

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

Redlingfield Extra July 2016

You are invited to St Andrew's Church, Redlingfield
for a Benefice Holy Communion,
Thanksgiving Service and dedication of the new roof.
Sunday 31 July, 11.15am, led by Bishop Martin.

As you probably know, our church in Redlingfield has been closed for several months while the roof was replaced. Janet Norman Phillips' excellent work fundraising and securing grants, along with George Bayes' sensitive work on the roof has come to fruition and it is time to look forward to the re-opening.

Cleaning

As far as we can tell, this is the first time since at least the Reformation that a Bishop has been to the village. Before the church re-opens it needs a good spring clean and freshen-up, and with all the kneelers and a lot of the furniture moved, this is also a rare chance to get into the nooks and crannies.

If at all possible, please can you come along to the church from 9.30am onwards on Saturday 23 July to help with the cleaning. Some mops, dusters etc. will be available but if you have a favoured piece of equipment please bring that with you. High dusting will be a particular problem. Framlingham College have kindly offered us the use of specialist floor cleaners, once we've finished dusting, brushing and polishing so there is no need to bring vacuum cleaners. But dusters, especially long-reaching ones, and dustpans and soft brushes would be really helpful. This being a 'benefice event', the refreshments will keep flowing and hopefully there will be some fun in the dust.

It would be helpful if you can let me know if you're coming and with personal equipment, but equally just turn up on Saturday morning - the more the merrier and there's plenty to dust so we'll all fit in!

Flowers

We are inviting anyone in the benefice to contribute floral decorations to help celebrate all the work that has been done. Please take them into the church from Friday 29 July onwards. Any questions, please call Jacqueline Love on 01379 678805.

The Benefice Blasters will sing *The Rose* during Communion. It is not too late to join them, male voices especially welcome.

Contact Tanya on realityshines@talk21.com. Rehearsals on Friday evenings, 7pm in Horham church.

Parking is limited. Please be as considerate as possible and share lifts and think about parking elsewhere in the village and walking along. (It will be sunny!)

Reverend Michael Womack

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