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## A Norfolk Heroine of 1<sup>st</sup> World War by Revd Martin Dale

Edith Cavell was executed just over 100 years ago, on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1915, by the German Occupying forces in Belgium and 100 years ago all England was talking about what they considered a German atrocity.

Let me tell you something about this remarkable Christian lady.

Edith Cavell was a 49 year old nurse, the daughter of a Norfolk vicar, who had lived and worked in Brussels for eight years.

Her early career had been as a governess but having qualified as a nurse she soon rose to prominence not only as a most capable and humane practitioner but as a person with great organizational and leadership abilities.

Edith accepted an invitation from the Belgians in 1907 to run a training hospital and she set about establishing a new standard of nursing, and a professional class of dedicated nurses, in a country where that occupation had been the preserve of nuns.

In August of 1914 she was holidaying with her mother on the Norfolk coast when war was declared and in spite of the protestations of her family insisted on returning to her post.

That was typical of her devotion to duty, a quality most evident in the months following when Edith and her staff worked ceaselessly to save the lives of all wounded soldiers, allied and German alike.

She also involved herself in a dangerous endeavour to smuggle wounded British soldiers across the border into neutral Holland and it was this that was her undoing.

The Germans became suspicious and taking full advantage of Edith's naiveté told her, quite falsely, that two of her colleagues had confessed. At that point she did too, and in July 1915 was found guilty of treason under the German penal code.

One of my predecessors at a previous parish of mine, Brooksby was Revd Stirling Gahan. He was the Anglican Chaplain in Brussels at the time of Edith Cavell's execution.

And it is from Stirling Gahan that we have an account of Edith Cavell's last days

He wrote this:

*On Monday evening, October 11th, I was admitted by special passport from the German authorities to the prison of St. Gilles, where Miss Edith Cavell had been confined for ten weeks.*

*The final sentence had been given early that afternoon. To my astonishment and relief I found my friend perfectly calm and resigned. But this could not lessen the tenderness and intensity of feeling on either part during that last interview of almost an hour.*

*Her first words to me were upon a matter concerning herself personally, but the solemn asseveration which accompanied them was made expressedly in the light of God and eternity.*

*She then added that she wished all her friends to know that she willingly gave her life for her country, and said: "I have no fear nor shrinking;*

*I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me."*

*She further said: "I thank God for this ten weeks' quiet before the end."*

*"Life has always been hurried and full of difficulty."*

*"This time of rest has been a great mercy."*

*"They have all been very kind to me here.*

*But this I would say, standing as I do in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards any one."*

*We partook of the Holy Communion together, and she received the Gospel message of consolation with all her heart. At the close of the little service I began to repeat the words, "Abide with me," and she joined softly in the end.*

*We sat quietly talking until it was time for me to go. She gave me parting messages for relations and friends. She spoke of her soul's needs at the moment and she received the assurance of God's Word as only the Christian can do.*

*Then I said "Good-bye," and she smiled and said, "We shall meet again. "The German military chaplain was with her at the end and afterwards gave her Christian burial. He told me: "She was brave and bright to the last. She professed her Christian faith and that she was glad to die for her country." "She died like a heroine. "Source: Source Records of the Great War, Vol. III, ed. Charles F. Horne, National Alumni 1923*

Edith Cavell was given a State Funeral in 1919 at Westminster Abbey having been exhumed from her grave in Belgium and was buried in Norwich Cathedral.



## The Letter from the Vicarage

It is strange to think at Christmas 100 years ago found the country into the second year of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War.

It reminds me that it was Jesus who said: <sup>13</sup>*Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends.*  
(Jn 15:13)

In war many people found their faith - others lost it.  
Others have become an inspiration to us.

One phrase of Edith Cavell's that struck me *I thank God for this ten weeks' quiet before the end."*

I wonder as we take part in all the upcoming Christmas celebrations whether we will take the time to draw aside and spend time with Jesus who is the real reason we celebrate Christmas

Will you take time to come and join us in the Christmas services?

