



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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

February and March 2020

FEB 2020	Sunday 2 Candlemas	Sunday 9 3rd before Lent	Sunday 16 2nd before Lent	Sunday 23 1st before Lent
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion*	
Denham				11.15am Holy Communion*
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion*		
Hoxne	8.30am BCP Communion+	9.30am Café Church~	11.15am Holy Communion*	11.15am BCP Matins
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion+			10am NEW Chatty Church
Syleham	4pm Benefice Messy Church#		10am+~ Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion*
Wingfield	11.15am Holy Communion+			6.30pm Benefice BCP Evensong

MARCH 2020	Sunday 1 St David	Sunday 8 2 Lent	Sunday 15 3rd Lent	Sunday 22 Mothering Sun	Sunday 29
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* with Rev Michael Womack ^ with Rev Richard Court
+ with Rev Eleanor Goodison ~ with Rev John
with Revs Eleanor and Michael

Here's a summary of all the services available across our benefice in a normal month.

Communion - For traditional language, it's the Book of Common Prayer. On the first Sunday of the month we have a said one (no hymns) and a short reflection at 8.30am in Hoxne. There is a longer sermon and hymns at Horham (2nd Sunday) and Syleham (4th Sunday) both at 9.30am.

For more modern language, and hymns, there's plenty of choice, 1st Sunday is 9.30am in Redlingfield and 11.15am in Wingfield. 3rd Sunday is 9.30am in Athelington and then 11.15am in Hoxne. On the 4th Sunday it's 11.15am in Denham.

Please remember that we have an 'open table' policy, so whatever your denomination or disposition you're very welcome, please don't feel any obligation to receive communion.

Services of the word - Or in English, not Communion! Again we have a choice. Traditional is BCP Matins on the 4th Sunday at 10am in Hoxne; also on the 4th Sunday we have sung Evensong at 6.30pm in Wingfield.

For more modern services, the 1st Sunday of the month brings Messy Church at 4pm in Syleham Village Hall with activities and stories for all the family. There's Café Church on the 2nd Sunday, 9.30am in Hoxne with coffee, nibbles and a topic for discussion. The 3rd Sunday sees Village Praise at 10am in Syleham, again with refreshments but a more formal structure. And the 4th Sunday sees Chatty Church at 10am in Redlingfield. This has a very free format; if you can imagine an 'open mike' approach to church then you've got it.

Rev Michael Womack

Rev Michael's rest days: Thurs 6,13, 20, 27 Feb, Thurs 5,12, 19, 26 March
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Church contacts

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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 Michael Womack

February

Sunday 2

Messy Church for the benefice in Syleham Village Hall, 4pm. Theme - Candlemas, Jesus Light of the World. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

Wednesday 5

Redlingfield winter coffee morning (instead of the Coffee Caravan) 10am -12 noon at the home of Jane Gibson, Adair Cottage. Come along for a chat with friends over a drink and cake. Donations welcome.

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Sunday 9

Café Church, 9.30 for 10am, at Hoxne Church, led by Rev John. The theme is *Love*.

Wednesday 12

Section 12 meeting for PCC members and parish representatives with Bishop Mike, 7.30pm in Syleham Village Hall, to finalise arrangements for the recruitment of a new incumbent.

Saturday 15

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning in church, 9.30am to 11am. All welcome. Book stall and raffle.

Monday 17

Hoxne benefice Mothers' Union, 2.30pm at Time House, Hoxne. Contact Cathie McGregor on 01379 668434.

Tuesday 18

Wingfield winter coffee morning (instead of the Coffee Caravan) - 10am -12 noon at Wingfield Barns. Come along for a chat over a drink and cake. Donations welcome.

Friday 21

An Evening with Danny Fisher, 'the mellow side of rock and roll', singing the 1950s and 60s. Don't miss this great performer! Tickets £12 including cheese and wine, from Margaret Brawn on 01379 668352. Proceeds to Hoxne Friends of the church. Google www.dannyfisher.co.uk

Saturday 22

Redlingfield Cheese and Wine, Horham Community Centre, 8pm to 11.30pm. Tombola, raffle. Proceeds to the church improvement fund. Tickets, £10, available from Joyce Saunders on 01379 678259, Hazel Abbott on 01379 678217 or Lesley Rose Freitas on 07940 742887.

Sunday 23

Benefice Evensong, 6.30pm in Wingfield Church.



Wednesday 26

Deanery Ash Wednesday service, 7.30pm at Hoxne Church. Holy Communion and ashing.

Thursday 27

Holy Communion at The Depperhaugh, 11.30am, Everyone welcome.

Friday 28 The first of 6 **Compline** services to be held at 6pm at Wingfield Church each Friday in Lent.

Lent Pilgrimages

Not virtual or armchair, but real day pilgrimages are planned for Lent this year, beginning with a visit to the permanent Labyrinth at Norwich Cathedral. If you are interested, please get in touch with Rev Michael or Rev Eleanor so that we can co-ordinate suitable dates and car sharing.

The Bishops' Lent Appeal

This year it is not about raising money but raising awareness, specifically about the environment. A study booklet has been produced with a daily thought for which you award yourself 'stars'. At the end of Lent you can see how you scored. For more details or the booklet, contact Rev'd Canon Sandie Barton on 01638 720770 or environment@cofesuffolk.org

March

Sunday 1 Messy Church for the benefice in Syleham Village Hall, 4pm. Come and join us for the usual scrummy tea and lots of daffodils!!!

Wednesday 4

Redlingfield winter coffee morning (instead of the Coffee Caravan) 10am -12 noon at the home of Janet Norman-Philips, Hidcote Lodge. Come along and chat with friends over a drink and cake. Donations welcome.

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Sunday 29

Rev Michael's final service in the benefice. Benefice Holy Communion at Wingfield Church, 11.15am. The service will be followed by a bring and share lunch in Wingfield Barns.

Don't forget to put the clocks forward!

Prayer breakfasts

Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. Finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for where we will be, as we rotate venues.

Sign up

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice> to raise free donations for our churches from your online shopping. **Total raised to date is £518!**

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