after a couple of years working in the city, Peter realised that this was not the life he wanted and he found work as a farm hand, learning on the job, before he successfully applied for the manager's job in Northrepps.

Shrublands Farm has 300 acres of arable land, but over the years farming has included laying hens, turkeys and even a garden centre. Ann's father had a dairy herd and the cows were walked down Church St to the milking shed twice a day – not something we see today!

The past century has seen huge changes in farming – from the horse drawn plough which Ann's father would have used when he first arrived in the 1930s, to the big GPS controlled tractors driven by Peter's son, Jeremy. Crops today are mainly cereal and sugar beet which are lifted by huge machines harvesting 6 rows at a

time. At the time of our conversation in mid-May, however, irrigation has already started as the ground is so dry

and Peter is hoping for rain to bring the crops on to where they should be.

Farming never stands still and diversification is essential. Some of the more recent developments include a 4* bed and breakfast and small campsite. The camp site is busy in the season with

those who enjoy the escape to the peace and fresh air of the countryside (something we easily take for granted).

Peter's maternal grandfather was a country parson in Cornwall where the family often visited so the church has been part of Peter's life from an early age, coming back to it after settling here in Northrepps. Peter has a love of ancient church buildings and has a sense of God with him when working on the farm.

Asked about the future, Peter is quietly confident and hopeful as son Jeremy and daughter Emma both live nearby and are involved in the business (son Simon teaches music in Norwich).

Talking to Peter there is a sense that, although life in farming and Northrepps in particular has changed much in the last half century, there is also great continuity which Ann and Peter represent. However the political landscape may change this month the landscape of the countryside remains constant and vital to our lives, not least through the quiet work of farming families like the Youngmans.



Pilgrims on the Way



David leading children from Northrepps school on last year's Pilgrimage Walk

Last year the Rector led a 3-day pilgrimage around the benefice, visiting each church in turn and accompanied by people old and young. This year you are invited to join in a pleasant walk on 11th June. We will meet in the church car park at Overstrand for a 2pm departure and walk to Southrepps via Northrepps. Once at Southrepps we will have some refreshments and a short service. it would be helpful if you would let the Rector know if you intend to walk, or even to meet us for tea in Southrepps if you are unable to walk.

New vicar's prayer

The new vicar was taking his first service, and determined to make a good impression. The congregation sat spellbound throughout the eloquent sermon and the extended intercessions, which seemed to cover the whole category of human wants. After the service one church member asked another in awe: "Don't you think our new vicar prays well?"

"I most certainly do," was the answer. "Why that man asked the good Lord for things that our old vicar didn't even know He had!"

This month's Sudoku puzzle

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Saint William of York

On 8th June we are challenged to elect a new set of MPs to govern our country. Given the issues which lie ahead it will not be an easy time for them. Also on 8th June the church commemorates William, archbishop of York. I doubt our 21st century leaders will have such a rough ride as he had, or come to an untimely end...

Have you ever been the victim of someone else's malice and ambition? Then William of York (d 1154) is the saint for you. William Fitzherbert was born into a noble family, with royal connections. He was also smart – appointed treasurer of York at a young age, and also as a chaplain to King Stephen. But none went to his head - he was loved for his kind, amiable and easy-going personality.

Then in 1140 Thurston, the archbishop of York, died. The canons of York knew whom they wanted, and with royal support William was made Thurston's successor. Yet all was not well: a disappointed minority hated him and had the support of powerful men. William was accused of

simony, and of being unchaste. The row brought in the Pope and several bishops, and William was cleared. Yet still – all was not well. That Pope died, and the new Pope was a Cistercian, who preferred the enemies of William. And so he was deposed.

Yet William seems to have taken all this malice and power-grabbing in his stride. He simply retired to Winchester to live as a devout monk until 1153. Then that year several of his key enemies died, and he was restored as archbishop to York. At last all looked good for him – and he made a triumphant return to York in 1154. But then – disaster struck again: a few days later William was dead - poison was strongly suspected. He was buried in his cathedral, miracles were reported at his tomb. He was regarded as both the victim of grave injustice and as a saint. In 1421 the famous St William window was made; depicting his life and miracles and death in 62 scenes.

Canon David Winter considers the latest weapons used against innocent people.

