

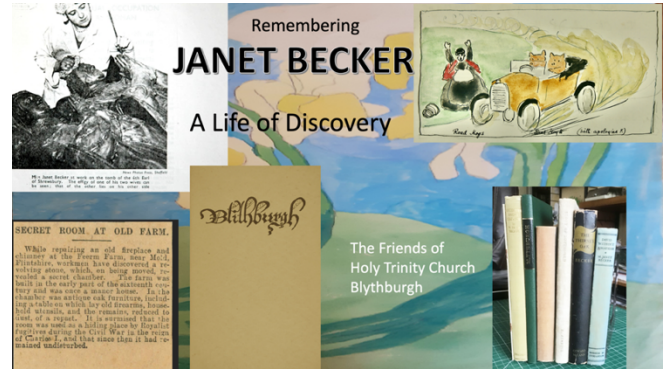


FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY BLYTHBURGH

1 April 2023

Dear Friends

The most important event for the Friends this spring is our **Open Afternoon on 20 May from 2.00 – 4.00pm**. Entitled **A Life of Discovery: Remembering Janet Becker** Friend and local historian **Dr Alan Mackley** will celebrate the life of Janet Becker, historian, conservationist, and daughter of renowned Suffolk artist Harry Becker. Discovered among her effects is a charming, hand-written journal of a 450-mile motor tour of Suffolk churches which she undertook aged 19. He will introduce this remarkable document, which is illuminated with humour and her own illustrations. He will also introduce a revealing diary of wartime Suffolk.



We are sad to say **goodbye to Revd Simon Pitcher** who was Rector of the Sole Bay team of eight churches, and which includes Holy Trinity, Blythburgh. Simon is now the vicar of Lavenham and leaves a big gap to fill. Recruitment is already underway, and it is hoped that a replacement will be found by the autumn.

Easter is now only a week away. The first service we're hosting is **on Maundy Thursday 6 April at 8pm**. It will take a different approach to previous services, as we respond creatively to the ancient service of **Tenebrae**, which means shadows. With the help of poetry and music from *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace* by Sir Karl Jenkins, we will explore the dramatic events on the night of Jesus' last supper.

On **Good Friday 7 April at 5pm** we'll be continuing our Blythburgh tradition of inviting everyone, especially families and children, to help build our **Easter Garden**, retell the Passion Story and hunt for Easter eggs.

Sunday 8 April at 11am is our Easter Day service of Holy Communion.

The ever-popular **Café and mini-market is back**. Held in the church, the next two are taking place on **Friday 28 April and Friday 26 May from 10.30am to 12pm**.

We're delighted to announce that the Halesworth Ringers have offered to ring a quarter peal on **Coronation Day Saturday 6 May**. On **Sunday 7 May** the village will be celebrating with a bring and share lunch in the grounds of The Priory, **but Friends are very welcome at Evensong in the church at 6pm** where Martin Seelley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, will be our guest.

With very best wishes

Meryl Doney, on behalf of the Friends of Holy Trinity

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