



# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

Athelington \* Denham \* Horham \* Hoxne  
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**July 2019**

July 2019	Sunday 7 Trinity 3	Sunday 14 Trinity 4	Sunday 21 Trinity 5	Sunday 28 Trinity 6
Athel'ton			9.30am^ Holy Communion	
Denham		11.15am * Benefice family@church		11.15am* Holy Communion
Horham		9.30am* BCP Communion		
Hoxne	8.30am^ BCP Communion		11.15am^ Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins
Redl'field	9.30am^ Holy Communion			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm* Benefice Messy Church		10am* Village Praise	9.30am* BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11.15am* Holy Communion			6.30pm Benefice BCP Evensong with acting Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney

\* with Rev Michael Womack    ^ with Rev Richard Court

**From the rector.....**  
 Petertide at the end of June will be particularly joyous in our benefice; many of us are going to the cathedral on Saturday morning to be part of John McCracken's ordination. Then on Sunday, it will be the patronal festival for St Peter's, Athelington, when we will have our benefice service with a reception at the Old Rectory afterwards, courtesy of Nick and Matt. None of our parish churches, least of all Athelington, is ever going to be mistaken for a cathedral, but I think that at heart these two events have something in common.

From July, Rev John will be embarking upon the next stage of his ministry among us. In some respects it feels like a loss because John will be less visibly active in the benefice because he has to attend lots of training events, and will be required to shadow me.

Anyone who was at John's 'sending' evensong Sunday 23 June, will sense that this is heading towards the paradox I mentioned, of how God is present in both the splendour and precision of the cathedral AND the intimacy and spontaneity of a pre-lunch drink in the Suffolk countryside.

It is this diversity that means we can all encounter God. But there's a catch! It is that same diversity that means we can all minister, which I think is really church-speak for bringing the love of God to others; yes John is now an ordained minister, but we are all ministers and we should all remember St Paul's advice, 'whatever you do, do it as if you were doing it specifically for God'. **Rev Michael.**

Rev Michael's holidays/rest days: Thurs 4, 11, 18, Sat 20, Thurs 25, Mon 29, Tues 30, Weds 31 July  
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Wingfield: St Andrew.	Rev Michael Womack

## Saturday 29 June

**John McCracken**, who has been a lay elder in the benefice for many years, is to be ordained deacon at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds at 11am along with the other ordinands from across the diocese. Please pray for John as he prepares for this significant occasion. Anyone who would like to attend should let Rev Michael know in advance as it is by ticket only. Please car share for environmental and crowded car park reasons!

## Sunday 30 June

**Athelington celebrates its Patronal Festival** with a Benefice Holy Communion at 11.15am. Afterwards there will be a reception and light refreshments on the terrace of the Old Rectory. Everyone welcome.

## July 2019

### Wednesday 3

**Redlingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan** with advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am -12 noon. Donations welcome.

### Wednesdays 3, 10, 17, 24

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

### Sunday 7

**Messy Church for the benefice** at Syleham village hall, 4pm. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

### Saturday 13

**Cheese and Wine evening** at The Old Vicarage, Syleham at 6pm. £7.50 per person. Colin Campbell would appreciate notice from those planning to attend on 01379 668306 or [darrsville@aol.com](mailto:darrsville@aol.com)  
Ample parking just opposite. IP21 4LN

## Sunday 14

**Benefice family@church**, 11.15am, St John's Denham. (*See right*). This month's theme is *Relationships*. Crafts, food and fun.

### Also

**Curry Lunch** at Annesley House, Cross St, Hoxne organised by Friends of Hoxne Church. Tickets £15 from Margaret Brawn on 01379 668352.

## Monday 15

**Mothers Union** 'Wave of Prayer' service, 2.30pm at St Peter & St Paul Hoxne. Followed by tea and 'Bring and Buy' - all welcome.

## Tuesday 16

**Wingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan** with local advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am -12 noon. Donations welcome.

## Saturday 20

**Hoxne Village Fête**, 2pm at Abbey Farm, Cross Street, Hoxne. Stalls, sideshows, grand raffle and refreshments. Please support this in aid of church funds.

## Sunday 28



**Benefice Evensong at Wingfield**, 6.30pm, with the acting archdeacon, Jeanette Gosney.

**Denham Church** Fair and cream teas in June raised £318.14. Thank you!

**Thank you** on behalf of the Farming Community Network, for your generous Ascension Day Service donation of £100 which will be used, as requested, for FCN work carried out locally in the East of England.

## Rev Eleanor Goodison

is recovering well from her hip operation and expects to be back ministering at the beginning of August. Please hold her in your prayers.

**Prayer breakfasts continue** on Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We are always finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for venue details, which change.

## Family@church

Volunteers still wanted to join the team for our family@church 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday benefice services ..... attractive worship for all the family. If you are interested in being part of this new, monthly project, please let me know. Many thanks, Rev Michael.

**Mary Womack is abseiling** for Christian Aid. Having heard the area rep, talk at one of our services about raising healthcare in Africa, (particularly for mothers in labour as maternal and neonatal mortality is still quite high), I felt inspired to take this on, and it is quite a big challenge as I'm scared of heights! Please support me, either on the day or financially, to ensure I complete it. The abseil is Sat 20 July, from the top of St Mary's Church tower at Redenhall near Harleston. I hope to get it over with in the morning!! People can either sponsor me (I'll have a form) or go on the justgiving page I've set up on my profile on facebook.  
Thank you. Mary Womack

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## Advance notices

**Thursday 1 August** Lammas Service, a deanery service and celebration of the first loaf of the first grain of the harvest, 6pm, Hoxne church. Proceeds to Farming Community Network, helping farming families in distress. Tractor parade beforehand – come early to see them arrive. Hog roast afterwards.

### Saturday 31 August

Traditional and popular Summer Fête at Syleham, in the garden of Manor House. 2pm. Burgers, a bar and cream teas as well as traditional games and stalls. If you would like a stall, or would be able to offer help, please get in touch.

### Sunday 1 September

Redlingfield village produce show.

### Saturday 14 September

Suffolk Churches Trust, Ride and Stride, sponsored bike ride or walk round churches in the diocese. More details next time.

### Future for the benefice meetings

Many thanks to everyone who came and contributed to our last meeting in Horham. Good progress is being made in thinking about the future of our benefice. The next meeting is at 4pm, Sat 28 Sept, this time in Syleham Village Hall. Rev Michael.

### What's on?

**Hoxne benefice news.** There are paper copies of this newsletter in each church. For emailed copies, please email [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com)

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