



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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



August 2019

August 2019	Sunday 4 Trinity 7	Sunday 11 Trinity 8	Sunday 18 Trinity 9	Sunday 25 Trinity 10
Athel'ton			9.30am* Holy Communion	
Denham		11.15am * Benefice family@church		11.15am^ Holy Communion
Horham		9.30am* BCP Communion		
Hoxne	8.30am* BCP Communion		11.15am* Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins
Redl'field	9.30am* Holy Communion			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm* Benefice Messy Church		10am+ Village Praise	9.30am^ BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11.15am+ Holy Communion			No Evensong in August

* with Rev Michael Womack + Rev Eleanor Goodison
^ with Rev Richard Court

From our newly ordained deacon.....

At Evensong on 23 June, I was very moved that so many people turned out to wish me well for my ordination as deacon the following week. And words seem incapable of expressing how grateful I am for the magnificent generosity of people from across the parishes in equipping me with stoles, and a book fund for my on-going studies, and other personal gifts.

The pre-ordination retreat at Leiston Abbey was a welcome opportunity for quiet reflection and preparation for the service at the cathedral on 29 June. It was also good for those of us preparing to be deacons to get to know those who had been ordained as deacons a year earlier.

St Edmundsbury cathedral was packed for the ordination service. Those of us about to be ordained sat in a semicircle in front of the altar. It was great to know that our families and friends were there to support us, and in a remarkable way, the vastness of the cathedral became a small intimate space, and the actual ordination was intensely personal.

By the time you read this, the subsequent legal formalities of making me a curate in the benefice will have taken place. I look forward to the year ahead and to continuing my training. Please bear with me as I learn what I need to learn: as I said at Evensong, it takes a benefice to train a priest. With your help, I will better serve God and all who live here.

With every blessing, Reverend John McCracken

Rev Michael's holidays/rest days: Mon 5, Tues 6, Weds 7, Thurs 8, Weds 14, Thurs 15, Thurs 22/29
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Wingfield: St Andrew.	Rev Michael Womack



Saturday 28 July



Benefice Evensong at Wingfield, 6.30pm, with our acting archdeacon, Jeanette Gosney.

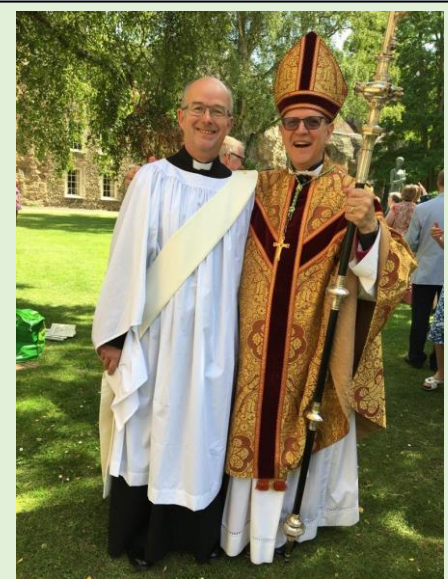
August

Welcome back Eleanor!

Thursday 1 Lammas Service, a deanery 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. Tractor parade beforehand – come early to see them arrive. Hog roast and drinks afterwards.

Wednesday 7

Redlingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan with advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am -12 noon. Donations welcome.



Reverend John McCracken and Bishop Martin at John's ordination, 29 June, at the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds

Wednesdays 7, 14, 21, 28

Coffee and internet café in the Old School Hall in Horham, 10.30am-12 noon for coffee, cake, good company, computer support.

Sunday 4

Messy Church for the benefice at Syleham village hall, 4pm. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

Sunday 11

Benefice family@church, 11.15am, St John's Denham. (See right). This month's theme is *Saints*. Crafts, food and fun.

Saturday 17 Due to last year's success, **Denham PCC is pleased to announce that the Second Annual Kubb and Garden Games Tournament** will be held at Tally Home, 12 Hoxne Road, Denham at 2 pm. (parking at village hall). Kubb is a simple, fun, traditional garden game for all of the family. No previous experience necessary... just come along and have a go. You compete in teams against an opponent to try to knock as many of their blocks over as possible. The winning team will take home the much sought after golden kubb. £5 for adults inc. Pimms and a scone. Under 12s free. Other refreshments available to buy including lots of cake. Contact Helen Joslin on 07894 562172 for info and to book or just turn up.

Monday 19

Holy Communion at the Depperhaugh at 11.30 am. All welcome.

Also Mothers Union branch meeting, 2.30pm at Time House, Low St, Hoxne. Contact Cathie on 01379 668434.

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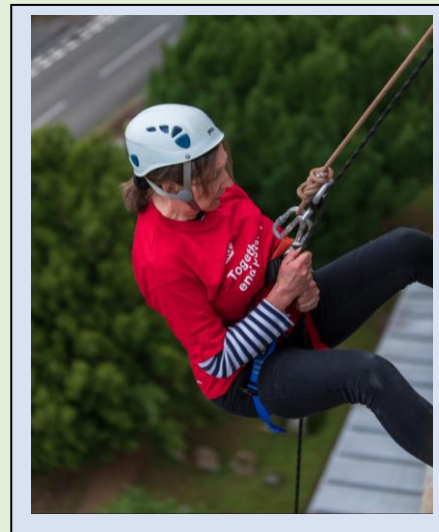
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Traditional and popular Summer Fête at Syleham, in the garden of Manor House, IP21 4LN, 2pm. Burgers, a bar and cream teas as well as traditional games and stalls.

Family@church

Volunteers still wanted to join the team for our family@church 2nd Sunday benefice services attractive worship for all the family. If you are interested in being part of this new, monthly project, please let me know. Many thanks, Rev Michael.

Christian Aid Abseil A big thank you to all our sponsors who came to support Barbara and me abseiling down Redenhall church tower. Together we raised about £900 for Christian Aid. I found it quite challenging, to say the least, doing the abseil, but one of the organisers was encouraged by my determination and is using it as a sermon illustration. There were certainly many sermon illustrations to be drawn from the event, like trust and faith, but for me, it was the importance of support and encouragement and the difference it can make!



Prayer breakfasts continue on

Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We aim to finish by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for venue details, which change.

Advance notices

Sunday 1 September

Redlingfield village produce show, Doorstep Green. Exhibits to arrive 10-11am, judging 11am-1pm, prize-giving 1.30pm. Licensed bar and barbeque lunch. Classes £1 each on the day. Refreshments, entertainment, raffle, demonstrations. Proceeds to Redlingfield Church.

Saturday 14 September

Suffolk Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, sponsored bike ride or walk round churches in the diocese.

Future for the benefice meetings

The next meeting is at 4pm, Sat 28 Sept, in Syleham Village Hall.

What's on?

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