THE WAY I SEE IT . . .

Objects are not cruel; people are

Once upon a time a terrorist needed a gun or, preferably, a bomb. We were constantly urged to keep our eyes open for people acting 'suspiciously' or carrying suspicious-looking things. Now, it seems, that era has given way to an even more sinister one. This year's chosen terrorist weapon is a motor vehicle.

The people walking across Westminster Bridge on that March afternoon could not possibly know which of the ordinary cars or lorries rolling past them was 'suspicious'. There were no sensible precautions they could have taken. And then, from nowhere, it seems, they were the victims of a major terrorist attack. A

week or two later much the same thing happened in Stockholm, as it had done in Nice a few months earlier. Suddenly the motor-car, which stands innocently outside almost every house in Britain, and the lorry which brings food to our supermarket, have turned into vicious weapons of assault.

I thought of this over Holy Week this year, when several of our hymns speak of the 'cruel nails' which pinned Jesus to the cross, or the 'cruel tree' on which he died. But of course the nails weren't cruel – just ordinary ones, that could have been mending someone's fence. The 'tree' was

totally innocent, cut down from a nearby forest where it had offered shade and comfort. Objects aren't 'cruel' or 'evil' of themselves. People are. Just laws and effective security will help to restrain evil actions, but in the end you change the world by changing people.

Those last few hours on Good Friday show it taking place. The soldiers who drove in those nails were forgiven. Their officer recognised in the man on the cross a 'son of God', and the penitent thief found paradise. The agent of it all was a dying man, the one we call 'Saviour'. It still is.

The church celebrates the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on 4th June

Come, Holy Spirit of Jesus

(Rev 3:20 Acts 2:4)

By Daphne Kitching

At my invitation,
at the opening of my heart,
just as you promised, Lord, you come,
to ignite your flame of love and presence,
to leap through words of scripture
and prayers and songs.

Into my life, Lord, you come,
bringing purpose, joy, peace
and the assurance
that this is just the beginning
of forever and ever.

Holy Spirit of Jesus
come, fill me, comfort me,
equip me, inspire me today.

And then Trinity Sunday on 11th

If asked to define the Trinity, we can only say that it is not this or that. *Augustine*

No wonder that the doctrine of the Trinity is inexplicable, seeing that the nature of God is incomprehensible. Our faith must assent to what our reason cannot comprehend, otherwise we can never be Christians. *Francis Burkitt*

Thousands of the ablest minds of the centuries have pondered this problem and no one has been able to explain it; who then invented it? What man can invent, man can explain: what man cannot explain, man cannot have invented. It must be a revelation. *G H Lang*

The Trinity is the basis of the gospel, and the gospel is a declaration of the Trinity in action. *J I Packer*

Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence. *John Wesley*



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The work of the participating artists encompasses a stimulating range of styles and subjects.

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Antingham News

On 28th June we mark the centenary of the death of the first man from Antingham to die in the First World War. Private George Whitwood of the 1st Battalion, the Norfolk Regiment was killed in action on Thursday 28th June 1917 during the capture of Oppy Wood near Arras. He is buried in the Roclincourt Military Cemetery. He was born in Antingham in 1890, the youngest of 15 children, and enlisted in Chelmsford. We will remember him at our service on the 2nd July.

The long awaited outer gates to the porch have now been installed. They are designed to help keep birds from entering the church and nesting in the porch. They are very impressive, as can be seen from the photograph – do come and have a look!



New gates at St Mary's Antingham

Overstrand Women's Group

The April meeting was very well attended by members and guests to hear Tim Bennett give a talk and slide show relating to the book he had written about Overstrand in the first world war. He initially intended to find out how many men from the village went to war, how many returned, and those who sadly did not for an exhibition in St. Martins' Church. So much information came to light that with encouragement from Peter Stibbons, Derek Paul and John Worthington he decided to gather more and write the book. Tim was surprised how much was still available from so many people. It was very sad to learn how many men left Overstrand to fight for their country never to return. It was a very enlightening and entertaining evening.

The meeting on 28th June will be afternoon tea at Cobblers Cottage, Tower Lane, Sidestrand at 2.30pm.

