

Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham Horham
Hoxne Redlingfield
Syleham Wingfield



July 2021 News

Reasons to be cheerful

This month's newsletter is full of opportunities to get together and enjoy each other's company (while staying Covid-safe), as well as a whole range of fun activities. From eating and drinking to art and sports, we have it all! People sometimes think Christianity is all about doom and gloom, guilt and punishment, but we know better. God made a beautiful world and put us in it to enjoy it.

CS Lewis, Christian writer and author of the Narnia books, knew this too. Apparently he modified his drinking as a Lenten observance, reducing his intake to just three pints of beer in the mornings! In a sermon in 1941, at a fairly desperate time in the Second World War, he made exactly this point: that the world is full of good things, and we are meant to enjoy them. These good things point us towards God, who is the ultimate in good things. If good food and drink and company make us cheerful, how much more will a deepening relationship with God fill us with joy.

And the greatest reason to be cheerful, of course, is the gift which God has given us in Jesus Christ. That gift is with us whatever may be happening in our lives that challenges or depresses us. As Jesus himself tells his disciples in John 16.33: "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have peace. In the world you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world".

Revd Eleanor Goodison

Acknowledgments to Revd Steve Morris, writing in the Church Times, for details of CS Lewis' 1941 sermon and his Lenten observance.

Revd Eleanor usually works Friday to Monday and is available for urgent matters on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thursday is her day off. Messages received on Thursday will normally be dealt with on Friday.

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

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July 2021	4th July Trinity 5	11th July Trinity 6	18th July Trinity 7	25th July Trinity 8
Athelington	11am EG CW Holy Communion St Peter Patronal Festival			
Denham				11am JM CW Holy Communion
Horham			11.15am EG BCP Holy Communion	
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion		9.30am EG CW Holy Communion	9.30am JS Matins
Redlingfield		9.30am JM CW Holy Communion		
Syleham	4pm Messy Church J's Meadow, Syleham		10am ML Village Service	9.30am JM BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am JM CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong	
Zoom Services		9.30am EG Café Church		4pm JM All-age service

More online services

Every Saturday and Sunday, Morning Prayer on [facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch), 8am

Every Friday: Compline on Zoom at 6pm

Some services in church will also be live streamed or uploaded onto facebook.

To join our Zoom services, email Revd Eleanor at eleanor.goodison@gmail.com and she will send you the link.

On the rota above..... EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken
RC - Revd Richard Court ML - Mary Lewis JS - John Swann

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Email Virginia on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com to receive it by email.

July

Saturday 3rd

Tea and scones at Wingfield College

Come and join us for tea and scones (and cakes) on Wingfield College front lawn, 2pm to 5pm. Bric-a-brac stall. To raise much needed funds for Wingfield Church. For more info, please contact Sharon on 01379 384854.

Sunday 4th

Athelington's Patronal Festival for St Peter will be celebrated with a service at 11am.

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Messy Church, 4pm at J's meadow, opposite Syleham village hall. Come and join us for lots of fun, some summer sports and a scrummy picnic tea. Subject to cancellation if wet.

Rural coffee caravan

Redlingfield: Wednesday 7th July, 10am to 12 noon (on Doorstep Green).

Wingfield: Tuesday 20th July, 10am to 12 noon (Castle Crescent by the village sign).

Come along for a warm welcome, coffee, cake, company, conversation and information. Feel free to bring your own chair and mug if you feel more comfortable, although we will be able to provide them.

Saturday 10th

Syleham Evening drinks and nibbles

6pm at Gatehouse Farm, Syleham IP21 5BZ. Please book with Mary, (mary.lewis43@icloud.com) or Sarah Buckley, (01379 668480). Donations welcome.

Wednesdays 28th July and 11th August

Art workshops for children and young people

Come along to our free art workshops on the theme of God's created world:

10am to 4pm for 7-12 yr olds on Wednesday 28th July

10am to 4pm for 12 yr olds and up on Wednesday 11th August

These workshops will take place at Sarah Buckley's home: Gatehouse Farm, Syleham Road, Hoxne, IP21 5BZ. Led by experienced art teachers. Picnic lunch provided. Covid precautions in place. Booking essential, as places are strictly limited to 15 per workshop.

Contact Revd Eleanor to book your place and for more details. The artwork made will be used at a special all-age service on Sunday 29th August.



Bible Study Group meets once a fortnight at 7.30pm on a Monday evening via Zoom, with meetings on **12th and 26th July**. Sessions last no more than one hour. We are following the theme of 'peace' in our choice of Bible readings. Each session is self-contained, so do join in when you can. If you don't receive the Zoom link, just get in touch with Revd Eleanor to be added to the list.



Friday 16th

Mothers' Union wave of prayer, 3.30pm at Fressingfield church.

Tuesday 20th

Deanery Meeting 7.30pm. Come and join us for an important presentation on possible ways forward for the deanery. PCC members are encouraged to come, and anyone else who is interested. At Thorndon Church, IP23 7JS

Saturday 24th

Fun Day in aid of Hoxne church bells at The Hoxne Swan, 12 noon to 6pm.

Come along and help us raise money whilst enjoying a variety of stalls and games. Barbecue and bouncy castle.

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
Syleham: St Margaret.	Mary Lewis 01379 669258, Sarah Buckley 01379 668480
Wingfield: St Andrew.	Revd Eleanor Goodison 07876 143579

Postponed... Redlingfield car boot sale, which was planned for Sunday 11th July, will now take place on Sunday 1st August.

easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy for anyone who shops online...**It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised £755 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice.

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Psalm 23 v 4

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

If you or someone you know needs help, don't hesitate.....

Samaritans - It's alright to ask for help
Tel: 116123

Refuge, against domestic violence
Tel: 0808 2000 247

ChildLine
Tel: 0800 1111

Waveney Foodbank
Tel: 07749 179446

Events and services subject to Government procedures. Events may be postponed should the expected roadmap out of lockdown change unexpectedly.