

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

* Athelington * Denham * Horham
* Hoxne * Redlingfield * Syleham * Wingfield

August 2016

AUGUST 2016	7 August Trinity 10	14 August Trinity 11	21 August Trinity 12	28 August Trinity 13
	Isa 1:1, 10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40	Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	Jerem 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17	Jerem 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14
Athel'ton			9.30am * Holy Comm	
Denham				11.15am * Family Service
Horham		9.30am BCP Holy Comm*		11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am * Holy Comm	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Comm 11.15am * Summer Songs of Praise *	10am Family Service
Redl'field	9.30am * Holy Comm			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for * the benefice		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Comm *
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am ~ Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong *

Addington Fund service for Lammastide, Weds 3 Aug, 6pm, Hoxne church
Midweek Communion, Tues 9 Aug, 7.30pm, Denham church

* Service with Rev Michael
~ Service with Canon Andrew

The millennium celebrations make me nervous of commenting on things that haven't already happened. You might remember that there was to be a River of Fire running along the River Thames at midnight. Due to technical issues this didn't happen, but the papers had already gone to press so several newspapers on 1 January 2000 carried reports of something that never happened. Nonetheless, I'm going to break my habit and thank everyone for all their help with the re-opening of Redlingfield church and its beautiful new roof; it's tremendous to have a watertight building in which to be able to worship.

Actually, I can be quite confident in thanking everyone for their help because of how far we've got already; not least that on the weekend before the re-opening over 15 folk got together to give the church a thorough spring (or summer) clean ready for its grand unveiling. It was a huge encouragement for me to see so many Redlingfield people there and to know that the church is appreciated by the parish it seeks to serve. Not that that was ever in doubt, as I remember when we first started talking about the problems facing the building, people were determined to do all they could to solve it, and their resolve and hard work has paid off. But it was also encouraging that every parish in the benefice was represented in the clean-up and that we all worked together in our support of a 'sister' church.

One thing I've realised just recently is that across the churches of our benefice we are able to offer a huge range of forms of worship, from the traditional of the Book of Common Prayer, right through to the free-ranging expressions in Messy Church and family services. How do you like your church? All tastes are catered for somewhere in the benefice at some point in the month.

Rev Michael's days off in August...Thurs 4, Thurs 11, Thurs 18, Thurs 25, Friday 26th and Weds 31 August.

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Churchwardens

Athelington: St Peter. Evelyn Adey 01728 628428

Denham: St John the Baptist. Michael Reeves 01379 668179

Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul. Brian Chester 01379 669157, Guy McGregor 01379 668434

Horham: St Mary. David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216

Redlingfield: St Andrew. Hazel Abbott 01379 678217

Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

Prayer breakfasts to start the week

Monday mornings, breakfast and prayers. 7.45am onwards for breakfast, 8.30am prayer using a Celtic pattern, finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for where.

St Andrews Wingfield Harvest Supper

Saturday 24 September, 3 courses £12 per head. Booking essential!! Contact Sharon Alldis on 01379 384854.

The Suffolk Historic Churches sponsored cycle ride - Sat 10 Sept 2016. All our churches need your help so please do get involved. We need riders/walkers, recorders (sitting in the church, signing people in) and of course sponsors. Please talk to your local organiser.

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Sue Roberts, Denham, 07713 157351, scr@netcom.co.uk.

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As well as raising money for your local church, 50% goes to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust which has already helped to keep several of our local churches open; so in many ways this is a really worthwhile venture. Be part of it and join in the fun!

Wingfield Barns 01379 384505

Summer Exhibitions. Fri 12 Aug – Sun 12 Sept, 11am - 4pm, Weds to Sunday. Gallery 2, International Mini Print Exhibition Gallery 1, Little Gems- the affordable art show – Harleston & Wav Art Trail. Studio 4, Inspired Art – Exhib of students' work with art teacher John Parker.

This newsletter is found in all churches, but you can get it early by email. Please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com.

Starting Wednesday 24 August - Food for thought...

What do you get when you cross a lunch-club with studying one of the most famous stories Jesus told? Food for thought! Let me explain...

