

July 2023	Sunday 2nd Trinity 4	Sunday 9th Trinity 5	Sunday 16th Trinity 6	Sunday 23rd Trinity 7	Sunday 30th Trinity 8
Athelington	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion Patronal Festival				
Denham			11am EG CW Holy Communion		
Horham		4pm JM Animal Service Horham Comm Centre	11.15am JM BCP Holy Communion		
Hoxne	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	9.30am JM Café Church	9.30am JM CW Holy Communion	11am EG CW Holy Communion	4pm EG All Age Service
Redlingfield		9.30am RC CW Holy Communion			
Syleham	4pm Messy Church at S and W village hall ML+team		10am ML Village Service	9.30am EG BCP Holy Communion	11am EG Benefice Holy Communion
Wingfield	11am EG CW Holy Communion		6pm EG Evensong		

Online Services

Every Saturday and Sunday: Morning Prayer on facebook.com/WingfieldChurch, 8am
Every Friday: Compline on Zoom, 6pm.

On the rotas....

EG - Revd Eleanor Goodison JM - Revd John McCracken

ML - Mary Lewis RC - Revd Richard Court

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Hoxne Benefice Churches

Athelington Denham
Horham Hoxne Redlingfield
Syleham Wingfield



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Growing and harvesting

All around us at this time of year plants are growing and crops are ripening. They provide a metaphor for our own growth as human beings, emotionally and spiritually, which is used in more than one place in the Bible. The same metaphor is used by the diocese for its strategy 'Growing in God', as part of which our benefice has its own Plan for Growth. I mentioned in the March newsletter that we were seeking to identify our priorities for the future and these have now been firmed up in our Plan.

We have agreed that we will:

- recruit a part-time youth and children's worker to help us grow and develop our work with children and young people and strengthen our links with St Edmunds School
- pursue projects to adapt some of our church buildings (in particular Hoxne and Redlingfield churches) for additional community use
- encourage new vocations to lay and ordained ministry in our churches

We are making progress on the first two priorities and now it's time to turn our attention to the third. Jesus urged his disciples to pray for the Lord to "send out labourers into his harvest". We too need to pray for people to come forward to carry on the work of the church. But we all have a part to play in gathering in the harvest. So, I also urge you to consider whom God might be calling to play a more active part – it could be you! If you believe you could offer yourself for a particular ministry in our churches, do please have a word with me.

Revd Canon Eleanor Goodison

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

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

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Saturday 1st

Redlingfield Fun Dog Show and Village Fayre on Doorstep Green. Dog Show from 9.30am, with the first class starting at 10am. Village Fayre from 1pm with stalls, games, raffles and family fun. Refreshments and a barbecue during the day, licensed bar from 1pm to 11pm. Proceeds from the Dog Show, refreshments and barbecue to St Andrew's church.

Sunday 2nd July

Athelington will be celebrating their Patronal Festival at their 9.30am service, which will be followed by drinks and nibbles. Everyone will be very welcome.

Tuesday 4th

Coffee and cake: drop-in café at the village hall in Syleham, 10 to 11.30am. Come with a friend or on your own for a friendly chat or to browse a few books.

Tuesday 4th

Little Lambs meet at Hoxne pavilion from 1.15 to 3.15pm. Children from 0-4 years and their carers very welcome.

Wednesday 5th

The Rural Coffee Caravan in Redlingfield. 10am to 12 noon on the village triangle, with delicious bakes!

Saturday 8th July

Summer Drinks and Canapés from 6pm by very kind invitation of Colin and Jackie Campbell, to be held in their garden at The Old Vicarage (near the church). Come early to enjoy the evening sunshine. Entry will be £7.50 per head (card reader available) to include first drink and the delicious canapés, and there will be a raffle. Please let Colin and Jackie know if you plan to come.

Sunday 9th



A special animal service for all the family at 4pm at Horham Community Centre. If you missed the animal service at Syleham last month, now is your chance to take part. Bring your horse, donkey, tortoise, dog, hamster, stick insect or just yourself!

Tuesday 11th/Monday 24th

We will be singing hymns and saying prayers at the Depperhaugh nursing home at 2.30pm. Please come and support us.

Wednesday 12th

The Book Club meets at 6pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield. New participants are always welcome! Our book this month is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett.

Saturday 15th

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning and book sale. 9.45 to 11.15am in church. All welcome.

Monday 17th

The Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer service, Hoxne church, plus tea and bring and buy sale. Why not come along and find out more about the Mothers' Union? You don't have to be a mother to join!

Tuesday 18th

The Rural Coffee Caravan will be at Castle Crescent, Wingfield, 10am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Tuesday 25th

Our Bible Study group meets at 7.30pm on Zoom. We will be continuing our theme 'Encounters with God'. Contact Revd Eleanor for the Zoom link.

Advance notices

Tuesday 1st August

Our traditional Lammas Service, 6pm at Hoxne church, followed by hog roast. Collection in aid of the Addington Fund.

Sunday 6th August

Summer Fête at Wingfield Barns. Wide range of stalls and entertainment. Games, stalls, food: a good time to be had by all! Please come along to support us.

Wednesday 16th August

The Book Club meets at 6pm at the De La Pole Arms in Wingfield. Our book in August will be *The Hare with the Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal.

Saturday 9th September

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride Day. Visit <https://shct.org.uk> for more details and contact your local representative. Half the sponsorship money we raise goes to our church and half to the Historic Churches Trust.

Keep in touch!

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

<https://www.facebook.com/HoxneMC>

For email newsletters from the diocese, email communications@cofesuffolk.org

Easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy for anyone who shops online...**giving the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far, we have raised over £960 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!** [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice).

Samaritans - It's alright to ask for help

Tel: 116123

Refuge, against domestic violence

Tel: 0800 200 247

ChildLine

Tel: 0800 1111

Waveney Foodbank

Tel: 07484 394749

Copies of this newsletter are in church. Email Virginia, to receive it by email, on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

