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Our new Sole Bay Team Rector



It is with anticipation and thanksgiving that we are able to announce that the Reverend Russ Gant has been appointed as the Team Rector of the Sole Bay Benefice of Churches. Russ is married to Jenny (a Canadian) and they have two daughters Annabelle (13) and Elizabeth (10) and a very important cat called Dinah (age unknown).

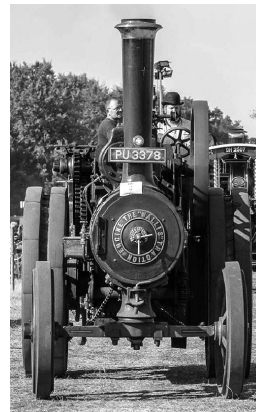
Russ is currently Vicar of St. James' Church, Rowledge in the Diocese of Guildford where he has been incumbent for the last 7 years. Prior to this, he served his curacy at St. Paul's Church, Camberley - a large urban parish serving, amongst others, the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst. Russ trained for ordination at Cranmer Hall, St. John's College, Durham. He is Suffolk born and bred, growing up in Bacton, near Stowmarket. He came to faith unexpectedly as an adult and is surprised but delighted that God has called him to full time ministry.

Prior to ordination Russ trained in landscape and amenity planning, with a subsequent degree in business studies. His last "proper" job was as Town Clerk and Chief Executive Officer of Diss Town Council, in Norfolk.

As yet, we are unable to confirm when Russ' licensing service will take place, as this is subject to completion of the usual DBS and safeguarding procedures.

Thank you all for your prayers for this process thus far. Please continue to pray for Russ, Jenny, Annabelle and Elizabeth as they prepare to leave a place that they have grown to love as they follow God's call on their lives.

Rev Alan Perry



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Mr and Mrs Mike Jennings



Margaret and Mike would like to thank everyone who came to support them at their wedding in Wangford Church on Sunday 23rd July. Thanks also for the lovely cards, flowers, and charity donations in lieu of presents.

WHAT'S ON IN AUGUST

Wangford Parent and Toddler Group

Resumes on Monday 10th September
9.30 - 11.30am Community Centre

Body Conditioning

Tuesdays from 9.30 - 10.30am Community Centre

Salsa

Wednesdays from 7.30 to 8.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Art Group

Thursdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm Community Centre

Wangford Community Council

Tuesday 1st August 7.45pm Community Centre

Mobile Library at Wangford

Wednesdays 2nd and 30th August
10.10 - 10.30am Community Centre
10.35 - 10.45am Church

Book Club

Thursday 3rd August 8.00pm Community Centre

Wangford Ladies' Breakfast

Saturday 5th August 8.45am The Angel Inn

Sotherton Church Cake Stall

Monday 7th August from 8.30am Southwold Marketplace

Uggeshall Coffee Morning

Thursday 10th August 10.30am Old School Hall

Uggeshall Cinema

Thursday 10th August 7.00pm Old School Hall

Community Garden Working Party

Sunday 13th August 10.00am - noon

Wangford Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday 16th August 10.30am - noon

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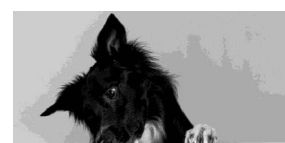
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AUGUST'S TEAM LETTER

'Summer Time and the living is easy, Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high'.

These words from 'Porgy and Bess' by George Gershwin are some of the lyrics that I associate most with Summer. They have been covered many times and I particularly like the 'Simply Red' arrangement. Summer is a time to slow down and take things a little easier. The days are longer and warmer and so it is inevitable that our pace of life might just slow down a bit. Jesus himself took time out from his public ministry for rest, prayer and refreshment.

Certainly, living in an area like Sole Bay we have many people who come on holiday this time of year, and I believe we should welcome them warmly, as they certainly help the local economy but also give a vibrancy to our towns and villages that is often missing at other times of the year. It is a real joy when some of the tourists come to our churches, and recently a delightful undergraduate from Oxford joined us in Wangford for our Sunday service and it was a pleasure to meet him. On that day at least, we could argue that we are growing younger!

