

# Celebrating the Blofield Deanery - Spring 2019 Newsletter

## Church Spotlight

St. Margaret's Witton (NR13 5DN)  
Rector – Revd. Darleen Plattin  
www.bitternbenefice.com



St. Margaret's is part of the new Bittern Benefice and is situated in the small village of Witton lying north of the A47 with just sixteen dwellings. The church has origins dating back to 1321, and is thought to have existed as early as 1086. This small Church is built of flint and freestone, and stands next to Witton Hall, overlooking open farmland. There is evidence the building has been altered at least three times since it was originally built. There is an octagonal tower with a single bell, which was restored in 1976. A new electric heating system with pew heaters was installed in 2011. The Church is extremely pretty and is complimented by its stained glass windows, internal features and simple well maintained layout. Witton accommodates eighty-six people and has monthly services and a very popular candlelit Carol Service at the beginning of December.



## Dates for your Diary



Deanery  
Ascension Day Service

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
7pm

Little Plumstead  
Church  
NR13 5FB



St Andrew and St Peter  
Blofield  
presents a concert by  
Cambridge's Gonville  
and Caius College Choir

Wednesday July 3rd at  
7.30pm

Contact 01603 715213



Deanery Synod  
Resourcing Day

21 September 2019

Workshops, seminars,  
resources and worship

Venue TBC



## Fundraising Events

**All Saints Hemblington** - Time to think about the garden? **Spring into action at Hemblington Hall, NR13 4EF.** Join us for spring flowers, craft stalls, plants, cakes, gardening ideas, preloved tools, children's activities and more. **Saturday 30th March 10am -2pm.** Proceeds to Hemblington Church repairs.

**Lingwood Church** will be holding a **Quiz and Chips evening** on **April 13th** in the **Village Hall, Lingwood.** Tickets **£8 per person including Fish and Chips. Starts at 7pm.** Teams can be up to a maximum of 6. Tickets from Rob or Penny Webb (01603 713380)

**Holy Trinity Rackheath** – the Bittern Benefice Concert Series presents **An Evening of Songs from the Shows with A Class Act**, mezzo soprano Susie Turner and pianist Annette Jude. **Saturday 27th April at 7.30pm.** Tickets £10 from Rev Darleen Plattin 01603 720966 or on the door, with complimentary refreshments after the performance.

## Regular Events

**"Butterflies"** - A group for 0-4 year olds and their mums, dads, grandmas, grandads or carers (including child minders). Meets **each Thursday morning at 10.30 during school term time in the Methodist Church Hall in Chapel Road, Lingwood.** Cost **£1.00 per family per week.**

**Lingwood and Strumpshaw Benefice walks.** All welcome to join our 3 mile walks:  
**27th April, meets at Lingwood Village Hall 10.00 a.m.**  
**1st June, meets at Lingwood church car park 10.00 a.m.**

## News and requests

The **Yare Valley Churches** are planning a **Pop & Rock Auction** for November 2019. We would be most grateful to receive, by contacting **Peter Leech on 01603 715136**, any donations of vinyl records, books, posters or other memorabilia to raise funds for our church reordering. Thank you

**St Andrew's North Burlingham** is undertaking a major reordering project, which will include a modern heating system, toilet, kitchenette and removal of the old Victorian pews. A Faculty has been granted and a good proportion of the funds raised. We hope the work will start soon. Please pray for us.

Contributions for the next issue should be sent to [lindy.doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:lindy.doherty@hotmail.com) by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** please

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