

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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August 2015

Revd Michael Womack's absence: a note from our rural dean

As you have possibly heard by now, Revd Michael is on long-term sick leave, with a stress related illness, for 4 months, which will take us up to the end of November. Please pray for Michael and his family.

During this time, as rural dean, I act as your incumbent. However, obviously with my own parishes, I cannot take over all that needs to be done, so **Revd Canon Andrew Vessey** will be covering most of the services of Holy Communion, along with a few others. I am hoping that most of the non-Eucharistic services will be taken by lay elders. Andrew and I will take the weddings between us and Andrew is the first point of contact for funerals. As usual, any administrative queries should go to Virginia who will be working here at the rectory in Stradbroke on Mondays, but you can phone or email her at home at other times.

Although the situation is not what any of us would have chosen, remember that God has not changed and he often uses situations like this to bring some positive and good outcomes. Therefore, please try to look on this as a time of opportunities and not negatively. We have a God of grace and as long as we keep close to him he will use this time for growth. I am asking you to support, encourage and pray for one another during this time, remembering especially Revd Andrew and all those who will be taking services and caring for our churches.

May God bless the parishes of the Hoxne benefice and all therein during this time.

God bless, Revd Susan Loxton

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Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258, John Leader 01379 668205
Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

AUGUST 2015	2 August 9 th after Trinity	9 August 10 th after Trinity	16 August 11 th after Trinity	23 August 12 th after Trinity	30 August 13 th after Trinity
	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Ephes. 4:1-6 John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8 Ephes. 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephes. 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18 Ephes. 6:10-20 John 6:56-69	Deut. 4:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-end Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15,
Athelington			9.30am Holy Communion		11.15am Benefice Communion at Syleham, IP21 4LN. Please park in the field to the left of the large cross. There is a gate into the church lane. To be followed by a benefice picnic down by the river at Monks Hall. Bring your own picnic food but we will provide drinks. Under cover if wet!
Denham				11.15am Family Service	
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion		11.15am Family Service	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Communion 11.15am In praise of summer	10.00am Family Service	
Redlingfield	9.30am Holy Communion			10am Morning Prayer	
Syleham	4pm Messy Church		11.15am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion	
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm BCP Evensong	

At the recent Synod we had presentations from Rev Clare Saunders and Rev Chris Norburn about their benefices within our diocese. Their ways of working, admin, people attending services at neighbouring parishes and so forth were very much as we operate here. They also shared PCC meetings. It does seem a little excessive for Revd Michael to attend 7 PCC meetings! Maybe this should be discussed further within our benefice?

A new display cabinet (specially made by Allen Burrige) showing items collected by the Hoxne Heritage Group during a day of digging at various points throughout the village, is now in Hoxne church. Other info of the group also.

Cleaning of Wingfield church

We have regular cleaning and churchyard cleanup and would like to encourage more people to help us. Please contact Michael or Sue Harvey on 01379 586355.

Wingfield Barns - Tel: 01379 384505.

To Sun 30 August: International Mini Prints exhibition and Doug Kemp paintings and prints, 11am-4pm Weds to Sun. Admission free. Closed 8 and 22 Aug.

Wed 26 Aug 1-4.30pm 'Wonders of Wingfield': a circular walk organised by Waveney & Blyth Arts with visits to St Andrew's Church, Rosemary Elliott's art studio and exhibitions at Wingfield Barns, followed by afternoon tea.

Sat 29 Aug Made2Measure Theatre Comp presents an outdoor murder mystery 'An Engagement with Death', 4pm. Tickets £7.

Benefice picnic 30 August after the benefice service. See service rota over.

This newsletter is found in all churches, but you can get it early by email, (bcc to hide addresses). Please send an email to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com h Deadline for Sept HBN is Mon 17 Aug.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored Cycle Ride, Saturday 12

Sept. Keeping our churches open costs more each year and we very much need the funds so please get involved. Your church needs riders/walkers, recorders and of course sponsors. It is an excellent chance to have fun, get fit and raise money for **your** local church. If you are not able to cycle or walk, then could you be one of the recorders. Most of the churches have rotas so please speak to your local organiser.