We are all looking forward to our new Team Rector The Reverend Russell (Russ) Gant, his wife Jenny, and his daughters Annabelle (aged 13), and Elizabeth (aged 10) joining us later in the year. Please see the additional article about Russell in this publication.

On 20th August the extension to the graveyard at St Margaret, Reydon will be consecrated by The Right Reverend Bishop Mike Harrison and will be used for the interment of ashes for many years to come. I would like to thank Neil Holloway and his band of volunteers for preparing the area over many months.

We have arguably some of the finest church buildings in the county here in Sole Bay and some would argue in the country as a whole. It is good to use our church buildings for other activities in addition to worship as they are outstanding community assets that have the potential to support the wellbeing of everyone. This was one of the purposes of the medieval nave where the people gathered for worship, commerce and social interaction. On September 2nd St Peter & St Paul, Wangford will host a Jazz evening in the Church by the celebrated Jazz Band 'The Jazz Goats', led by Martin Smith, Sidi Scott's son-in-law. It promises to be a very enjoyable evening. Please come along and dance in the aisles.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and restful Summer.

Rev Alan Perry

News from Wangford Church

As I write these notes we are preparing for the wedding of Mike Jennings and Margaret Anderson are looking forward to a lovely service in church; we wish the happy couple all the best.

Tickets are selling well for the Jazz Goats in the church on September 2nd and we are looking forward to a great evening of music and dancing. If you haven't got your tickets yet (£12 each), please see Rev Alan, Jeff Bridges or myself or email: markn.church@gmail.com.

This month's Coffee Morning will be at 10.30 on August 16th. Tea coffee and cakes will be available as well as the 100 Club draw and a raffle. Everybody is welcome to attend

We are excited to announce that Revd Russell William Gant has been appointed as Team Rector for the Sole Bay Team Ministry. We pray for Russell and his family as they prepare for their move to the area and we hope to give them a warm and friendly Wangford welcome soon.

Mark Notton, Churchwarden (578691)

Wangford Ladies' Breakfast

On the first Saturday of every month starting 5th August at 8.45 for 9.00am at The Angel, Wangford.

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Wangford PCC

Wangford Mens' Breakfast

In July our planned speaker was ill, so Jeff Bridges kindly entertained sixteen of us with facets of his 50 years in the jewellery trade. Hallmarks and gems were shown, examined and explained. The usual hearty breakfast followed. Thanks to Jeff for standing in at short notice.

Next month, on August 19th, Charles Storer, MBE will talk about his charity, Hope and Aid Direct. Recently they have sent several truckloads of supplies to Turkey following an earthquake and 40 + loads to the war-torn Ukraine. We meet 8.45 for 9.00 every third Saturday at the Angel Inn, High Street, Wangford. If you are interested, contact johnscholes@hotmail.com

News from Uggheshall

Daphne de Garis RIP

Daphne, aged 90, formerly of The School House, Uggheshall, passed away peacefully in her sleep on 7th July 2023 after a decline in health over the past few months. As per Daphne's wishes there will be a private cremation at a date to be arranged. Sincere thanks to all who helped and supported Daphne, and especially to the caring staff at Cherry Lodge RH who were wonderful.

Uggheshall Coffee Morning

August's Coffee Morning is on Thursday 10th from 10.30am in the Old School Hall. Everybody's welcome.

