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Dear Friends

Sunday 25th September – St Michael and All Angels day – saw the long-awaited installation of our last remaining medieval glass. Unfortunately, Bishop Tim Stevens was unable to be with us because his wife was unwell, so our Team Vicar, Simon Pitcher and deputy preacher Malcolm Doney led the service. As this event formed part of our annual Friends' Open Day, the service was followed by lunch and a fascinating illustrated talk on the art of stained glass by Stephen Clare, founder of Holy Well the conservers. Some 75 people joined us for a very joyful day.

New vicar

We are very happy to report that we have a newly appointed Team Vicar for the Sole Bay Team, the Revd. Alan Perry (a former head teacher from Romford). He was inducted by the Bishop of Dunwich on 14 October at St Peter & St Paul, Wangford.

New Guidebook

Talking of new things, we also have a brand new, updated and redesigned, Blythburgh Church Guidebook. It has been superbly designed by Spring, the Southwold communications company. A bargain at £4.00, it can be purchased from the bookstall in the church. Or I will be happy to post one to any of the Friends.

Looking forward

Our Remembrance Service takes place on Sunday 13 November at 10.50am - held jointly in Blythburgh with St Andrews, Walberswick. This year, as well as remembering the sacrifice of those from our two parishes, we will also focus on a new memorial in the church, commemorating the death of Lt Joe Kennedy Jr, brother of JFK, whose plane exploded over Blythburgh on 12 August 1944.

And of course, Christmas is not far behind. Here are our events and services this year.

Sat 26 Nov	12.00-4.00	Blythburgh Christmas market.
Sat 17 Dec	5.30	Service of Lessons and Carols with the Blythburgh Singers
Sun 18 Dec	9.30	Holy Communion, BCP
Sat 24 Dec	5.00	Children's Crib Service
	11.30	Midnight Eucharist
Sun 25 Dec	10.00	Family Service
Sun 1 Jan	6.00	Choral Evensong with the Blythburgh Singers.

With greetings to all our Friends, and wishing you a very Happy Christmas.

Meryl Doney, Friends' Secretary