

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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July 2016

JULY 2016	3 July Trinity 6 St Thomas	10 July Trinity 7	17 July Trinity 8	24 July Trinity 9	31 July Trinity 10
	Habakkuk 2:1-4 Ephes. 2:19-end John 20:24-29	Amos 7:7-17 Col 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37	Amos 8:1-12 Col 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	Hosea 1:2-10 Col 2:6-15,(16-19) Luke 11:1-13	
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Comm		
Denham				11.15am Family Service	
Horham		9.30am BCP Holy Comm		11.15am Family Service	
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Comm	11.15am Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Comm 11.15am Gardeners' Service	10am Family Service	
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Comm (see below)				Benefice Communion 11.15am with Bishop Martin. Dedication of the new roof
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for the benefice		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Comm	
Wingfield	11am Baptism and Holy Communion	11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong	

Is the Church the building or the people? Countless books have been written on the subject and no doubt many more will yet be written. Without going too deeply into the Greek, the word St Matthew uses suggests the people. He adopted a word that was used to mean a gathering to hear a royal proclamation; focussing therefore on the people rather than the place where they were meeting. But in no time at all the meeting place was a human necessity, so towards the end of his letter to the Colossians, St Paul sends greetings to the church in Nympha's house.

I think that the answer lies somewhere in the middle, that just as Christ was human and divine so the church is a blend of people and place. This month we focus upon the 'place' aspect as we anticipate Bishop Martin coming to dedicate the new roof at Redlingfield. Thank you to Richard and Avril Court and also David and Jacqueline Love for making their 'places', their homes, available as church while the church was shut- see how blurred it gets?! The people aspect is not forgotten though as this service will also be Ian Rose's commissioning as a Lay Elder to our Benefice.

Next month we will be focussed more on the 'people' end as we launch a new event, Food for Thought. Coming out of the successful Lent Lunches of a couple of years ago, this will be a monthly chance to gather for lunch, catch up with people and join in discussions on Christianity. Is the Church the building or the people? It's pouring with rain as I write this so perhaps the Church is the people with a dry building to meet in.

Rev Michael's days off in July....Weds 6, Thu 7, Fri 8, Sat 9, Sun 10, Mon 11, Tues 12, Weds 13, Thurs 14, Thurs 21, Thurs 28.

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Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

*Communion at David and Jacqueline Love's, 1 Abbotts Meadow, Redlingfield

**Tuesday 12 July, 7.30pm, Midweek Communion at Denham Church

Prayer breakfasts to start the week

Monday mornings, breakfast and prayers. 7.45am onwards for breakfast, 8.30am prayer using a Celtic pattern, finished by 9am. 27 June at The Rectory in Wingfield; 4 July at Alison Thurlow's, Syleham: 11 July with Mary Lewis, also in Syleham. Please contact Rev Michael for more info.

A Living Faith in Suffolk event, (by the diocese) Listening, Loss & Bereavement, Sat 9 July, Hyndman Centre, Bury St Edmunds, 9.30am – 12.30pm. This will be led by Julia Dansie, St Nicholas Hospice Palliative Care Psychological Therapist in Family Support. The morning will consist of both teaching and practical tasks. They will consider: * how best to listen to others and what gets in the way of that; * how our own agendas affect what we hear when we listen to people talking about death, dying and bereavement; * how to look after ourselves when listening to others. Please pass this to anyone you think might be interested. To book a place or for info: lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org or 01473 298510. £4 inc refreshments. Lay Elders may use CMD grants. The benefice will refund anyone else wishing to attend.

Several thefts of church silver have resulted in calls from the police and the diocese for parishes to check their security. Special emphasis on protecting chalices/silverware which may have been in the church for hundreds of years. A safe only does not offer adequate protection if it can be lifted or moved.

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride

It may seem a bit early to mention a September event in July but some of you may wish to get into training!! This year it takes place on Saturday 10th September. 50% of the money raised goes to the Trust and 50% to your local church. See the special leaflet for more details.....

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.

Flowers

We are inviting anyone in the benefice to contribute floral decorations, large or small, to help celebrate all the work that has been done. Willing and able? Contact Jacqueline Love on 01379 678805.

Choir The Benefice Blasters will sing *The Rose* during Communion. If you'd like to join them, male voices esp. welcome, contact Tanya on realityshines@talk21.com Rehearsals will start soon on Friday evenings in Horham church.

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

Coming in August...Food for thought,

a monthly lunch in Syleham Village Hall with 2 course lunch and a chance to explore an aspect of Christianity as well as catch-up with people and have a good chat. The first series will look at the parable of the return of the prodigal son, from the Bible, Rembrandt's painting and Henri Nouwen's books- something for everyone! The dates will be Wednesdays 24 August, 28 September, 26 October and 23 November, 12 noon onwards. More details from Rev Michael.



Syleham news

The Thanksgiving Service for the life of John 'J' Leader on 3rd June, attended by about 350, was widely appreciated as 'capturing his spirit'. Donations were invited for St Margaret's Church and a decision on the fund's use will be made in due course. J is missed at every turn and the book of memories is still being added to: it will stay in the church a little longer.

Our Summer Lunch on 16 July, will be held at Gatehouse Farm, Syleham Road, Hoxne IP21 5BZ following Sarah Buckley's kind offer. This year it will run from 12noon – 2.30pm with family activities and a few stalls, including plants, jewellery, books and bric a brac. Lunch £7.50 to include glass of wine. Children £3. Payment at the gate but an indication of numbers would be helpful. There should be adequate parking. **Benefice Messy Church** is growing and all families are welcome: next meetings on 3 July (the lost coin) and 7 August (Olympics).

Reminder - There is (normally) a 10/15 min reflection and prayer time in St Margaret's at 12 noon on Tuesdays: the church is, of course, open for prayer any time. Mary Lewis, 669258, mary.lewis43@icloud.com

Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch will meet on Monday 18 July, 2.15pm at Time House, Low St, Hoxne.

Lammas Service –3 August, 6pm, the celebration of the first loaf from the first grain of the harvest –Hoxne church. Held in support of the Addington Fund, helping farming families in times of distress, the service attracts the farming community from across the county. It will be followed by a hog roast.

This newsletter is found in all churches, but you can get it early by email. Please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Much more coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter and now, internet access and tuition!!

* **The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be in **Redlingfield** on Weds 6 and in **Wingfield** on Tues 19 July, both 10am to 12 noon. It is a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake. Just come along and see for yourself. Donations welcome.

Redlingfield

On Saturday 9 July the village is organising a village BBQ at Doorstep Green from 3pm until late. A bar will be open throughout. The PCC will be providing refreshments during the afternoon. A 'bottle tombola' is being organised for the afternoon with proceeds going to the PCC. Any bottles (full not empty!) to Joyce Leeder at The Knoll or to Jacqueline Love, 01379 678805.

Hoxne news

St Peter and St Paul, Hoxne will be celebrating our gardens and all they give to us at the third Sunday Community Service on 17 July (11.15am). Gardeners are invited to bring their favourite garden tool to the service to be blessed.

Friends of the Hoxne Church coffee morning, in the church 10am to 12 noon, Saturday 23 July. Coffee, cakes, raffle, bring and buy and books...

Hoxne's Village Fête Although held in wind and occasional rain, it brought out the 'Hoxne spirit' and raised a record total of more than £2,600 for the parish church. Special thanks to Ben Benton who led the organisation for the first time and to Wilf White, the new owner of Abbey Farm, for agreeing to host so soon after moving in.