

10 March 2017

Dear Friends

As spring begins to make itself felt at last, we look forward to our Lent preparations and Easter celebrations.

On Saturday 18 March Blythburgh Church is spending an 'awayday' at Reydon Church Rooms, pursuing a challenge given to us by our Bishop to ask how we can "Grow in God". During the day, we'll celebrate our past, reflect on our present, and plan for the future. The day runs from 10am to 4pm, and everyone is welcome. Bring a packed lunch.

As the temperature rises (we hope), the popular, monthly Blythburgh café and mini-market, held in the church, will open its doors again on the morning of Friday 31 March from 10.30 – 12.00am. It will then take place on the last Friday of each month.

Easter events

Easter services this year include Palm Sunday on 9 April at 11am and we will be creating the Easter Garden and Easter

Egg Hunt on Good Friday 14 April at xx pm. Aldeburgh Voices perform sacred music (tickets from snapemaltings.co.uk) on Saturday 15 April at 3pm. The Easter Day service is on 16 April at 11am.

Save the date for Blythburgh Church Open Day: 20 May 2017 2.00-4.30pm

Our 2017 Open Day, organized by the Friends, takes place on a Saturday this year as we have two very special speakers help us celebrate.

2.00 The Angel Roofs of East Anglia: Michael Rimmer

In his book Michael Rimmer lists Holy Trinity as one of the 12 best angel roofs in East Anglia. In his illustrated introduction to this unique art form, he will offer an insight into the origin and meaning of the Suffolk angels.

3.00 Break for tea and cake.

3.30 The Restoration of Blythburgh Church, 1881–1906: Alan Mackley

Blythburgh resident Dr Alan Mackley introduces his new book outlining research on the recent history of the church. It is published by the Suffolk Records Society.

Each talk will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions and copies of both books will be available to buy.

RSVP to Sue Powell powell596@btinternet.com

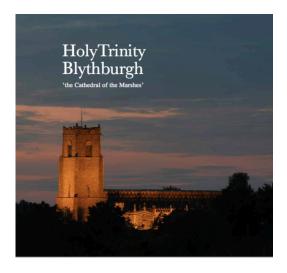
The sharp-eyed among you will have noticed that the Friends now have a smart new logo, designed by Alan Rutter and executed by Spring Graphics of Southwold. Spring were also responsible for designing and printing our splendid new guidebook.

We look forward to meeting as many of the Friends as possible this year. If you are visiting Blythburgh from afar, do get in touch in case we can arrange to meet up.

With best wishes



Meryl Doney Chair of the Friends



The new Guidebook

Southwold Lent Lectures 2017

6.00pm URC Church

5 March What Would Happen if ...? Exploring the Imagination

The Revd Malcolm Doney

12 March O sing unto the Lord a new song (Psalm 149:1)

The Venerable Ian Morgan

19 March Medievalism Made Modern: How the Gothic Revival

Transformed British Christianity

Dr Ayla Lepine

26 March Fiction - finding the truth about the human condition

Jo Browning Wroe

2 April Poetry of the Passion

The Revd Dr Malcolm Guite

9 April Painting

Mark Cazalet

Money raised will be shared between the Kagera Appeal & Bible Society: Helping Syrian refugee children in Jordan who have been traumatised by war.