Once a month there will be a chance to have lunch in Syleham Village Hall, have a chat with friends and think about Jesus' parable of the prodigal son, along with insights from Rembrandt's painting of the same name and Henri Nouwen's book; *The return of the Prodigal Son*. Each week we will meet at 12 noon for some opening comments then the first course will be served as we listen to some thoughts on an aspect of the parable and then while digesting we will discuss our insights, the same again with dessert and finally with tea or coffee. The full season will run for four months...

Weds 24 August: The story, the painter and the writer.

Weds 28 September: The younger son.

Weds 26 October: The older son.

Weds 23 November: The father.

No charge but donations welcome and any 'surplus' will be used for benefice funds. Equally it is perfectly alright to just come along (it rather goes against the parable to say you must book or pay!), but it would be a huge help for catering if you could let me know if you intend to come. Further details from Rev Michael.

Denham Church Car Treasure Hunt

Sat 20 August, 3pm from footpath opp. Elm House in Green Street, Hoxne. Followed by BBQ further along footpath at the wood known as Noah's Wood (owned by Barbara Irwin). Entry to treasure hunt £5 adults, £3 children inc. burger or sausage from barbecue. Dogs are welcome. Contact Barbara on 01379 870500 or Michael on 01379 668179.

Syleham news

Our Summer Lunch on 16th July was held this year at Gatehouse Farm, home of Sarah Buckley. We did not forget our dear host of previous years but it was a delightful afternoon despite lower attendance than in some years. Approximately £700 was made for church funds, a record for this event, and we want to say a very big thank you to everyone who contributed or supported the occasion.

Benefice Messy Church will be meeting on 7 August, 4pm in Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Contact Mary Lewis 668259.

Lammas Service –3 August, 6pm, the celebration of the first loaf from the first grain of the harvest – Hoxne church. Held in support of the Addington Fund, helping farming families in times of distress, the service attracts the farming community from across the county. It will be followed by a hog roast.

Friends of the Hoxne Church coffee morning, in the church 10am to 12 noon, Saturday 27 August.

Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch will meet on Monday 15 August, 2.15pm at Time House, Low St, Hoxne.

And even more coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter and now, internet access and tuition!!

* **The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be in **Redlingfield** on Weds 3 and in **Wingfield** on Tues 16 Aug, both 10am to 12 noon. It is a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake. Just come along and see for yourself. Donations welcome.

Redlingfield Pub on the Green, Sat 6 Aug, 6pm till midnight.

How do you like your church?!

With so many different forms of worship available across the benefice, I thought that this month, as well as the list on the back I'd arrange them by style and Sundays in the month so you can choose how you like your church?

Traditional with Holy Communion?

I recommend Book of Common Prayer with Communion...

2nd Sunday, Horham at 9.30am

3rd Sunday, Hoxne at 8.30am - no hymns

4th Sunday, Syleham at 9.30am

Traditional but without Communion?

Matins or Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer are spot on...

2nd Sunday, Hoxne at 11.15am

4th Sunday, Wingfield Evensong, 6.30pm in the summer, 10am Matins in the winter

More modern language with Communion?

Sounds like a job for Common Worship services to me...

1st Sunday, Redlingfield at 9.30am

1st Sunday, Hoxne at 11.15am

2nd Sunday, Wingfield at 11am

3rd Sunday, Athelington at 9.30am

Modern language but without Communion?

Oh, this is a rare bird indeed... but **we've** got you covered!

1st Sunday, Wingfield at 10am

4th Sunday, Redlingfield at 10am

Modern and relaxed? Try these...

3rd Sunday, Syleham at 10am, Village Praise

3rd Sunday, Wingfield at 10am, Family Service

3rd Sunday, Hoxne at 11.15am, every month is different but the common theme is a village group or activity.

4th Sunday, Hoxne at 10am, Family Service

4th Sunday, Horham, 11.15am, Family Service

4th Sunday, Denham, 11.15am, Family Service

And for something completely different.....

Messy Church, Continental Breakfast, Food for Thought *AND coming soon...*a Meditative Service drawing on different traditions within Christianity. Contact Rev Michael if you are interested. We hope to start in the autumn.