

Feb 2023	Sunday 5th 3rd before Lent	Sunday 12th 2nd before Lent	Sunday 19th Next before Lent	Sunday 26th Lent 1
Athelington	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion			
Denham			11am JM CW Holy Communion	
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion	9.30am JM Café Church	9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	9.30am JS BCP Matins 4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm ML+team Messy Church		10am ML Village Service	9.3am EG BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am JM CW Holy Communion		6pm JM Evensong on Zoom	

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



Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham

Hoxne Redlingfield

Syleham Wingfield

January / February 2023



Happy New Year!

I will be up early this New Year's Day for an interview on Radio Suffolk's Sunday programme. If you have not stayed up too late, or you are in any case woken early by young children or dogs, you will be able to hear me talking about my faith journey from about 6.40am. For me at least this will be a good way to start the New Year, making me think about how God has brought me to where I am now and looking forward to where he may lead me in future.

For all of us, a New Year tends to represent a new start, hence all those New Year resolutions. But at a difficult time – and 2023 looks likely to be difficult – it may be a challenge to imagine how we can be better people and lead better lives without outside help. Christians look to God for that help; not because God makes things easy necessarily, but because God gives us the strength to meet the difficulties and overcome them.

So we will be starting the New Year with a special service at 11am on New Year's Day at Denham church. At this service we will have an opportunity to renew the covenant that binds us to God and to go forward trusting in his promises and relying on his grace. Remember what Jesus said: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to ... proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'. We can indeed hope for a happy New Year. **Revd Eleanor Goodison**

Revd Eleanor and Revd John will be taking a post-Christmas break from Monday 2nd to Sunday 8th Jan inclusive; they will be on retreat for the weekend of 27th to 29th Jan; and Revd Eleanor will be on a residential course from 30th Jan to 2nd Feb.

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:

Revd Eleanor: 07876 143579, eleanor.goodison@gmail.com

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

January and February 2023

Sunday 1st Jan

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.

Sunday 8th

Messy Church, 4pm, Christingle in Syleham church. (Note 2nd Sunday rather than 1st).

Tues 3rd Jan / Tues 7th Feb

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.

Wednesday 4th

Redlingfield coffee morning, 10am to 12, Venue to be confirmed.

Tues 10th Jan / Tues 7th Feb

Little Lambs meet at Hoxne pavilion from 1.15 to 3.15pm (note January date is for once the second Tuesday). Children 0-4 years and their carers very welcome - and the heating has been upgraded!

Weds 11th Jan / Weds 15th Feb

Book Club, De La Pole Arms, 6pm. Our book for January will be *The Shack* by Wm Paul Young. The book for February is still to be decided. For more details, contact Revd Eleanor.

Mon 23rd Jan / Mon 20th Feb

The Hoxne Mother's Union Fellowship 2.30pm, Time House, Low Street, Hoxne.

Tues 17th Jan / Tues 21st Feb

Wingfield winter coffee morning, Wingfield Barns, 10am to 12. (Feb with pancakes!)

Tues 17th Jan / Tues 7th & 21st Feb

Resuming our **Bible Study sessions**, 7.30pm on Zoom. Our new theme is *Encounters with God*. All welcome – you do not need to have attended before. Contact Revd Eleanor for the Zoom link.

Sat 21st Jan / Sat 18th Feb

(and each 3rd Sat) **Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning** and book sale, 9.45 to 11.15am in the church. All welcome.

Wednesday 1st February

Redlingfield coffee morning 10 to 12, at Bright Thinken, Church Road, IP23 7QS.

Saturday 18th

Quiet Afternoon in preparation for Lent. 2 to 5pm, in St Edmund's Chapel, Hoxne church. For details contact Revd Eleanor.

Wednesday 22nd

Ash Wednesday. Special service of Holy Communion with ashing, 7pm at Wingfield church.

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Jan 2023	Sunday 1st Christmas 2	Sunday 8th Epiphany	Sunday 15th Epiphany 2	Sunday 22nd Epiphany 3	Sunday 29th Presentation of Christ in the temple
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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.

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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 school years 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.