

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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July 2015

JULY 2015	5 July 5 th after Trinity	12 July 6 th after Trinity	19 July 7 th after Trinity	26 July 8 th after Trinity
	<i>2 Sam 5:1-5,9-10 2 Corinth 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13</i>	<i>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29</i>	<i>2 Samuel 7:1- 14a Ephes 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</i>	<i>2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephes 3:14-21 John 6:1-21</i>
Athelington			9.30am Holy Communion	
Denham				11.15am Family Service
Horham	11.15am Family Service	9.30am BCP Communion		11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Communion	10am Family Service
Redlingfield	9.30am Holy Communion			10am Baptism
Syleham	4pm Messy Church		11am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield		11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service (including animals!)	6.30pm BCP Evensong

At the beginning of July we are away on a family holiday in the Lake District. It should be a lovely time as, unexpectedly, we are all together as a family, including our eldest son's South African girlfriend. But there is a nagging worry, a doubt about things. Suppose Chev doesn't like the Lake District? When you've been to Hogsback, which is claimed to have been the scenery that inspired JRR Tolkien's Lord of the Rings then maybe Scafell Pike won't be so exciting. And if you've seen dolphins and whales along the Indian Ocean, is Morecambe Bay really quite so grand?

As the school year draws to a close, I wonder if these kinds of doubts follow us into later life because of what happened with end of year reports. Those times we brought home a report that we thought was excellent, but turned out wasn't that good after all.

This fear can even find its way into how we approach God. The nagging voice that we won't be loved and accepted; that God will be angry with us and reject our offerings. It is encouraging that more and more people are becoming involved in our worship across the benefice with readings and leading prayer. Not least the Benefice Blasters who helped with our singing at the last Benefice service. All of us need to grow in trust that God accepts and loves us and revels in our worship. I think the best thing about our holiday will be that we are all together; I suspect that our loving heavenly Father is thrilled to have his family gathered around in worship.

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Redlingfield: St Andrew. Hazel Abbott 01379 678217

Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258, John Leader 01379 668205

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

No service in Wingfield on 5 July as off to support Eleanor Goodison as she celebrates her first Eucharist, 10.30am at Thorndon.

Rev Michael's rest days and days away from the benefice this month are:
Weds 1 to Weds 8, Mon 13 to Weds 15, Thurs 23 and Weds 29 July.

Table top sale at Gables Farm, Wingfield

Saturday 18 July, 10am-1pm. £5 a table. Refreshments inc bacon butties available. Proceeds to Wingfield church. Contact Sue Harvey on 01379 586355.

Wingfield Open Gardens Despite the damp start on the Saturday for the weekend of open gardens on 13/14 June, £1339.94 was raised for St Andrew's Church. Many thanks to everyone who took part, supported the fundraising, visited the gardens, scarecrow and sculpture trails.

Cleaning of Wingfield church

Friday 31 July, 10am-12 noon, and then recover in the De La Pole Arms. Also a churchyard cleanup Fridays 10 and 24 July, 6.30 to 8pm. More volunteers always welcome. Please contact Michael or Sue Harvey on 01379 586355.

Wingfield Barns - Tel: 01379 384505

Fri 10 July. MTP present Shakespeare's The Merry Wives of Windsor. Open from 6pm so bring a picnic. Show starts 7pm. Book www.ticketsource.co.uk (fee applies) or call mtp on 01394 385022. Tickets £12. Family ticket £40 (2 plus 2 under 16.) More info www.mtproductions.co.uk

Sat 25 July to Sun 30 August:

International Mini Print Exhibition Gallery 2 and 'A Very Small Retrospective', Doug Kemp, Paintings and Prints, Gallery 1, 11am -4pm Weds to Sun. Closed 8 and 22 August.

Sat 25 July 7.30pm: Andrew Burke and Louise Cockerill in concert.

Wingfield College - Invitation to View

Friday 11 September. Advance bookings 01206 573948. www.mercurytheatre.co.uk

This newsletter is found in all churches, but you can get it early by email, (bcc to hide addresses). Please send an email to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com Deadline for Aug HBN is Mon 20 July.

