

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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June 2016

JUNE 2016	5 June Trinity 2	12 June Trinity 3	19 June Trinity 4	26 June Trinity 5
	1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24) Gal 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17	1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Gal 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3	1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39	2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Gal 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Comm	11am Morning Prayer celebrating the Feast of St Peter
Denham				11.15am Family Service
Horham		9.30am BCP Holy Comm		11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Comm	11.15am Matins	8.30am BCP Holy Comm 11.15am Fathers' Day Service	10am Family Service
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Comm (see below)			
Syleham	4pm Messy Church for the benefice		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Comm
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11am Holy Communion	10am Family Service	6.30pm Evensong

**Sunday 5 June, 9.30am, Redlingfield's Holy Communion is at the home of Richard and Avril Court, Brookside, Green Lane, Redlingfield (01379 678772)

**Tuesday 14 June, 7.30pm, Midweek Communion at Denham Church



Do tomato plants pray?! Now, let's not kid ourselves, I don't know anything about gardening, but I do take an interest in Mary's plants. The other evening I noticed that her tiny tomato plants seemed to be praying. Keeping an eye on them, it seemed to be something that they don't do for very long and that after a couple of days the leaves separate out. The obvious moral of this story is how long do we pray for? Is it something we only do occasionally, probably when like the little tomato plant establishing itself, we have to do something

particularly difficult? Or is it, ideally, something that comes readily and naturally to us? The mystics are a group I envy; they seem to have had a natural sensitivity to where God was at work in the world around them. William Blake was famously able, 'To see a World in a Grain of Sand, And a Heaven in a Wild Flower', June is a very busy month with all the fêtes and celebrations. Maybe there won't be much time for gazing at tomato plants, but let us pray that we will be able to see God at work in the world around us and respond to that love.

Rev Michael

Rev Michael's days off in June....Thurs 2, Thurs 9, Mon 13 - Fri 17, Tues 21, Weds 22, Thurs 23, Thurs 30.

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Syleham: St Margaret. Mary Lewis 01379 669258

Wingfield: St Andrew. John McCracken 01379 384181

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Saturday 25 June, 7.30pm. Richard Digance returns to Wingfield. Tickets £17.50. Please call the Box Office: 01379 384505.

Wingfield College, Invitation to View

Thurs 16 June, Thurs 8 September.
<http://www.invitationtoview.co.uk/properties/wingfield-college>.

Prayer breakfasts to start the week

All are very welcome to join us on any Monday mornings for our breakfast and prayers. The format is 7.45am onwards for breakfast, then at 8.30am we have a period of prayer using a Celtic pattern and are finished by 9am for those who need to get along. It is a 'moveable feast' so it would be best to contact Rev Michael if you'd like to come along and he can tell you which house it will be in.

Wingfield Village Fête Sat 25 June, 10.30am-5.30pm, raising funds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Wingfield church this year, at a new venue - the GWC equestrian centre on Vicarage Road, Wingfield IP21 5RB.

Expect equestrian displays, vintage vehicles, carriage rides, crafts, cakes and plant stalls and many others, raffles, BBQ and refreshments as well as games for the children and competitions. The Air Ambulance charity will be there to sell their merchandising goodies and promote the great work that they do for this area. There are two competitions to enter – Cake/Cupcake (judged on taste and decoration) and Photographic (theme: 'The countryside' – adults and children's categories). Please bring entries for each between 8.30 and 9.30am on the day. So do have a go and you might win a rosette! Free entry and free parking.

Denham midweek Communion

Tuesday 14 June, 7.30pm in Denham Church. Everyone is welcome to this simple, reflective service.

Churchyard working party at St Andrew's Wingfield from 5.30pm, Fridays 3 and 17 June. If you would like to help keep our churchyard looking beautiful, please contact Michael Harvey on 01379 586355.

Horham Car Boot Sale

on the Community grounds in Horham, Saturday 11 June. Gates open 11am. The church has a stall and is collecting items for this, in addition to empty jars – with or without lids, and any small items that could go in these – these can be as varied and unusual as you like – hair bobbles, Christmas ribbons, marbles etc etc, so if anyone wants to donate, jars, items etc we would be very grateful – I'm aiming to try to collect (and fill) 400+ jars. I can collect if necessary (mobile no. 07508 649840) or these can be left in the church porch (St Mary's), and I will collect from there. Proceeds to St Mary's Church (west door restoration fund). (Jill Peters)

St Peter's, Athelington will celebrate Petertide on Sunday 26 June with a joyful Morning Prayer at 11am followed by refreshments in and around the church. (There will not be lunch at Meadow Farm this year).

If you are at The Suffolk Show, this year on Weds and Thurs 2 June, take time out to visit the stand of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, meet the bishops and staff of the diocesan offices, enjoy a cup of tea and take a break from the frenzy of the show. Also the Rural Coffee Caravan will be there, promoting its work around rural Suffolk.

Syleham news

There will be a Thanksgiving Service for the life of John 'J' Leader at St Margaret's at 12 noon on Friday 3 June. Please follow instructions for car parking. The book of memories will stay in the church for a short while after this service has taken place. Our **Summer Lunch** on 16 July, will be at Gatehouse Farm, Syleham Road, Hoxne IP215BZ, 12noon - 3pm, with stalls, games and family activities. Lunch £7.50 to include glass of wine (children £3). Benefice **Messy Church** is growing and all families are welcome: next meetings on 5 June (the Good Shepherd) and 3 July (the lost coin). Contact for any of the above, churchwarden Mary Lewis (01379 669258) mary.lewis43@icloud.com.

Monday 6 June Still a few seats left on the coach for this event. Warpole St Peter Church (Cathedral of the Fens) 55th Flower Festival & Fayre with lots of stalls, sideshows and new attractions. £18 (coach, lunch, driver's tip all in). Contact John Chapman on 01379 740821.

Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch will meet on Monday 20 June, 2.15pm at Time House, Low St, Hoxne.

Lammas Service –3 August, the celebration of the first loaf from the first grain of the harvest – will take place at Hoxne for the third consecutive year. Held in support of the Addington Fund, helping farming families in times of distress, the service attracts the farming community from across the county. It will be followed by a hog roast.

A collection of £227.30 for the Mission Aviation Fellowship, one of J Leader's favourite charities, was raised at Wingfield at the deanery Ascension Day service. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Much more coffee to drink!

* **In the Old School Hall in Horham** every Wednesday morning from 10am there is coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter and now, internet access and tuition!!

* **The Rural Coffee Caravan** will be in **Redlingfield** on Weds 8 (note change of date) and in **Wingfield** on Tues 21 June, both 10am to 12 noon. It is a great source of information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake. Just come along and see for yourself. Donations welcome.

Redlingfield

Pub on the Green, 18 June, 6pm till midnight.

Hoxne news

Hoxne Village Fête will once again be held at the popular venue of Abbey Farm, thanks to the invitation of the new owner of the property, Andrew White. This traditional village event, organised to raise funds for the day-to-day running of the parish church, will be held on Saturday 18 June opening at 2pm, continuing to 6pm, with new attractions being planned.

Father's Day will be celebrated at the third Sunday community service, 19 June, with gardeners being the focus of attention in July. Both services begin at 11.15am.

Hoxne's Heritage Group made a greatly appreciated contribution to April's Heritage Sunday with Julie Craven presenting an engaging account of the role played by the Kerrison family of Oakley Park (Hoxne Hall) in the life of the village and church.

Friends of the Hoxne Church coffee morning, in the church 10am to 12 noon, Saturday 25 June.

This newsletter is found in all churches, but you can get it early by email. Please email hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com