

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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December 2014

December 2014	Week 1 Sun 7 th Dec 2 nd Advent	Week 2 Sun 14 th Dec 3 rd Advent	Week 3 Sun 21 st Dec 4 th Advent	Week 4 Sun 28 th Dec 1 st Christmas (Holy Innocents)
Athelington			9.30am Holy Communion	
Denham			3.00pm Carols	11.15am Family Service
Horham	11.15am Baptism	11.15am Christingle	4.30pm Carols by Candlelight	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Communion 10.00am Christingle	
Redlingfield	9.30am Holy Communion			9.30am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4.00pm Messy Church (Village Hall)		11.15am Carols with the Amici Singers	9.30am Holy Communion
Wingfield	10.00am Morning Prayer	10.00am Said Communion 4.00pm Carols by Candlelight	3.30pm Christingle	5.00pm Carols and Changers

Advent - the season of waiting; a time when we are poised between the now and the not yet; it is the time of year when nature lies dormant and we wait to see what will happen next, and look eagerly for the signs of new life coming.

We seem to have been practising watching and waiting in the diocese for most of this year as we awaited the nomination of our new bishop and then, a little bit early for Advent, the nomination was announced on the Feast of St Edmund (very fitting). It is Martin Seeley who preached at our benefice Eucharist in August and was my college principal and tutor.

Aside from the large amount of leg-pulling from fellow clergy, one recurrent question is, 'what is he like?' I could tell you about my time at Westcott House but I think more helpful would be a tale of how I came to be at Westcott in the first place. Initially I went to talk with the principal of another training institution. However, I couldn't train with them as they couldn't provide the course I needed. Towards the end of our conversation this principal said to me, 'Go and have a look at Westcott House. They've got a new principal called Martin Seeley who is flinging open the windows and letting the air in'. I thought that if this Martin Seeley is being noticed by other college principals he must be good - I was not disappointed. I'm optimistic that it will be worth the wait, and that is a very Advent theme.

Rev Michael's days off and days away from the benefice this month.

Tues 2nd, Weds 3rd, Weds 10th, Thurs 11th, Weds 17th, Fri 26th, Sat 27th, Tues 30th, Weds 31st December.

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Horham coffee mornings on Wednesdays, 10.30am at the Old School - coffee, cakes, chat and good company. Free admission, donations welcome. Wreath making 3rd Dec. Not 24th or 31st.

Hoxne Church Christmas Fair, St Edmund's Hall on Saturday 6th December, 12pm 'til 2.30pm. Festive fare in abundance, table top trees, hand-painted picture postcards, Father Christmas, light lunches. More details from Caroline (668222), Carmel (669123) or Gill (668241).

Coffee, chat and choose On Weds 3rd Dec, 7pm to 8.30pm, at Barbara's, Reading Hall, a selection of Christian books available to borrow - adult and children's. Coffee/cake served if you wish to stay, but feel free to just pop in and out. Contact Barbara on 01379 870500.

This year's Christmas Open House at the Rectory is on Saturday 20th December, 2-5pm at St. Andrew's House, Wingfield. A chance for us to thank you for all your support and to get together with others from across the benefice. Michael and Mary look forward to welcoming you.

Books to buy Roy Tricker's book on the history of the diocese - *100 Not Out; A Century of the Church in Suffolk*. Price £3 if bought via the PCC; full price £5. Also 2 or 3 copies of *100 Treasures* available. Contact Brian on 01379 669157.

The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter is found in all 7 churches, but you can get it by email by emailing hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com
Deadline for January HBN is 15th Dec.

There are plenty of Christmas celebrations (other services are listed locally) in the churches of the Hoxne benefice this December; we look forward to welcoming you...

Sun 7th	Syleham Village Hall	4.00pm	A Messy Church Christmas!
Sun 14th	Horham	11.15am	Christingle
	Wingfield	4.00pm	Carols by candlelight
Mon 15th	Hoxne	6.00pm	The primary school lead the celebrations
Thurs 18th	Horham Community Hall	7.00pm	Community carols, with Horham Baptist Church
Sun 21st	Hoxne	10.00am	Christingle
	Syleham	11.15am	The Amici Singers lead the singing
	Denham	3.00pm	Carol singing
	Wingfield	3.30pm	Christingle
	Horham	4.30pm	Carols by candlelight
Mon 22nd	Hoxne	7.30pm	Carols/readings with Village Voices
Tues 23rd	Redlingfield	6.30pm	Carol singing
Christmas Eve	Athelington	6:00pm	A reflective service
	Horham	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
Christmas Day	Wingfield	8.30am	Said BCP Communion
	Syleham	9.30am	Holy Communion
	Wingfield	10.00am	Family Service
	Hoxne	11.15am	Family Service followed by a simple Communion service

All in the parish church unless stated otherwise

Carols and Champers

Not a concert but an enthusiastic celebration of Christmas for those who love Christmas carols. **5pm, Sunday 28th December.**

including: Angels from the Realms of Glory (Old French tune), As Joseph was a-walking (Cherry Tree Carol) Dans cette étable (French 17th.C), Ding Dong merrily on high (Branle de l'officielle. French 16th.C) How brightly shines the morning star (Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern), In dulci júbilo (English 14th.C) Infant lowly (Polish trad.), Joseph dearest, Joseph mine (German 15th.C) King Jesus hath a garden (Dutch 15th.C), O Little Jesus, sweetly sleep (Czech trad.) Long time ago in Bethlehem West Indian trad.), Coventry Carol (Eng. 15th.C) Now the holly bears a berry (Sans Day Carol. Cornish), O little one sweet (German 17th.C - J.S.Bach) O Tannenbaum (in German, one verse only), People look East (Besançon trad.) The first good joy that Mary had (The seven joys of Mary - Eng. 18th.C) Hark the herald angels sing (descant to be encouraged in verse 3)

Join in or sit and listen as you wish. All voices and abilities welcome. Musical instruments welcome too. If you would like copies of the music or would like to bring an instrument, contact Peter Demetriadi on peter_midpet@btconnect.com.

Champagne, wine and soft drinks afterwards



Redlingfield and Wingfield Coffee mornings, 10am to 12 noon, to replace the coffee caravan for the winter months, Nov to March. At Redlingfield on Weds 3rd December at the home of Pat Kelly, Mill Road.... and to Wingfield, Tues 16th December, studio 4 of Wingfield Barns. Coffee, tea and biscuits. No charge but donations welcome.

Stradbroke RBL is repeating the popular 'gift concert' again this year. Sat 6th December, 6.30pm at Stradbroke High School. The Anglian Salvation Army band, Anglia Fellowship Brass, will provide the music. Gluhwein supplied. The audience are requested to bring a small wrapped Christmas present for a serviceman's wife at AAC Wattisham.

Evening Communion at Denham Our next monthly midweek Communion will be on Tuesday 9th, at 7.30pm. Everyone is very welcome to come and join in this reflective service. Bring a torch!

Depperhaugh We will be singing Christmas carols to the residents on Friday 12th December at 11am, come and join us and spread some Christmas cheer for staff and residents - male voices especially welcome.

Messy church – 7th December in Syleham, but for the whole benefice - fun and friendship with a biblical theme, creative activities and games, celebration with story and song, and a scrumptious tea. At Syleham village hall, 4pm every first Sunday, lasting about an hour. All very welcome.