



# Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

## December 2022 News



Dec 2022	Sunday 4th Advent 2	Sunday 11th Advent 3	Sunday 18th Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Athelington					
Denham					11am EG CW Holy Communion
Horham			4pm EG Carol Service	11.30pm JM/EG Midnight Service	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am JM 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	3pm ML+team Messy Church Christmas Party		11.15am JM Carols with Amici		9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am JM CW Holy Communion		4pm JM Carols by Candlelight	4pm EG/JM Crib Service	11am JM CW Holy Communion

### All weekday carol services detailed inside

On the rotas.... EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken  
RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis JS - John Swann



### Online Services

#### Every Saturday and Sunday:

Morning Prayer on 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.

### Church contacts

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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	Peter Demetriadi 01379 586231

### Looking for inspiration?

Christmas is coming! Advent has already begun with our first carol service at Athelington and we have lots more Advent and Christmas events coming up – details in this issue. This year we are joining in with the Suffolk-wide initiative Inspiring Angels, all through Advent and Christmas. Angels are a symbol of love, of presence, pointing the way to the moment it all changed, when God came in the person of Jesus to be with us in the world, to share in love and pain alongside us. Angels appeared to tell us about the birth of a baby in a manger. Angels sang, bursting with joy, to some shepherds, and told them, "Go and see!"



There are going to be angels all over our churches and, we hope, all over our villages, large and small, made from plywood, card, paper, knitted, painted and decorated. Look out for them! There will also be angel-related activities, including at our next Club Create event on Tuesday 20th December 2 to 4pm at Syleham and Wingfield Village Hall. Contact me if your child aged 7-12 would be interested in joining in.

Maybe you will be inspired to be an angel yourself, by donating to a food bank, cooking for people, making a charity shop donation or another small act of kindness each day during Advent. We can all be messengers of good news!

Whatever inspires you this Advent, I wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas when it comes and a safe and fruitful New Year.

### 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 Thursday will normally be dealt with Friday.

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

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

## December 2022

### Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th

Decorated windows at Redlingfield church on the theme 'Highlight of my Year'. Refreshments available.

### Also Saturday 3rd/Sunday 4th

**Christmas Fair at Wingfield Barns**, 10 am to 3 pm each day. Over 40 craft, gift and foodie stalls, including one raising funds for Wingfield church, plus hot food. Carol singing with the Wingfield Choral Ensemble on Sunday afternoon.

**Sunday 4th Messy Church, 3pm** in Syleham Village Hall for our Christmas party.

**Tuesday 6th Coffee and cake.** Drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse magazines and books.

Also **Tuesday 6th Little Lambs** meet this month at Hoxne church from 1.15 to 3.15pm, to include a short crib service. Children from 0-4 years and their carers very welcome.

Also **Tuesday 6th A special session of our Bible Study group** for Advent, 7.30 pm on Zoom. Forget the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparations for an hour and focus on the coming of our Lord. All welcome – you do not need to have attended before. Contact Revd Eleanor for the Zoom link.

### Wednesday 7th

**Redlingfield coffee morning**, 10am to 12, Rush Meadow, Woodlane Road, IP23 7QY.

### Saturday 10th

**Family-friendly Christmas Quiz** in aid of Denham church, 6pm at Hoxne Village Hall.

**Weekday Christmas services.** All others are on the rota grid

**Tuesday 20th, 6pm, Carol Service at Denham EG**

**Wednesday 21st, 6pm, Carols with Christingles at Hoxne EG**

**Thursday 22nd, 6pm, Carol Service at Redlingfield EG**

**Friday 23rd, 5.30pm, Crib Service at Athelington JM**



Adults £6, children £3 each, in teams of up to six. Cake, sweets and soft drinks available, bar open. Christmas hats optional but recommended! Tickets from Helen Joslin, 07894 562172 or bhala03@hotmail.co.uk

**Sunday 11th onwards The Christmas tree festival** at Hoxne church will be starting early this year and continuing until after Christmas itself. The church will be open every day during daylight hours.

**Sunday 11th Halesworth and Village Voices Choirs** present 'A Seasonal Box of Delights', Hoxne church, 5pm. Tickets £10, with refreshments included. Children free. [www.thevillagevoices.weebly.com](http://www.thevillagevoices.weebly.com) to book; some tickets available on the door – cash only. In aid of 'World Central Kitchen' and Village Voices.

**Wednesday 14th Radio Suffolk's Doorstep Carols**, 6 to 7pm.

Also **Wednesday 14th Book Club**, De La Pole Arms, 6pm, with a Christmas-themed short story this month - 'The Dead' by James Joyce from the collection Dubliners. (nothing to do with zombie horror!). No need to reserve a place – just come along. It will help if you have read the story. For more details, contact Revd Eleanor.

### Saturday 17th (and each third Sat)

**Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning** and book sale, 9.45 to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

**Monday 19th TBC The Hoxne Mother's Union Fellowship** Christmas meeting, 2.30pm, Time House, Low Street,

**Tuesday 20th Winter coffee morning** at Wingfield Barns, 10am to 12.

Also **Tuesday 20th Club Create** is organising a crafts afternoon at Syleham Village Hall from 2 to 4pm. We will be making angels and Christmas cards and getting excited about Christmas. Children aged 7-12 welcome. For more details and to book your place, contact Revd Eleanor.

**A warm space in Horham.** The Old School in Horham will be open on Wednesdays, 9.30am to 3pm (with the heating on), incorporating the regular 10.30 am to 12 noon coffee morning. Donations are sought of jigsaw puzzles, board games, children's toys and books and knitting needles and wool to knit squares for blankets for Moldova. Donations can be left in the church on days when the Old School is closed.



### Looking ahead....

#### Sunday 1st January '23

New Year's day falls on a Sunday. Instead of our usual services for the first Sunday of the month, we will be holding a Benefice Holy Communion at 11am at Denham church. All welcome as we look forward to a new calendar year. Messy Church will be postponed to Sunday 8th January.

#### Looking ahead: BIG Weekend

Friday 14th April 2023, 6pm – Sunday 16th April, 4pm, Sizewell Hall, Sizewell, Leiston IP16 4TX. Matt Levett, Diocesan Youth and Young Adults Officer, invites you to the BIG Weekend - a weekend of craziness, worship, games and friendship all focused around learning more about living as a Christian in the 21st century. Organised by a team of experienced youth workers from around Suffolk, it offers young people the opportunity to come together and make new friends. For ages 7-13. Whilst it is Christian in ethos and focus, you don't have to call yourself a Christian to be able to attend and have fun! For further details, contact Revd Eleanor Goodison.

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