

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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June 2015

	7 June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	14 June 2 nd Sunday after Trinity	21 June 3 rd Sunday after Trinity	28 June 4 th Sunday after Trinity
	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 2 Corinth 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 2 Cor 5:6-10, 14-17 Mark 4:26-34	1 Sam 17:32-49 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41	2 Sam 1:1, 17-27 2 Cor 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43
Athelington				11.30am Petertide Celebration
Denham				11.15am Family Service
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion		11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion	11.15am BCP Matins	8.30am BCP Communion 11.15 A Civic Service	10am Family Service
Redlingfield	9.30am Holy Communion			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church		11.15am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm BCP Evensong

I don't follow politics, so it was strange to slump down at the beginning of my sick-leave and find that the only thing to watch on television was the election result. Not feeling like doing anything else, I made myself comfy and was fascinated.

I realised was that all the different politicians were trying to serve their community, their country. Clearly they had various ideas about how that should be done, but they were willing to try, they were committed enough to stand for public election and risk seeing their reputation destroyed overnight. Acknowledged or not, there is something fundamentally Christian about seeking to serve others, especially when there is a risk to our own reputation or status and potentially, in the case of many martyrs, to our own welfare and safety.

For many politicians election night showed what can happen when the public they sought to serve no longer felt a connection to them. They are a timely reminder as to why it is vital that our churches and our Christian witness are connected to our communities, our parishes.

St Paul said that we should pray for our leaders, and so we should; these are people seeking to serve, but they are also people just like us, often with personal tragedy in their lives, (remember the family tragedies of both Gordon Brown and David Cameron) even so they are willing to take on demanding posts for the greater good.

Pulling these two threads together, it is good that we are having a Civic Service at Hoxne on the 21st June where we will pray for politicians of all shades and levels of government; we must stay connected to those around us and pray for those willing to lead.

Churchwardens

Athelington: St Peter. Evelyn Adey 01728 628428, John Davy 01379 742878

Denham: St John the Baptist. Michael Reeves 01379 668179

Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul. Brian Chester 01379 669157, Guy McGregor 01379 668434

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, John Leader 01379 668205

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

Revd Michael Womack. St Andrew's House, Vicarage Road, Wingfield, Suffolk IP21 5RB. 01379 388889, hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

Revd Michael's days away from the benefice this month Tues 2nd, Weds 10th, Fri 12th, Tues 16th, Mon 22nd to Tues 30th.

Wingfield Barns - Tel: 01379 384505

New art classes with tutor John Parker. Every Tues, 10am to 4pm. For further details email: artistjparker@gmail.com or call John on 07442 491734.

Sunday 7 June 7.30pm. Peter Knight's Gigspanner. Album Launch Tour. Legendary fiddle player Peter Knight (ex Steeleye Span) is joined by Roger Fleck on guitar and Vincent Salzfaas on percussion. Email enquiries@wingfieldbarns.co.uk For more events, visit their website.

Wingfield College - Invitation to View Friday 11 September. Advance bookings 01206 573948. www.mercurytheatre.co.uk

Extra cleaning of Wingfield church

Friday 5 June, 10am–12 noon, and then recover in the De La Pole Arms. Also a churchyard cleanup the same evening, 6.30 to 8pm. Next church cleaning, Fri 26 June, 10am-12 noon.

Exploring Prayer

in Bury St Edmunds Cathedral on Sat 18 July, from 10am to 4pm. The greater part of the day is a range of workshops from music and prayer to Christian meditation along with prayer walk and using paper and clay in prayer. A chance to try out different forms of prayer. Admission is free, but spaces on some of the workshops is limited. Booking or more details from Jayne Whiteman on deanspa@stedscathedral.org

Please 'like' our facebook pages Hoxne, Athelington, Horham churches and Hoxne Benefice Messy Church now have facebook pages. Please find them, 'like' them and you will be updated with all news.

The Hoxne Benefice Newsletter is found in all 7 churches, but you can get it early by email, (bcc to hide addresses).