Uggheshall Cinema

The film for 10th August is the 2021 all-star cast re-make of Noel Coward's comedy 'Blithe Spirit' starring Dan Stevens, Isla Fisher, Judi Dench and Leslie Mann. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.15 pm

Matt Grady

Book Club

At our July meeting we discussed Melissa Harrison's "All Among the Barley". Several members of the group had read her books and listened to her podcasts and were familiar with her work on the natural world. The beautifully constructed narrative was set in 1933 between the wars and the Great Depression. The references to old farming practices were evocative and informative - reminding us of the importance of not forgetting how life was once lived. Generally, we all felt that there was so much in this book that at times it was difficult to unpick it and relate events and thoughts. The story is told through the eyes of the central character Edith. Firstly as a young girl, and latterly as a 70 year old woman who had spent the majority of her life in an institution. Under the surface tranquility was turbulence. Connie arrived in the village as a journalist, wanting to talk about the "old ways " and that they should never be forgotten. We came, via a village meeting, to see that, under the surface of her investigation into rural life was a political purpose and that Connie represented nationalism at its worst. The quiet farmhand who rarely said a word completely understood her position and challenged it, standing up to Edith's father who appeared to share her views. Villagers were vulnerable and many in dire financial trouble which made them easy targets, but the meeting had unforeseen consequences. Edith's father set fire to the farm and disappeared, which became a catalyst for events. Edith willingly went to an institution, she assumed her brother farmed what was left of their land (she could not do it as a female), and her mother happily spent her remaining life with the farmhand who had spoken out. The story ended with Edith leaving the institution for life in the community. So much in this book and an excellent book for discussion.

We next meet at 8 pm on Thursday 3rd August at the Community Centre to discuss Ambrose Parry's "The Way of All Flesh".

Gill Smith 578620

News from Sotherton

Cake Stall

Our Cake Stall to raise fund for St Andrew's Church will be outside the old Lloyds bank in Southwold from 8.30am on Monday 7th August. If anyone has any cakes to contribute, please take them to Karen Flaxman at White House Farm by 5pm on Sunday 6th August.

Church Service

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Ride and Stride is run entirely by volunteers and is inter-denominational, with participants sponsored for each place of worship visited between 9.00am and 5.00pm on Ride and Stride Day, or with a donation, regardless of the number of churches visited. The money raised by each cyclist or walker is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant.

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ABRAHAM

A chum very kindly loaned to me a sporting biography indicating that I could keep it as he would not wish at any time to reread it. Fair enough. I am sitting in my little room and behind me are some 100 sporting volumes, all of which I have read and am not likely to do so again. Also behind and to my left are many and varied volumes of reference books on probably every possible subject and I keep them in case someone out there asks me to compile a pub quiz or two. Including biblical studies, which reminds me; it is quite a while since I last read the Authorised Version. I must have another good look if for no other reason than to, as W. C Fields put it, see what loopholes I can find. In full view in front of me are 48 Pevsners describing at different times all the important buildings in England county by county plus those in London. Of the four Scottish volumes I shall take the Fife one to Scotland later this year and I always keep the revised East and West Suffolk ones to hand. The A. S. Neill books I shall keep forever with the others about private schools, a fascination for me. I wonder where and why I acquired so many. I can recall a highlight here and there but thousands? In my short time visiting Southwold I can remember 5 second hand bookshops and now none. By now, you may have gathered that books are important to me. I read them but that is only a small part of their import. They are beautiful to see and feel and they do furnish a room. They comfort me and keep me warm as I dream.

I am seriously hoping that the pupil reported as wishing to be identified as a cat, answering every question asked of her in lessons by meowing, was taking the mickey out of a deranged woke teacher. Either way, this is yet another example of pupils running the academy as they wish and sidestepping the teacher completely. Just in case, however, the little one truly believes she is a pussy cat (how many of us have professed to want to return in another life as a mog?) I asked Mrs Abe who had a career dealing with children how she would handle the little darling, and she replied that she would ask him/her to curl up in a corner and, if they behaved, she would give them some Dreamies as a treat. Job done.

Yet in class, it is gratifying to hear that Latin is enjoying a resurgence. Latin and Greek form the root of the majority of words in English and English is still the most widely spoken of languages. An early grounding in Latin grammar, bases, stems and prefixes will provide a youngster with a fine start in mastering the mother language. Lay aside the elitist attitude to the oft derided "dead language" and make it available to all children. It will aid them immeasurably in later life. It worked for me.