Maddy and I wish you all a blessed time over Christmas

Revd Martin Dale

## Terrington St John Church News

We are a small parish church, isolated from its village, trying to fix our leaking north aisle roof, with water coming through at different places each time it rains heavily and this is also wind dependent.

We put off minor repairs last year, in the hope of a grant that never happened. So it is a question of where to place the buckets in the aisle and on top of the vestry ceiling. Hopefully we have come up with a stop gap idea that will, at least protect the contents of the vestry until such time as we can sort the roof out. It is a slate roof, so there is not so much risk of theft but to do it thoroughly, it will need to be stripped and felted, a major expense and task.

Meanwhile, the heating system seems to be working in so much as we can get the heat in the correct locations easily and so it is therefore a better option than most as it is so much more adaptable.

Even to the extent of keeping the croissants warm for café church services, which services have brought in greater numbers to church and by joining in the Methodists, this will extend the life of both church and chapel. We still need to do more work in the chancel to even the power load on the electric system but we are getting there.

Our next major project is to lay new drains and a soakaway to the north of the church. For this we will require a faculty.

There are a number of trees and shrubs that have to be cut back in preparation but there is much more to do.

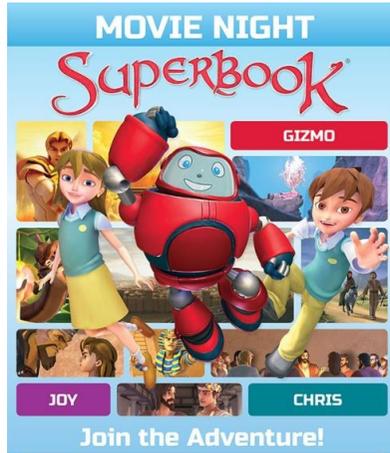
Our church has been wonderfully maintained over the past few years by an elderly gentleman with nothing but hand tools and sheer determination, and he has cleared our boundary fence and removed a heap of soil left from digging graves and he has levelled all the low areas.

At 80 plus, I only hope I have the mind set and body strength to emulate him. If there is anyone else who could lend a hand it would be appreciated.

Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury was booked in to do a service elsewhere in the Benefice and was more than pleased to get up to do an extra early service in St John's at 8am, our regular communion service, which though it does not suit everyone, is essential for those who can only make that time on Sundays.

It was a very special service for those who were there. He is, despite all his high ranking office in the past, a sincere and humble man and his meaningful sermon was very much at our country level and much appreciated. Our thanks to him.

Tim Clayton



A Superbook evening was held at Terrington St. John Methodist Church. For those who haven't experienced Superbook, it is an animated cartoon film suitable for parents and child alike. The DVDs depict Old and New Testament stories which can be used as a cinematic experience. Chris and Joy and a Robot, Gizmo, are shown and they are transported back to bible times so that they can get a first-hand account of the story. 17 mums dads and children enjoyed 'The road to Damascus'.

Everyone enjoyed a relaxing hour which had a Christian message.

The next Superbook evening  
will be on **Tuesday 19th January 2016**  
in **Wiggenhall St German's Memorial Hall**  
between 6 and 7pm

Please contact Maddy Dale on 01945 880259 to book

**Cost £2.00 per person**

## Tilney All Saints Church News

### The Memorial Service for All Souls Day

This was held on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. This moving and gentle service was well attended and all those present had the opportunity to light a candle in memory of lost loved ones. Many of those suffering the pain of bereavement and loss find this opportunity to remember and commemorate their loved ones comforting.

At time of going to press the Remembrance Day Service has not yet taken place.

### The Book Exchange:

On a chilly winter evening, there's nothing nicer than snuggling up with a good book. The Book Exchange is an excellent resource for reading materials. For those who haven't found it yet, the Book Exchange is situated in the Meeting Room in the church and is accessed via the wooden door just past the War Memorial. This door is usually left unlocked although it does 'stick' occasionally.