Please send an email to hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Deadline for July HBN is Mon 15 June.

Horham Car Boot Sale

Sat 13 June, 11am, Community Centre. Donations to the church stall very welcome – car boot items, cakes, produce. For car boot queries, contact Karen on 384754.

Concert at St Mary, Horham

Sunday 19 July, 3pm. The Windbags accompanied by Shelfanger Singers. No charge. Refreshments available.

Wingfield Open Gardens

11am - 5pm, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June, 2.00 - 5pm, with a trail of 22 scarecrows in front gardens and 12 back gardens open to the public.

Also a sculpture trail and refreshments, cream teas, light lunches, plant sales and garden crafts.

Admission ticket and guide is £3, in advance from the De La Pole Arms, and on the day from Marlow House, Garden 2 Wingfield Meadows, Vicarage Road. Accompanied under 16s foc.

Susan Whymark's Big Challenge

Many of us know and appreciate the wonderful work that Susan does. Less well known is that each year she sets herself a big challenge to raise money for St Elizabeth's Hospice. This year she has already completed the Marie Curie Swimathon and is going to add to this 4 mile-long swims in open water in such cold places as Lake Windermere and Loch Lomond. There are various ways to sponsor her. More details from Susan on 01379 871168 or susan@susanwhymark.co.uk

St Peter's Service at St Peter's

Athelington, Sun 28 June, 11.30am, with Rev Julian Barker preaching, followed by a charity lunch at Meadow Farm for which limited tickets are available. Contact Mary Hawes on 01728 628608.

Syleham Thursday 25 June at 7pm - entertaining insights into St Margaret's and other Suffolk churches with well-known historian Roy Tricker and architect Matthew Thomas. Not to be missed! £5 per person, with wine and nibbles to greet you.

Garden flowers decorated every corner of St Margaret's Church for the funeral on 18 May of Ian Marshall. Revd Michael led a packed congregation in a moving service, with poignant yet humorous tributes by members of Ian's family. Our thoughts are now with Jean and the family.

Services - following a period of consultation, we are re-introducing a monthly, less formal service to be called Village Praise: the first will be at 11.15am on 21 June. Communion at 9.30am on 28 June will revert to BCP.



Messy church

Sunday 7 June, 4pm, Syleham village hall, with its mix of creative activities (both tidy and messy!) song, story and famous scrummy tea.

Deanery Courses

As last autumn, we are going to have a couple of morning courses for the deanery on the 10 October and 7 November from 10am until noon in the Sancroft Hall in Fressingfield. If there is a topic that you would like the clergy of the deanery to lead, then please let us know and we'll see what we can provide.

Midweek, evening communion at Denham, Tuesday 9 June, 7.30pm.

Plenty of coffee to drink!

*Every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter in the Old School Hall in Horham.

*The Rural Coffee Caravan will be Weds 3 June at Redlingfield, Tues 16 June at Wingfield, with news of what's happening around and about us. Coffee and biscuits. Donations welcome.

*Friends of Hoxne Church coffee morning, Saturday 27 June.

Also in Redlingfield

Sat 13 June, Pub on the Green, 6pm till midnight.

Wednesday 3 June 6pm, Redlingfield churchyard tidy-up. All welcome to come and help.

Hoxne Open Gardens

Sunday 21 June, 1.30pm to 6pm. Fifteen gardens open throughout this beautiful village. Teas and fairground organs. Adults £4, accompanied children foc. Proceeds to St Edmund's Hall and the playingfield.

Hoxne Fête

A traditional fête on Saturday 27 June, in the stunning setting of the tudor Abbey Farm's gardens, 2pm. Lots of stalls, refreshments.

Bishop Martin Seeley is now the 11th Bishop of our diocese. His ordination as a Bishop took place on Ascension Day, Thurs 14 May, at Westminster Abbey, attended by a congregation of more than 1,000. The service, conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd and Right Honourable Justin Welby, marks the start of Bishop Martin's ministry which will begin in earnest after his Enthronement at St Edmundsbury Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds, on Saturday 20 June.