

FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY BLYTHBURGH

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Dear Friends

I am very pleased to be able to report the welcome of 29 new members to the Friends. They hale from Blythburgh to Glossop in Derbyshire and Ilkley in Yorkshire. It is so encouraging to realize that people really love this church and are happy to help us look after it.

Christmas celebrations seem a long way off now, but we had a great time. Carols were very much to the fore, with a service of Carols by Candlelight led by the Blythburgh Singers and a group of us toured the village with lanterns and song sheets. The children enjoyed the Crib Service and everyone joined in for Midnight Communion. There was even a good crowd on Christmas morning!

We are now planning a busy spring and summer, so here are some dates for your diary. I do hope you can join us for some of them.

Speak of Angels, an exhibition of artworks by Derek Nice **16 – 31 May 2015**

Artist Derek Nice has a long association with Suffolk and East Anglia. His ancestors were farmers and fishermen and he brought up his own young family here in the 70's. This May he brings his paintings, prints and sculpture – especially his driftwood angels – to join our angels in the church.

You are cordially invited to the opening event on Saturday 16 May at 11.00am.

Friends Open Day Sunday 31 May 2015

As you know, last year we held our first ever Friends Open Day. Back by popular demand, this year's event will be held on Trinity Sunday – our Patronal Day. As this day falls in the middle of Derek Nice's exhibition, he will be present for an artist's tour. More details will be sent to with your invitation.

Concert in Holy Trinity Church

19 April at 3pm The Amici *a cappella* choir from Luxemburg, present music from a wide range of periods, from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century.

Concerts in association with the Aldeburgh Festival
13 June at 3:00pm Andreas Scholl

One of today's outstanding singers celebrates the English song-writers of the 16th and 17th centuries, including Purcell, Dowland and Byrd.

21 June at 2.30pm Quartet for the End of Time

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Messiaen's wartime work of sensual beauty, jagged energy and rapt spirituality performed by Isabelle Faust, Jean-Guihen Queyras, Mark Simpson and Pierre-Laurent Aimard.

22 June at 3.00pm Ensemble A Cumpagnia

Richly resonant music from Corsica with its slow-moving harmonies embellished by uninhibited vocal virtuosity.

23 June at 7.30 The Hidden Face of the Renaissance

Ensemble Organum revive the ancient art of improvised ornamentation in a programme of Byzantine song, Renaissance plainchant and Corsican polyphony.

Café and Mini Market

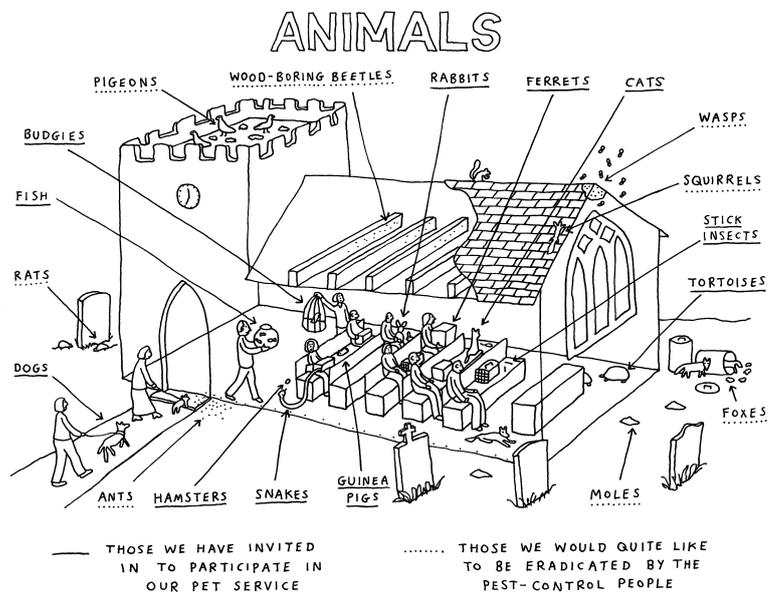
Coffee, cakes and a mini market are held on the last Friday of each month, in the church, hosted by a team of volunteers from Blythburgh. If you are in Suffolk on any of the following dates, do drop in. It is open from 10.30 – 12.00 and is a great opportunity to meet people from the local community.

Blessing of the Animals

Don't forget this special service, which will this year be held on Sunday 9 August at 11.00am.

Medieval glass

As I mentioned in my last letter, and due to the generous support of the Friends, we are now able to begin the process of rescuing and reinstating our medieval glass. So a big THANK YOU to all.



With very best wishes

Meryl Doney

Friends' Secretary