We have been grateful for all the generous donations of books. Unfortunately we have completely run out of space to store any more books so no more donations for a while please! We do have some wood to make extra shelves but we need some strong volunteers to move some of the existing shelves around a bit and someone who is clever enough to construct the new shelves. Please get in touch with me if you think you can help.

## **Church Roof:**

The on-going saga of the church roof is going to run and run. All sorts of people have been enormously kind in donating money towards the roof fund. So far, we have a raised £7,200. This is impressive but until there's at least another £113,000 to go! This huge amount overwhelms me. If anyone can help with fund-raising ideas (not just ideas but actually taking on the organising of them) or would be willing to make a regular donation via direct debit, please get in touch.

## **Christmas**

This will soon be upon us. Preparing for it can be exciting, exhausting, stimulating or depressing, depending on your situation, beliefs and lifestyle. Yet the Christian message of God's gift of love is for every single one of us, young or old; rich or poor; able-bodied or disabled. It's a message of hope to lift our hearts and ease our anxiety. Please try to join in some of the Christmas services.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

### **The Christmas Carol Service**

At 3pm 20<sup>th</sup> December in TAS church. (Donations to be shared between Shelter and another charity yet to be decided.) This beautiful, candle-lit service will be followed by delicious refreshments. Don't miss it!

### **Crib Service**

at 4pm, 24<sup>th</sup> December in TAS church

There will be another 'Murder Mystery' evening in March - keep an eye open!

Rev'd Barbara Pearman 01553 828808

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## Tilney St Lawrence Church News

Bingo Night on 5th Nov 2015 at Tilney Village Hall raised £407.50 for the Church. Many thanks to all who participated.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL 2015

Tilney St. Lawrence Church held their annual Flower Festival on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September on the subject of "Musicals". The flower arrangements were of a very high standard again, and filled the church with their wonderful colours and perfume. The two days were enjoyed by everyone who took part in any way, and there were lots of visitors to view the displays, browse the stalls, and savour the wide range of refreshments available. A variety of music from the musicals was played throughout the festival, both on the CD player, and on the church organ. Thanks to everyone who donated money, raffle prizes, and cakes etc. for the refreshments. Thanks also to the team of helpers, who worked very hard to make the event such a success. We raised nearly £900 which will be added to the Church Amenity Fund to help provide further new heating and lighting units in the church.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

A MacMillan Coffee Morning was held in Tilney St. Lawrence Parish Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September, which raised £340 for the charity. Thanks to all those who donated cakes, and prizes, to make the event a great success. Special thanks to all the stallholders and helpers on the day, and to all those people who came to support the good cause.

## **Wiggenhall St German's Church News**

### **Toilet Project**

We are very pleased to announce that we now have all the funds to hand to complete the installation of the toilet in the church. We are now waiting on the contractors to complete the work which will be done in their own time outside their scheduled contracted work. The PCC would like to express their grateful thanks to everyone who has donated towards this project and we look forward to having this facility available in the near future.

### **Christmas Services**

Our services leading up to Christmas this year will begin with collecting donations towards the Salvation Army's Toys and Tins Appeal, which will take place at our service of Holy Communion on 6<sup>th</sup> December. If anyone would like to donate a new toy, gift or tinned goods then please bring them along to the service, or they can be given to any church member.

The donations should not be gift-wrapped, as they have to be checked for suitability before being distributed.

A list of our Christmas services, including Carols by Candlelight, are shown below.

The members of the church would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

### **Wiggenhall St. Germans Church Christmas Services**



Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m.  
Toys & Tins Service with Holy Communion

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 p.m.  
Carols by Candlelight at St. Mary the Virgin Church

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m.  
United Family Breakfast Service

6.30 p.m.  
Nine Lessons and Carols

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion

You are very welcome to any or all of the services as we come together to celebrate the birth of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas.



## Wiggenhall St Mary The Virgin Church News

### Carols by Candlelight:

This year it will be on **MONDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 6.30PM**

Do come along for a truly festive service with Seven Lessons and traditional carols. Please wrap up warmly!

