

November 2017

The North Samford Benefice

Sproughton with Burstall, Copdock with Washbrook and Belstead
& Bentley with Tattingstone

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Friends,

“You have been recommended for training for ordained ministry”. These words were relayed to me in May 2016 and after the initial joy had worn off, not surprisingly the doubts and anxieties set in. I had spent 2 years discerning my calling to be a priest which had culminated in a 3 day intensive selection panel. And now it appeared that others also felt I was called to be a priest. Random thoughts went through my mind – how would I cope with 2 years of residential training at theological college in Cambridge and what would preaching a sermon be like? Well residential training has been an enjoyable and at times, challenging experience, not least because I have had to get used to living in community with others who are also in training. We worship in chapel together, we study together, we eat all our meals together. The hardest thing was getting used to sharing a bathroom with 7 other people especially when I’d been used to having a bathroom to myself at home! I learnt so much during that first year and know that will continue in the second year. And I have had the perfect opportunity to put into practice what I have been learning by being invited to spend my 8 week summer placement with the North Samford Benefice lead by Rev Annette Shannon. I have been warmly welcomed by the ministry team and the congregations of all 6 churches in the Benefice, enjoying many opportunities to meet and get to know people living in the different parishes. I’ve had the opportunity to assist at worship services, attend social events and meetings, join Open the Book assemblies in schools and attend the Burstall Show amongst other things. I’ve now preached a few times and it isn’t quite as scary as I initially thought it would be! The time I spent with the Benefice this summer has had a big impact on my calling to priestly ministry, I feel the experiences I’ve had and the affirmation I’ve received have confirmed that calling and given me the confidence to believe that God willing, I will be ordained next summer in the cathedral at Bury St Edmunds. I’m very grateful to all those I’ve met during my placement, for their kind words and generous support as they demonstrate how the church continues to support the needs of those living in the Benefice.

Sarah Jenkins



North Samford Churches Baby and Toddler Group
Monday morning term time
Sproughton Church Hall
9.30am -11.30am

Starts November 6th

Toys, interactive story, songs, drinks and healthy snack.
Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers welcome with a parent, grandparent or carer.
Suggested donation £2.00 per family
Leader: Rev Annette Shannon 01473 807674

Sproughton Fireworks

3rd November – Millennium Green, 7pm BBQ, 7.15pm Bonfire Lit, 8pm Fireworks – Call- 01473 857955
for more information

Secondary aged young people living in Sproughton

If you would like to be involved in any of the Christmas Church Services in All Saint's i.e. The Christingle Service or the Nativity, reading, acting, singing, playing an instrument or helping to lead please contact Rev Annette by November 10th either by email – revannettes@aol.co.uk or telephone 01473 807674. I would love to have you on board so that we can generate some even more exciting worship this year.

From the Registers:

Weddings

Christopher Ralph & Christina Price – Copdock
Jamie Davies & Stephanie Ramsey – Copdock
Andrew Cooke & Stephanie Potter – Copdock

Baptisms

Madison Pirie – Belstead

Funerals

Kevin Swarbrick - Sproughton

NOVEMBER

1st Bentley Home Communion 10am
2nd Bentley Coffee & Company 10am
2nd Burstall Community Lunch 12.30pm
3rd Sproughton fireworks from 7pm BBQ, Fire lit at 7.15pm fireworks at 8pm – Millennium Green
4th Copdock Morning Market 10am
5th Bentley Bereavement Service 3pm
10th Bentley Visit to Thurlston Christmas Spectacular Call Sandra for more information 01473 310383
11th Sproughton Monthly Market 10am
13th Comfort Corner 1.30pm Sproughton Church Hall
15th Copdock Home Communion 10am
25th Belstead Christmas Sale, Village Hall 10am
25th Sproughton Beetle Drive 7.30pm
25th Burstall Christmas Bazaar 10am

DECEMBER

6th Bentley Home Communion 10am
7th Ministry Meeting 7.30pm
7th Bentley Coffee & Company 10am
7th Burstall Community Lunch 12.30pm
9th Sproughton Monthly Market 10am
11th Comfort Corner 1.30pm Sproughton Church Hall
14th Bentley Carols in the Village Hall (time?)
17th Tattlingstone Carols 6pm
17th Burstall Carols 4.30pm
17th Belstead Carols 6pm

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE

NOVEMBER 5th

8.00 am	Copdock	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burstall	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Bentley	Family Service
10.00 am	Copdock	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	Tattingstone	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Sproughton	Holy Communion
3.00 pm	Bentley	Bereavement Service



NOVEMBER 12th

9.30 am	Burstall	Remembrance Service
10.00 am	Copdock	Remembrance and Holy Communion
10.15 am	Sproughton	Remembrance Service
10.50 am	Bentley War Memorial	Act of Remembrance
10.50 am	Belstead War Memorial	Act of Remembrance
10.50 am	Tattingstone	Act of Remembrance

NOVEMBER 19th

9.30 am	Burstall	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Copdock	Simply Sunday
10.00 am	Bentley	Family Praise
11.00 am	Sproughton	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Tattingstone	Holy Communion

NOVEMBER 26th

8.00 am	Sproughton	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burstall	Matins
10.00 am	Bentley	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Copdock	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Belstead	Morning Celebration
3.30pm	Tattingstone	Family at Church
5.00 pm	Sproughton	Christingle

DECEMBER 3rd

8.00 am	Copdock	Holy Communion
9.30 am	Burstall	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Bentley	Christingle
10.00 am	Copdock	Morning Prayer
10.00 am	Tattingstone	Holy Communion
11.00 am	Sproughton	Holy Communion

DECEMBER 10th

9.30 am	Sproughton	Croissant Church
9.30 am	Burstall	Christingle and Gift Service
10.00 am	Belstead	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Copdock	Nativity
10.00 am	Bentley	Holy Communion
6.00 pm	Tattingstone	Evensong

Church Letters & Copy for December In Touch to Hayley Purnell northsamfordbenefice@gmail.com by **4th November please**