Sponsorship forms will be delivered to the 'regulars' but if this is a new venture to you then please contact your local organiser and they will give you a form and route details. 50% goes to your local church, 50% goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust which has already helped to keep several of our local churches open. This is a really worthwhile venture; be part of it and join in the fun!

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Hoxne

The August theme for the third Sunday service (16 Aug, 11.15am) will be In Praise of Summer. No service planned for Sept 20, as this will be the day for Hoxne's Harvest Breakfast.

St Peter and St Paul was on the visiting list for judges who have just named

Hoxne Mid Suffolk Village of the Year!

The competition now goes county wide.

Syleham

Village Praise Our family-friendly service has been re-introduced with refreshments afterwards, 10am the third Sunday of every month, (16 Aug). Holy Communion on the fourth Sunday has reverted to BCP for those who prefer a more traditional service. We hope to cater for varying needs.

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual **Summer Lunch** on 11 July, not least Mr J Leader for his garden at Monks Hall. Attendance exceeded expectations and £593 was raised for general church funds. **The annual Summer Fête** at Monks Hall will be on Sat 15th Aug, 2pm - 4pm, with cream teas and all favourites. With young mums on the organising team, we can also guarantee a family-friendly occasion! Proceeds to church fabric fund.

Messy church 4pm the first Sunday of every month and, although held at Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall, it is for all families in the Hoxne Benefice. Next sessions-Sundays 2 Aug and 6 Sept.

Midweek, evening communion at Denham, Tues 11 Aug, 7.30pm.

Benefice Blasters Singing Group

continues to practice for the Benefice Eucharist on Sun 30 Aug at Syleham. Fridays 7 and 14 Aug, Horham church, 7pm and Friday 28 Aug in Syleham church at 7pm. All welcome as we practice 'I am the bread of life'. Further details Tanya Mason on realityshines@talk21.com

More formal singing also catered for with a choir at Evensong at Wingfield on Sun 23 Aug (6.30pm). *The Eternal Gates* by Christopher Tye will be the anthem and his *O Holy Spirit Lord of Grace* instead of the Magnificat with a sung Nunc Dimittis etc. Practice - Sat 22 at 5pm, Wingfield church. Further details from Peter Demetriadi or peter_midpet@btconnect.com

Always plenty of coffee to drink!

*Every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter in the Old School Hall in Horham.

*The Rural Coffee Caravan will be Weds 5 August at Redlingfield, Tues 18 Aug at Wingfield, with news of what's happening around and about us.

*Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, Saturday 22 Aug.

Also in Redlingfield Hog roast and Pub on the Green, Sat 1st Aug, 3pm till 12pm.

Deanery Lammas Service (celebration of the first loaf from the first grain of Harvest), 6pm, Weds 5 Aug, St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne, followed by hog roast and refreshments. Offering to The Addington Fund – for farming families in need. Please join us for this special service.

Discipleship Explored - Following Christ. What's it all about?

8 weekly get-togethers looking at Paul's letter to the Philippians, with time and space to think about what it really means to live the Christian life. Thurs evenings, 17 Sept through to 5 Nov, 7.30 to 9.30pm at Reading Hall, Denham. Interested? Call Barbara Irwin 01379 870500. More details next month.

Sew early for Christmas We will be gathering at Nora's Yard, Denham on Christmas Eve, for our first live action Nativity Service. The animals are ready but the humans will need help with their wardrobe. We are looking for help - all abilities welcome. Materials supplied. You can take these away to make up, or we are hoping to hold get-together sewing sessions to pool ideas and talents. Do join in this exciting new project. Please call Barbara 01379 870500, cobowner@gmail.com or Sue Roberts 01379 668602.