### Winter Church Opening Times:

The church is open at weekends between 10am and 4pm. The key may be obtained at other times from the house at the bottom of the drive.

## Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene Church News



Annual Traditional Carol Service.  
**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm**  
Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

### *Christmas Services in Magdalen Church*

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.15pm  
Christmas Eve late night Holy Communion  
Christmas Day 10.00am  
Family Service with Holy Communion

## *December and January Family Services in Magdalen Church*

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am Family Service**  
Homework - Something to plan future dates and events



**.Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am Family Service**  
Homework - A story, poem or song about Jesus' Mother.



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 11.00am Family Service**  
Homework - A noisy present that you had at Christmas.



**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January 11.00am**  
**Family Service with Holy Communion**  
No Homework



## The Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred, and the auctioneer thought it scarcely worth his while to waste much time on the old violin, but held it up with a smile; "What am I bidden, good folks," he cried, "Who'll start the bidding for me?"

"A dollar, a dollar"; then two!" "Only two? Two dollars, and who'll make it three? Three dollars, once; three dollars twice; going for three.." But no, from the room, far back, a gray-haired man came forward and picked up the bow; Then, wiping the dust from the old violin, and tightening the loose strings, he played a melody pure and sweet as carolling angel sings.

The music ceased, and the auctioneer, with a voice that was quiet and low, said; "What am I bid for the old violin?" And he held it up with the bow.

A thousand dollars, and who'll make it two? Two thousand! And who'll make it three? Three thousand, once, three thousand, twice, and going and gone," said he. The people cheered, but some of them cried, "We do not quite understand what changed its worth." Swift came the reply:

"The touch of a master's hand."

And many a man with life out of tune, and battered and scarred with sin, is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd, much like the old violin, A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine; a game - and he travels on. "He is going" once, and "going twice, He's going and almost gone." But the Master comes, and the foolish crowd never can quite understand the worth of a soul and the change that's wrought by the touch of the Master's hand.

*Myra 'Brooks' Welch*

## Clergy and Readers

<b>East Marshland Benefice</b>		
<b>Revd Martin Dale</b>	The Vicarage, 37 Church Rd, Tilney St Lawrence, PE34 4QQ	01945-880 259
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<b>Mrs Wendy Shattock</b>	5 Aylmer Dr. Tilney St Lawrence PE34 4RQ	01945-881 285

<b>Tilney All Saints</b>		
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<b>Mrs Jeanette Scott</b>	Casa Nostro, Cotts Lane Tilney All Saints, PE34 4SL	01553-828 795

<b>Wiggenhall St Germans</b>		
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<b>Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene</b>		
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<b>Mr Alan Sherfield</b>	Toll Bar Cottage, Toll Bar Corner, Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene, PE34 3BE	01553-810 796

## Terrington St John Methodist Church Services

- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      11am United Cafe Service at Chapel  
Revd Martin Dale
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      10am United Benefice Communion Service  
at Tilney St Lawrence  
Revds. Dale/Pearman
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      11.00am United Carol Service at Parish  
Church Revd Dale Sherriff
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      10.30am United Service Marshland St  
James

## Services for January 2016

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2016      11.00am United Café service at  
TSJ Chapel
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016      11.00am Morning Service Gwen Dewdney
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016      11.15 Holy Communion Revd Martin Dale  
2.30pm Covenant service at Parson's  
Drove
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016      11.00am Café service in TSJ Anglican  
Church
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016      11.00am Holy Communion Revd Dale  
Sherriff

## METHODIST CHAPELS CONTACT NAMES

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## Wiggenhall St Germans Methodist Services

### Services for December 2015

- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      9.30am United Service at St Germans  
Parish Church
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      10.00am Carol Service  
Kathleen Blacklock
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      9.30am United Family Breakfast  
Service at Parish Church
- 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2015      9.30am United Holy Communion in  
Chapel - Revd Alan Bennett