Concert at St Mary, Horham

Sunday 19 July, 3pm. The Windbags accompanied by Shelfanger Singers. No charge. Refreshments available.

Benefice Blasters Singing Group

The benefice singing group will next be helping our worship at the Benefice Eucharist in Syleham, 11.15am Sunday 30 August. Practising has started already - 7pm, Friday evenings at Horham church. This is for **everyone** – You don't have to be musically trained (I'm not), as we learn everything by ear. You don't have to think of yourself as a good singer - we all sing together and there are parts for everyone and you only do what you're comfortable with. If you're a musician, beginners and amateurs are very welcome! - even a few notes played creatively here and there can add a lot to a piece of music. So if you're tempted or curious, come along and see what you think. The song will be *I am the Bread of Life*, by Suzanne Toolan. More details from Tanya on realityshines@talk21.com or 01379 871065.

If it's good enough for the vicar of

Dibley.....as part of our Christmas celebrations this year, we hoping to put on a 'live action' nativity play (though probably not with the birth scene!). This would be late afternoon on Christmas Eve at Barbara Irwin's barn between Hoxne and Denham, so easy for lots of us to get to. If you are interested in taking part, or can help with supplying livestock, please let me know and we'll see what takes shape - Rev Michael.

Please 'like' our facebook pages

Hoxne, Athelington, Horham churches and Hoxne Benefice Messy Church now have facebook pages. Please find them, 'like' them and you will be updated with all news.

Syleham

Lunch at Monks Hall – Sat 11 July, 12-2pm (food will be served up to 1.30pm) and will include a glass of wine and strawberries and cream. Adults £7.50, children £3, and there will also be a raffle. A very popular event, excellent quality fresh food and a lovely venue. Proceeds to church general funds.

Syleham Village Praise

Re-introducing our family-friendly service with a chance to chat over refreshments afterwards. Sunday 19 July, 11.15am (will be 10am from August).

Messy church Sunday 5 July, 4pm, Syleham village hall, with its mix of creative activities (both tidy and messy!) song, story and famous scrummy tea.



Midweek, evening communion at Denham, Tuesday 14 July, 7.30pm.

A very sincere thank you to everyone who helped make our Garden Party in Syleham on 30 May such a huge success. We all enjoyed a lovely sunny afternoon with delicious afternoon teas, Pimms and fizz, all generously donated by kind friends and neighbours. Thanks to everyone who helped, attended and so generously donated, we were able to raise the massive sum of £2,341.50 which is to be shared between Nelson's Journey and Gissing Ward, NNUH. Richard and Alison Thurlow

Village Voices, Hoxne's community choir, is celebrating its fifth birthday with *All on a Summer's Evening* in the garden of the Old Vicarage on Saturday 18 July at 7.30pm. Contact 01379 668403. If wet, in the church!

Plenty of coffee to drink!

*Every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter in the Old School Hall in Horham.

*The Rural Coffee Caravan will be Weds 1 July at Redlingfield, Tues 21 July at Wingfield, with news of what's happening around and about us. Coffee and biscuits. Donations welcome.

*Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, Saturday 25 July.

Also in Redlingfield

Sat 11 July, Pub on the Green, 6 till 12pm.

Hoxne

Please come and support Save the Children on Friday 24 July at 6pm for Midsummer Fizz at the Vicarage garden in Hoxne. The party will hopefully raise much needed funds for Save the Children but will also be in memory of Sheila Evans. The Evans' Champagne breakfasts became a social institution that made a significant contribution to the money raised every year. Tickets cost £10 and include a glass of sparkling wine, copious canapés and puddings. Contact Hilary Castleden on 01379 668458.

Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service

shared with Fressingfield MU at St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne, Thurs 16 July, 2.15pm. Rev Michael will join us for this joyous service where we remember our link dioceses around the world. Followed by a tea and 'bring and buy' stall to raise funds for projects in the UK and abroad. Visitors welcome. Cathie McGregor, 668434.

Deanery Lammas Service

(celebration of the first loaf from the first grain of Harvest), 6pm, Weds 5 August, St Peter & St Paul, Hoxne, followed by hogroast and refreshments. Offering to The Addington Fund – for farming families in need.