In contrast the decline in learning an instrument in state schools is cutting off a pipeline of talent to choirs and orchestras throughout the country. Recruitment of youngsters to music academies will soon be restricted to those from private schools or from personal tuition financed by parents. My volunteering at the Red House at Aldeburgh has reinforced my belief in the power that music holds to enhance folks' lives. It doesn't have to be classical or any other form of music. It only has to be sounds that are joyful to listen to and cheer you up. There always seems to be sufficient funds from central government for daft minority projects so there should not be a problem finding money to pay music teachers. Blindingly obvious.

Tony Hancock was always for me the greatest comic actor. Terrific words provided by Galton and Simpson, uttered with perfect timing by the 'lad' himself never failed to cheer me, even after he ditched his regular set of chums - Sid James, Hattie Jacques, Kenneth Williams and the under-rated Bill Kerr. Not an expletive or crude word in sight. The strongest phrase ever said was 'stone me'. BBC4 repeated an episode recently which featured Tony taking an aeroplane flight and ending up in a hotel for some funny business. Dreadful. I didn't laugh once. I suppose even Tony and the lads couldn't get it right every time. Serves him right for throwing his friends under a bus. This was followed by an episode of Whatever Happened To The Likely Lads? which, mercifully, did stand up. Two childhood mates, Bob trying to achieve maturity but being dragged back to the past by Terry. Magic. Who wants to grow up?

Right up to date, I am yet persevering with Coronation Street; goodness knows why, it drives Mrs Abe round the bend. The acting is sound but the storylines are ridiculous and misery rules. It perks up when Roy Cropper (David Nielson) appears and old William Roache (Ken Barlow) makes his rare entrances, bless him.

Abraham

Reydon Grange Open Gardens

On Sunday 2nd July a total of £2,535 was raised for charity: £2,135 going to the National Garden Scheme charities, and £400 to the Friends of Southwold Library. We were lucky with the weather, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to everybody who helped out or contributed.

Aileen & Bill Irving

Date for your diary

Friday 22nd September
7.00pm

Wrentham Chapel
presents

**Seedtime & Harvest,
a Caedmon event.**

More details in the
September Messenger.

Wangford Community Council

Thanks to all who attended, helped or donated to our Summer Fayre on 8th July. Once again the weather was kind and, despite there being other events on we raised a very respectable £212.58 for our funds, with Sue E on the Bric-a-Brac being especially busy. Thanks to Carolyn we had a good selection of stalls, who reported good trade.

We hope to see you at the Steam Rally on September 17th and 18th.

Our next fund-raiser is the Christmas Bazaar on 11th November.

Have a good summer.

Malcolm Woolnough

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AUGUST 2023 CENTRE DIARY

Aug 1st	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
	Community Council	Cttee Room	7.45pm
Aug 2nd	Salsa	Hall	7.30 - 8.30pm
Aug 3rd	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
	Book Club	Cttee Room	8.00pm
Aug 8th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
Aug 9th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Aug 10th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
Aug 15th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
Aug 16th	Salsa	Bar	7.30-8.30pm
	GHSR	Hall	7.30pm
Aug 17th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00-3.00pm
Aug 22nd	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
Aug 23rd	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Aug 24th	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm
	Afternoon Tea	Hall	2.30-4.30pm
Aug 29th	Body Conditioning	Hall	9.30-10.30am
	Post Office	Bar	10.00-12noon
Aug 30th	Salsa	Hall	7.30-8.30pm
Aug 31st	Wangford Art Group	Hall	9.30-12.30pm
	Post Office	Bar	1.00- 3.00pm

C H U R C H S E R V I C E S	Sunday 6th August	9th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 13th August	10th Sunday after Trinity
	11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 20th August	11th Sunday after Trinity
	9.30 am Sotherton	Holy Communion (CW)
	11.00 am Blythburgh	Blessing of the Animals
	11.15 am Wangford	Holy Communion (CW)
	6.00 pm Uggeshall	Evening Prayer (BCP)
	Sunday 27th August	12th Sunday after Trinity
11.15 am Wangford	Family@Church	
6.00 pm Uggeshall	Holy Communion (BCP)	