### Services for January 2016

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2016      11.00am Informal Morning Worship
- 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016      9.30am Morning Service - Elizabeth  
Batstone
- 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016      9.30am United Family Breakfast Service  
at Parish Church
- 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016      9.30am United Covenant Service in Chapel  
- Revd Andrew Maguire
- 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2016      9.30am Morning Service  
- Dudley Pickston

# EAST MARSHLAND BENEFICE (Anglican services)

**December 2015**

SERVICES	Terrington St John	Tilney St Lawrence	Tilney All Saints	Wiggenhall St Germans	Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene
6th Dec 2015 (Advent 2)	11.00am United Cafe Service in Chapel MND	9.30am Holy Communion MND	9.30am Taize Service SB	9.30 am Holy Communion with TOYS AND TINS  5pm Evensong MW	11.00am Family Service SB
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 (Advent 3)	See Tilney St Lawrence	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Service  MND/BP	See Tilney St Lawrence	See Tilney St Lawrence  5pm Evensong MW	See Tilney St Lawrence  6.30pm Magdalene Village Carol Service SB
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015				6.30pm Seven Lessons and Carols by Candlelight St Mary the Virgin	
20th Dec 2015 (Advent 4)	11.00 am Joint Carol Anglican- Methodist Service in Anglican Church	No morning service  3pm Carol Service MND	No morning service  3pm Carol Service BP	9.30am United Breakfast Service  MND 6.30pm Carol Service	11.00am Family Service SB

<b>SERVICES (cont)</b>	<b>Terrington St John</b>	<b>Tilney St Lawrence</b>	<b>Tilney All Saints</b>	<b>Wiggenhall St Germans</b>	<b>Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene</b>
Thursday 24th Dec 2015 (Christmas Eve)	11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion BP	See Terrington St John or Tilney All Saints	4pm Crib Service MND	11.30pm Midnight Holy Communion in the Church MND	10.15 pm Late Night Holy Communion MND
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 (Christmas Day)	No service See Tilney St Lawrence	9.30am Holy Communion BP	No service See Tilney St Lawrence	No service See Magdalen	10.00am Family Holy Communion MND
27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 1st Sunday of Christmas	See Tilney All Saints	See Tilney All Saints	10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Service MND /BP	See Tilney All Saints  5pm Evensong MW	See Tilney All Saints  11.00am Morning Prayer PG

### HOME COMMUNION

If you, or someone you know, cannot get to church and would like to receive communion at home, please contact either Rev. Martin Dale (01945 880259) or Rev. Barbara Pearman (01553 828808)

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### PRAYER CHAIN

If anyone would like prayers said for anyone, please contact Angie Yeoman on 01553 617518

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# EAST MARSHLAND BENEFICE (Anglican services)

## January 2016

Sunday	Terrington St John	Tilney St Lawrence	Tilney All Saints	Wiggenhall St Germans	Wiggenhall St Mary Magdalene
3rd January 2016 Christmas 2	11.00am Cafe Family Service in TSJ Chapel MND	9.30am Holy Communion MND	9.30am Taize Service SB	9.30 am Holy Communion BP  5pm Compline	11.00am Family Service SB
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 Epiphany 1	10.00 am BENEFICE Holy Communion MND/BP	See Terrington St John	See Terrington St John	See Terrington St John  5pm Compline	11.00 Morning Prayer PG
17 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 Epiphany 2	8.00 am Holy Communion MND	9.30am Taize Service SB	9.30am Holy Communion BP	9.30am Breakfast Café with Methodists  5pm Compline	11.00am Family Service SB
24 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 Epiphany 3	11.00 Cafe service in TSJ ANGLICAN CHURCH (not Chapel) MND	9.30am Holy Communion BP	9.30am Holy Communion MND	9.30am United Service in the Chapel  5pm Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion BP
31st January 2016 Epiphany 4	See TSL	10.00 am BENEFICE Holy Communion	See TSL	See TSL  5pm Compline	6.30pm Evensong