



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

December 2021 News



DEC 2021	5th Dec 2nd of Advent	12th Dec 3rd of Advent	19th Dec 4th of Advent	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Athelington					
Denham				3pm Live Nativity (see inside)	
Horham			4pm EG Carol Service	11.30pm EG Midnight Service	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am ML Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion			9.30am RC CW Holy Communion
Syleham	4pm ML+ team Messy Church Christmas Celebration.		11.15am JM Carol Service with Adrian Knott and singers		9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		4pm JM Carols by Candlelight		11am EG CW Holy Communion

Sunday 26th, St Stephen's Day, 11am CW Holy Communion, at Denham church EG Online Services

Every Sat and Sun (except Christmas): Morning Prayer, facebook.com/WingfieldChurch, 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm. For an invitation to Zoom services, please email eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

Some church services also live streamed/uploaded to facebook.com/WingfieldChurch.

On the rota above: EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken

ML - Mary Lewis RC - Revd Richard Court

Deanery reorganisation

We were pleased to see 49 people from the east side of the deanery and 2 from the west side come to a further consultation about the changes that will affect our parishes.

Briefing papers will go to all PCCs and we are looking for their feedback by the end of February. Then, at a synod meeting in late March, we will vote on the changes.

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.	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579

Wait for it....!

Christmas is coming, but as this newsletter goes to print, there is still quite a long way to go before we get there. It might not seem like it – the shops are full of Christmas goods and there are decorations up. This newsletter itself contains details of lots of Christmas events. All the same, we are still waiting for the coming – the Advent – of Christ at Christmas.

Advent is indeed a time of waiting, of expectation and of preparation. Will we be ready, not just with our cards written, our presents bought and our larders stocked? Will we be ready to welcome the Christ child into our hearts? It is important to make time in all the preparations to prepare our hearts: to be quiet, to pray and to listen to God. We may want to do that at a regular time each day or at other times that work for us. The key thing is just to do it.

If you want to go further, why not join Bishop Mike for his Zoom sessions on Tuesday evenings? He is going to be taking a look at some spiritual disciplines, habits of mind, heart and body which are seasonally appropriate and offer opportunities for deeper formation in Christ as we wait for his coming.

Please be assured that we continue to keep the Covid-19 situation under review. We will put in place additional precautions as circumstances or government guidelines require.

I wish you a very happy Christmas when it comes!

Revd Eleanor Goodison

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received on Thursday will normally be dealt with on Friday. Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be away from Friday 10th to Monday 13th Dec inclusive.

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

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Revd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Copies of this newsletter are in churches.

To receive it by email, please contact Virginia on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Sunday 28th November

Athelington's traditional Advent Sunday Carol Service is at 4pm. All welcome but please let Revd Eleanor know if you plan to come to help us manage numbers and keep everyone safe. Please wear a face covering when moving around the church and respect people's personal space.

Tuesday 30th November

Bishop Mike begins a series of weekly Zoom sessions on 'Helpful practices through Advent'. 7 to 8.30pm. To book, visit <https://adventcourse-2021.eventbrite.co.uk>

DECEMBER

Wednesday 1st

Redlingfield winter coffee morning at the church, 10am to 12noon.

Saturday 4th

Hoxne Christmas Market from 12 to 3pm. Light lunches will be served. There will be lots of festive stalls and Father Christmas will be making an appearance.

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th

Decorated windows at Redlingfield church on the theme of 'Christmas around the world'. Church open and refreshments served 11am to 3pm both days. Donations in aid of St Andrew's church.



Sunday 5th

Messy Church at 4pm with popular craft activities and the Christmas story before our 'scrummy' tea - with fun games after. Syleham & Wingfield Village Hall. IP21 4LT.

Tuesday 21st December

Carols and Christingles at Hoxne church, 6pm

Wednesday 22nd December

Carol Service at Denham church, 3pm

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Carol Service at Redlingfield church, 6pm

Thursday 23rd December

Crib service at Athelington church, 5.30pm

Thursday 23rd December to Sunday 26th December

Christmas tree festival at Hoxne church.



Tuesday 7th (and each first Tuesday)

Coffee & Cake drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10am - 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse magazines and books.

Tuesday 7th

Bible Study Group Our final Bible Study session of the year, 7.30pm via Zoom. Our passage will be Revelation 21.1-7 and 22.1-7a. All are welcome to join in - you do not need to have done so before.

Saturday 18th (and each 3rd Saturday)

Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning and book sale, 10am-12noon in the church. All welcome.

Monday 20th

Club Create: Christmas decorations workshop for children aged 7+. Come and make 'stained glass windows', table centrepieces and embellished felt tree decorations. 2 to 5pm at Syleham Village Hall. Refreshments provided. Donations invited in aid of the Benefice Mission Fund. To book, please contact Revd Eleanor.

Monday 20th

Mothers' Union, 2.30pm at Hoxne church to decorate the Christmas trees. Tea/mince pies.

Tuesday 21st

Coffee morning at Wingfield Barns. 10am to 12noon.

Friday 24th

Live Nativity at Nora's Yard, IP21 5DB, on the road between Hoxne and Denham. 3pm. Real live animals and a real baby! All welcome - wrap up warm.



Future events

Sunday 2nd January

Messy Christingle, 4pm at Syleham church.

Stay in touch:

Check out our facebook pages: facebook.com/WingfieldChurch or facebook.com/athelingtonchurch.

Virtual Christmas Market

This was such a success last year we will be repeating it. If you have crafts, eatables or gifts to sell on behalf of your church, send Revd Eleanor details to include in the catalogue which will be circulated very soon. Please supply a contact name and number so buyers can get in touch with you and arrange to pick up their purchases. Some items already submitted.....

Eatables

Christmas cake £3.50

(Anne Swann 01379 669322)

Meringues 2 for £1-50; 4 for £3

(Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579)

Marmalade £3

(Eleanor Goodison)

Autumn fruits chutney £3

(Eleanor Goodison)

Brandy mincemeat £4/£4-50

(Mary Hawes 01728 628608)

Gifts

Woolly pom pom hats £5

(Mary Lewis 01379 669258)

Box of artist's coloured pencils - high quality, can be used on paper, board, wood, fabric £10

(Gloria Bell 01379 668638)

Christmas Cards

Athelington church in snow

5 cards + envelopes for £5

(Colin Palmer 01728 628747)

Wingfield church in snow

10 cards + envelopes for £5

(Eleanor Goodison)

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Christmas—the best time to raise money while you spend online. **£829.00 raised for the benefice to date. Visit easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice.**