



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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August 2018

August 2018	5 August Trinity 10	12 August Trinity 11	19 August Trinity 12	26 August Trinity 13
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion+	
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+	
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion*			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church*		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion +
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion*		6.30pm Evensong+

Tues 14 August at St John's Denham, 7.30pm, a simple Communion service *

*with Rev Michael +with Rev Eleanor

I've recently discovered that 'the Lord loves a cheerful giver' *really is* in the Bible! I'd always thought it was a Victorian faux proverb rather like 'cleanliness is next to godliness'. St Paul quotes it when he is writing to the church in Corinth; the complication is that he is using the Latin translation of the Old Testament that he had and which we no longer use.

To stay in a suitably pauline style, the point is this - St Paul uses the quote when talking to the church in Corinth about a collection for relief of the poor which they are being slow to complete. However, he uses it more broadly than the stereotyped version of the parson collecting funds with a cynical smile to reflect on how we should give with a generous heart more broadly.

It is obvious that there any number of shortages in our churches; money but also church wardens and other officers, PCC members and deanery synod representatives. All of them need doing; staying with St Paul it is like the dream he had of the man from Macedonia asking him to come over and help us! But, we must always think first and foremost of our motivation; why are we doing this? Are we doing these jobs as chores; grudgingly because 'there's nobody else to do them' or as part of our worship, our offering of loving service to God through others?

Preparing to help lead the summer school for trainee priests, I refreshed the '7 marks of a healthy church'. Topping that list is, 'energised by faith'. If we're not energised by faith, isn't it better to stop and take stock rather than give grudgingly? **Rev Michael**

Rev Michael's rest days and days away from the benefice in August:

Thu 2, Tues 7 to Sat 11, Thu 16, Thu 30 Aug. Also expected to be teaching at summer school from Fri 17 to Sun 26 so will not be in the benefice for much of that time.

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Rev Michael

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Rev Michael

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Safeguarding courses

It is the small army of people who bring a church to life. Many people visit our churches during the week, maybe to admire the building, but often find a place of quiet and peace.

Some people that visit are dealing with all kinds of fears, anxieties and pain. Because of the nature of the church, it often feels, a safe place to come, and if you are there arranging flowers, cleaning, getting ready to serve coffee or preparing for a service, the visitor will often speak to you and maybe even disclose some kind of neglect or abuse they have suffered in the past or are continuing to suffer. If that happens, we want everyone to know how to respond.

There is a new training course, C0, that is designed to do just that. From this month, Mary Lewis (who has been trained by the diocese, alongside her own experience as a chair of school governors) will start running the courses in our benefice, where we will give you tea and cake, be able to thank you in person for all you do, and we can do the course together. I am aware that for many of us, time is precious, and some of the things that you will be made aware of can be upsetting but, we cannot ignore what goes on. Sadly, even in our lovely villages there will be people who are suffering some kind of abuse or neglect. Please try to come along to a session. The first two will be **Wednesday 22 August** 7pm and **Saturday 25 August** at 10am, both in Syleham Village Hall for about an hour. Rev Michael

Let's raise funds for Churches of the Hoxne Benefice with easyfundraising!

Please register to support us - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice> **£236 raised to date!**

Messy Church for the benefice

Sundays 5 August and 2 September at Syleham village hall, 4pm. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

Hoxne's small 'Open the Book' team visits St Edmunds primary school to retell bible stories to the children about 4 times termly. We need new team members. If anyone is interested please contact Cathie McGregor 01379 668434.

Ride+Stride, The Historic Churches Trust

Sponsored bike ride - this year on **Saturday 8 September**. All churches in the benefice are participating. For some churches, the bike ride raises a substantial proportion of the monies raised for the church. Make this a great day out with family or friends! If you are not able to cycle or walk, then could you be one of the recorders, welcoming the riders and walkers and filling in a couple of bits of paper. Please speak to your local organiser. They will also be able to put you in touch with someone who is riding/walking and would welcome your sponsorship.

Local Ride+Stride organisers:

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Sunday 12 August 2pm, Kubb Tournament, bowling meets horseshoe throwing in Viking chess, a Swedish lawn game. At 12 Hoxne Road, Denham IP21 5DN. Please park at the village hall. £5 per adult including Pimms and a scone. Children under 12 free. Proceeds to Denham church.

There are paper copies of this newsletter in each church. For emailed copies, please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Coffee and internet café in the Old School Hall in Horham every Wednesday morning, 10.30am to 12 noon for delicious coffee and cake, good company and computer support.

Coffee caravan in Redlingfield - on **Wednesday 1 August** from 10am until 12 noon. The caravan is a great source of local information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake with great company. Just come along and see for yourself...

also at Wingfield's Castle Green on **Tuesday 21 August**, also 10am to 12 noon.

Home Communion

If you know anyone who would like to receive home communion - please let us know and we will arrange a visit.
Rev Michael

Wednesday 1 August Lammas Service, an Addington Fund service and celebration of the first loaf of the first grain of the harvest, 6pm, Hoxne church. Proceeds to The Addington Fund, helping farming families in need. All welcome.

Syleham

Sponsored swim - fantastic result! Final figure still to be confirmed but we shall clear £1000 – and with only five swimmers! Grateful thanks to all who supported us.

Home Group We are hoping to launch a fortnightly home group in October. The idea is to help us grow in friendship, bible understanding and prayer. To help us gauge what format and timing would best suit, please would all those interested come along to a meeting at the Rectory (St Andrew's House, Wingfield) at 9.30am on **Monday 3rd September**. If you can't make that, then contact either Barbara Irwin cobowner@gmail.com or Mary Lewis. mary.lewis43@icloud.com, 01379 669258.

Hoxne benefice Mothers' Union

August meeting at Time House, Hoxne, 2.30pm, **Monday 13 August**.
Cathie McGregor 01379 668434



Wednesday 5 September RADA voice coach Melanie Mehta in concert in Wingfield church, 7pm. Peter Demetriadi will accompany on the harpsichord a programme of Handel, Mozart, Purcell and Boice amongst others. Admission free but donations plate for the wine and refreshments afterwards.

Saturday 22 September Wingfield Harvest Supper to be held at Wingfield Barns. 3 courses will be £15 including your first drink. Booking essential. Please contact Sharon Alldis on 01379 384854 or sharonalldis@hotmail.com.

Saturday 6 September 7pm, Horham Old School Hall. We are off to Cape Town, no passport required and everyone goes Club class as we have a fundraising evening of South African food and drink to raise money for a children's arts project in Cape Town. pipionides@yahoo.co.uk

Saturday 13 Oct Syleham Harvest Supper

Saturday 27 Oct Beetle Drive for families, organised jointly by Wingfield & Syleham.

Breast Cancer Care Afternoon Tea Party

Syleham Following my daughter's successful treatment, I am holding an Afternoon Tea Party in support of Breast Cancer Care on **Saturday afternoon, 11 August**, at my home in Syleham. If you would like to support the event, please contact me, Mary Lewis, mary.lewis43@icloud.com, 01379 669258.