St Mary's Antingham

The Calthorpe Brass

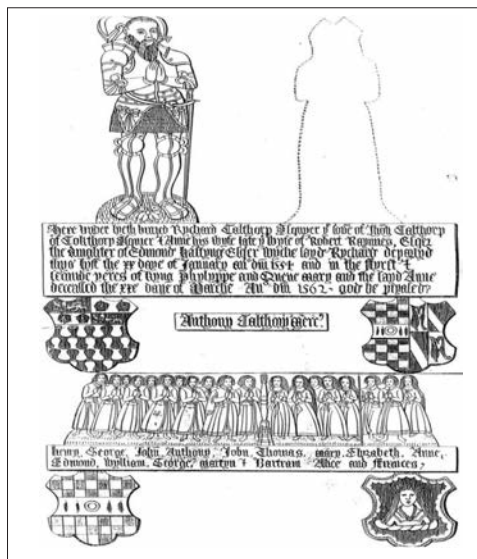
Situated in the nave of St Mary's church is a fascinating and impressive memorial brass. It covers the tomb of Richard Calthorpe and his wife Anne. What is unusual is that it says that:

"... Rychard departed this life the 20th day of January in the year 1554, and in the first and second years of King Phylippe and Queen Mary ..."

It is very unusual for King Philip of Spain to be recognised in post-reformation English churches and suggests that Richard and his wife were staunch Roman Catholics. In addition there are effigies of 11 sons and 5 daughters; in a smaller group are two grandsons and one granddaughter, the latter probably the children of Anthony Calthorpe, the mercer of London, who left a legacy to the poor of the parish.

The armorial shields tell a story too:

1 This is of the Merchant Adventurers of London.



2 The Calthorpe crest on the left along with that of the Hastings and Foliot families.

3 The Calthorpe crest.

4 This is of the Mercers' Company.

Do come and have a look when you have a moment – there is a more complete description available in the church.

Sidestrand News

Several villagers attended the meeting in the Reading Room on the 20th April to consider the way forward for the village and the church. The question was put to the meeting as to what they wanted for the church and how to improve its usage. All agreed that the provision of water to the church would encourage its use for various activities. If anyone has any ideas for fund raising and would like to help please contact Brenda Wiseman on 578255 or any member of the PCC– one suggestion was a cake stall (see below - all contributions gratefully received!). No decision was reached about the fete for this year. The recent flooding at either end of the village was discussed. It is now in the hands of the North Norfolk District Council.

NORTHREPPS

OPEN GARDENS

If you receive your magazine before June 4th don't forget the open gardens on that day. Maps and information are to be collected at the Village Hall (NR27 0LB) from 10.00am onwards. Refreshments available all day at the Village Hall and Fairview.



CHURCH FETE

This is an advance notice about our church fete. It will be held at the Village Hall on July 22nd from 12.00 noon until 2.30pm. This is a week earlier than usual. Again if you can help in any way we shall be most grateful. Contributions to bric-a-brac, cakes and produce all very welcome. Following the theft of the lead from our vestry roof we shall have extra expenses to meet and we need to raise every pound we can.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Please note very carefully as the day, date and time are all different. We shall meet on Wednesday June 28th 2.30pm at Brenda's for afternoon tea.

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Traidcraft have emailed a big thank you to all those who contributed to the Poppyland "Big Brew" event at Northrepps Village Hall on the 25th March and for the donation of £230 to the projects in the poorest countries in the world that help develop their ability to trade fairly and build their communities and families. Well done to all involved. Just a reminder that the Traidcraft fairtrade stall will be at each of the monthly group church services within Poppyland - or contact Janet or Mike Terry if you want to make an order.

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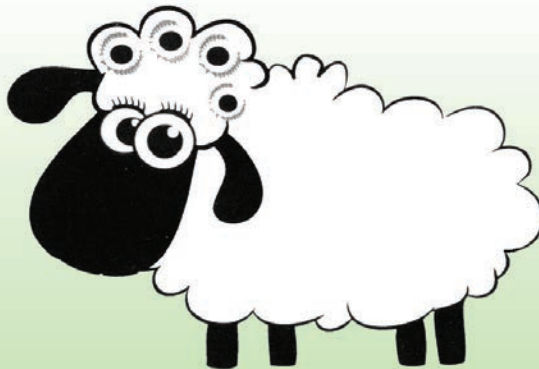
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