

And please don't forget.....easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy. If you are finding that you are ordering more goods online at the moment, why not sign up to support the benefice with easyfundraising.org.uk? It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far we have raised £568 for the benefice this way – well worth it!

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice

These and many more.....



Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE

telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



Church contacts

Athelington: St Peter.	Colin Palmer 01728 628747
Denham: St John the Baptist.	Barbara Irwin 01379 669077, Hilary Castleden 01379 668458
Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.	Guy McGregor 01379 668434, Wilf White 01379 668046
Horham: St Mary.	David Spall 01379 384239, Daphne Harvey 01379 384216
Redlingfield: St Andrew.	Hazel Abbott 01379 678217
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Wingfield: St Andrew.	Rev'd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579



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July 2020

The Prime Minister has announced that churches may open for worship as well as private prayer from 4th July. Weddings as well as funerals will also be able to take place in church. This is welcome news for many of us, but there will still be restrictions in place and we must continue to take every precaution to avoid spreading Covid-19. Some people will feel more comfortable continuing to worship from home, and there are also people who cannot for various reasons make it to church on a Sunday morning.

We will be taking a cautious approach to returning to church. It will be easier in our larger churches where there is plenty of space to circulate. Our aim will be to hold one service in the benefice each Sunday to begin with and we will not start to hold services in any church until we are sure it is safe to do so. Meanwhile, we will continue to live stream services on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch). Café Church will continue to be held via Zoom for now (get in touch if you would like an invitation). And Messy Church will continue online too ([facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC)). Our programme of online services for July is in this newsletter. We will publish news of services in church as soon as we can.

We want to learn from the experience of lockdown for the future. In particular, we want to make our services accessible to a wider range of people and to stay in touch through a variety of means. Let's keep the love and care for each other which we have seen during the lockdown as restrictions are eased. So it's not just back to church, but forward into God's kingdom of love and peace.

Rev'd Eleanor Goodison

If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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Rev'd John: 07876 507288 vj.mccracken@gmail.com

Rev'd Richard: rev.richard.court@icloud.com

Services for July

Live streamed via
[facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch)

Sunday 5th July 4th after Trinity
9.30am BCP Holy Communion
with Rev'd Eleanor and Rev'd John

Messy Church via
[facebook.com/HoxneMC](https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC) available
this month from 2pm

Sunday 12th July 5th after Trinity
9.30am Holy Communion
with Rev'd Eleanor and Rev'd John
NEW—followed by Café Church at 10.15am
on Zoom

Sunday 19th July 6th after Trinity
9.30am Holy Communion
with Rev'd Eleanor and Rev'd John

Sunday 26th July 7th after Trinity
9.30am Holy Communion
with Rev'd Richard

6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer,
with Rev'd Eleanor

Clergy time off

Rev'ds Eleanor and John will be taking the week of 13th -18th July off. In an emergency, please contact the Rural Dean, Rev'd Susan Loxton on 01379 388493 or revloxton@gmail.com

Looking for a new rector

Our advertisement for a new rector has been appearing again in the Church Times over the last few weeks. Although the June newsletter said there was no closing date for applications, there is indeed one: 17th July. No date has been set for interviews, however, and initial interviews may be held via Zoom.

Online giving....

Our churches rely on donations from parishioners to fund our vital work. People who take part in our worship via the weekly streamed services do not have the opportunity to make an offering in cash. Other options such as giving by standing order are already available, but, to expand the range of ways in which people can support the work of the church, the Hoxne Benefice is now offering an easy option of on-line giving with a debit or credit card. This is suitable for weekly or occasional giving. To use this option, go to your parish's page on www.achurchnearyou.com where you will see a 'Donate' button that takes you to the site where you can enter your details. It's very easy to do. The money will go towards paying the parish share and reducing the burden on all our parishes. Your support is most gratefully appreciated.
Thank you for donating!

Could you help keep our churches clean?

As our churches are gradually opened up for private prayer, for weddings and funerals, and soon for services – we need to keep them as clean as we can. This does not mean men in protective suits with disinfectant 'fogging' sprays (unless someone with Covid- 19 turns out to have been in a church). But it does mean a high standard of general cleanliness. Much of the cleaning in our churches is normally done by volunteers who fall into an 'at risk' group for the virus and should not be asked to clean at this time. So we need more people to lend a hand.

Could you help? You should be under the age of 70 and in good health. All that is required is ordinary cleaning, without harsh chemicals. Masks can be provided. If you are willing, please get in touch with your local church contact (telephone numbers on the back page of this newsletter) or with Revd Eleanor.
Thank you in anticipation!



Struggling with computers?

Have you never heard of Tik Tok? Help is at hand! Would you like to join in with our online services but can't cope with all this newfangled social media? You have a computer but mainly just use it for e-mail? Many people rely on children or grandchildren to give them a hand with new technology but if you don't have any or yours are a long way away, you may be stuck for help.

We have the answer! Now that households are able to visit with each other, we can send a polite teenager to help you get online and join in with facebook, Zoom and the rest. Contact Rev'd Eleanor and she will put you in touch with someone who can help.

Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages:
[facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or
[facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).

Follow Rev'd Eleanor on Twitter:
[@ReverendEleanor](https://twitter.com/ReverendEleanor) (you do not need your own Twitter account to read her tweets, just search for [@ReverendEleanor](https://twitter.com/ReverendEleanor)).

The Hoxne Benefice News

will be posted on church notice boards and left in churches but you can also receive it by email. If you are not already on the benefice email list, get in touch with our administrator, Virginia Skoyles, on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com and she will add your name.

Prayer

Our prayer breakfasts continue at 8am on Monday mornings via Skype – do let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like to join in.....also on Fridays at 2pm via Zoom, specifically for the vacancy in the benefice; and those clergy and lay elders who are nominated to enter our churches on a restricted basis are also praying on a regular basis in churches around the benefice. Please let us know if you have any particular prayer requests.

**The building
is closed but
the church
is open!**

