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These and many more.....



Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter.	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist.	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.	Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046
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, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew.	Rev'd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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

August 2020

Slow and steady

The cautious exit from lockdown continues in the country generally, although we remain very aware of the ongoing threat from Covid-19. Sometimes it seems like two steps forward and one step back and that is likely to go on for several months at least.

In our churches in the Hoxne benefice we are also taking a cautious approach. After trying out some services in our bigger churches during July, we will be holding a wider variety of services in a range of churches in August (see list later in the newsletter). But we will still be offering online worship alongside these for those who prefer not to venture out.

We really want to hear from you about what you would like to see for the future. How would you personally prefer to take part in church services? Are there things you have enjoyed during the lockdown that you would like to keep for the future? What have you most missed – perhaps are still missing? What new things would you like to see in our patterns of worship? Is there anything you would prefer we didn't do? Is there anything preventing you from participating as you would like (eg. transport issues, problems with IT)? We would love to know your answers to any or all of these questions, and indeed any other views you may have about our church life in future.

A couple of things you should note if you are planning to attend services in church. First, we are keeping a record of who attends. This is so that we can co-operate with the NHS 'Track and Trace' service if necessary. You have the right to opt out – please let a member of the clergy know if you do not want your presence recorded. All records will, in any case, be destroyed after three weeks. Secondly, we are now all 'strongly advised' to wear masks in church. I know some will welcome this and others not! But remember that you are wearing the mask primarily for the sake of others.

Stay safe and well.

Rev'd Eleanor Goodison

If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

Rev'd Eleanor: 07876 143579 eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Rev'd John: 07876 507288 vj.mccracken@gmail.com

Rev'd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Services for August

Services marked with an asterisk will be recorded and uploaded to facebook shortly after they take place via [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Sunday 2nd August 8th after Trinity
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

WingfieldChurch
9.30am CW Holy Communion at Hoxne Church* with Rev'd Eleanor
11am Village Worship at Syleham Church* with Rev'd John
4pm Messy Church via [facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC)

Sunday 9th August 9th after Trinity
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
9.30am Café Church on Zoom
-contact us for how to join
11.15am BCP Holy Communion at Horham Church* with Rev'd Eleanor

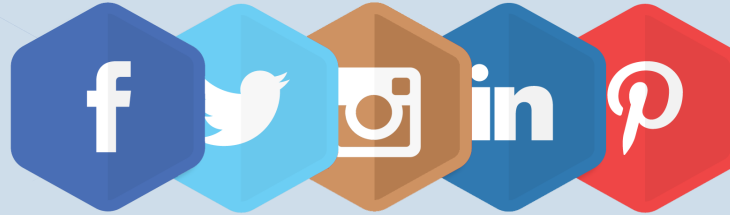
Sunday 16th August 10th after Trinity
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
11am CW Holy Communion at Wingfield Church* with Rev'd Eleanor

Sunday 23rd August 11th after Trinity
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
9.30am BCP Matins at Hoxne Church
11am CW Holy Communion at Redlingfield Church* with Rev'd Richard
6.30pm Evening Prayer at Wingfield Church with Rev'd John

Sunday 30th August 12th after Trinity
8am Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)
11am Benefice Communion at Hoxne Church* with Rev'ds Eleanor and John

Social media strategy

For some time we have wanted, as a benefice, to develop a social media strategy but have made little progress. Covid-19 has kicked us into doing more but it's all a bit unco-ordinated. If you use social media, would you be willing to join a group (online) to work on our strategy? If so, please get in touch with Rev'd Eleanor.



Wednesday 2nd September

Deanery synod meeting on Zoom, 7pm with Bishop Mike to discuss local/focal ministers. Open to all.

Rev'd John's priesting

Sunday 6th September

Rev'd John will be ordained priest in a service at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in the afternoon. Sadly, only close family will be allowed to attend because of the current situation but we expect the service to be live streamed. John's first Communion service will be on Sunday 13th Sept at 11am at Wingfield Church. This will be a benefice service and everyone will be welcome. Please pray for him as he prepares for his priesting.

Wednesday 9th September

a meeting with Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney, 7pm, again on Zoom, on the next steps for the Hoxne benefice. Open to all PCC members.

Church open for private prayer

Most of our churches are open once a week for private prayer as follows:

Horham	Sunday	9am to 5pm
Redlingfield	Tuesday	10am to 4pm
Denham	Wednesday	9am to 5pm
Hoxne	Wednesday	9am to 5pm
Syleham	Thursday	2pm to 5pm
Wingfield	Thursday	2.30pm to 5pm

Athelington Church remains closed at present.

Looking for a new rector

Unfortunately our advertisements for a new rector have attracted no applications and not even any enquiries. Discussions about next steps will be taking place over the next few weeks with the Archdeacon and Rural Dean.

Clergy time off

Rev'ds Eleanor and John will be taking time off from 10th -12th August. In an emergency, please contact the Rural Dean, Rev'd Susan Loxton on 01379 388493 or revloxton@gmail.com

Help still wanted with church cleaning

We need to keep our churches as clean as possible. Could you help? You should be under the age of 70 and in good health. All that is required is ordinary cleaning, without harsh chemicals. Masks can be provided. If you are willing, please get in touch with your local church contact (tel numbers on the back page of this newsletter) or with Rev'd Eleanor. Thank you in anticipation!

Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages: [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or [facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).

Follow Rev'd Eleanor on Twitter: [@ReverendEleanor](https://twitter.com/ReverendEleanor) (you do not need your own Twitter account to read her tweets, just search for [@ReverendEleanor](https://twitter.com/ReverendEleanor)).

The Hoxne Benefice News

will be posted on church notice boards and left in churches but you can also receive it by email. If you are not already on the benefice email list, and you would like to be, contact our administrator, Virginia Skoyles, on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com and she will add your name.

Prayer

Our prayer breakfasts continue at 8am on Monday mornings on Zoom – do let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like to join in.....also on Fridays at 2pm via Zoom, specifically for the vacancy in the benefice. Please let us know if you have any particular prayer requests.