

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

* Athelington * Denham * Horham
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June 2017

| JUNE 2017 | 4 June Pentecost | 11 June Trinity Sunday | 18 June Trinity 1 | 25 June Trinity 2 |
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| Athel'ton | | | 9.30am Holy Communion ~ | |
| 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 * 11.15am Fathers' Day Family Service | 10am Family Service |
| Redl'field | 9.30am Holy Communion * | | | 10am Morning Prayer |
| Syleham | 4pm Messy Church * | | 10am Village Praise with baptism* | 9.30am BCP Holy Communion * |
| Wingfield | 10am Morning Prayer | 11.15am Holy Communion * | | 6.30pm BCP Evensong # |

Tuesday 13 June, Midweek Communion at St John's, Denham*, 7.30pm, with Reverend Susan Loxton

* with Rev Michael

~ with Rev Richard

with Reverend Rosalind Paul and Reverend Michael

Many people have already heard, but the news is so exciting that it bears repetition! Rev Eleanor Goodison is coming to our benefice as Associate Priest from the middle of July.

This will be a huge benefit to me and all of us.

- At a personal level, it will make planning holidays a lot easier instead of having to call upon retired clergy (who by definition are retired!).
- It will make the scheduling of baptisms a lot easier for the same reason.
- It allows Eleanor or me to work with our Lay Elders on Sundays, either by being able to mentor and coach them or by relieving them of some of the burden of services.
- It will allow me to devote some time and energy to mid-week groups that I would like to establish or resume, such as a lunchtime discussion group within the Growing Deeper strand and/or to run a Pilgrim Course in the evenings.

Technically Eleanor is an Assistant Curate as she will assist me with the 'cure of souls' that was entrusted to me as rector by the bishop. But better than a curate, Eleanor is fully trained already! Lots of exciting possibilities lie ahead, but there is a catch. Eleanor only works part-time and the greater part of her time has already been claimed by Bishop Martin for work across the diocese. This means that Eleanor will be with us for only 3 days a month. Even 3 days a month will make a significant difference to our life together.

Rev Eleanor will be licensed by Archdeacon Ian Morgan at Hoxne on Wednesday 12 July at 7.30pm in a service which will include Holy Communion - full details next month.

Rev Michael

Rev Michael's days off in June: Thurs 1, Fri 2, Weds 7, Thurs 8, Mon 12, Tues 13, Weds 14, Thurs 15, Thurs 22, Thurs 29 June.

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Wingfield Open Gardens Sat 24 and Sun 25 June, 11am to 5pm. Over 17 gardens to view, including Wingfield College with its unique topiary garden and (in season) beautiful wild flowers and orchids. Village scarecrow trail, blacksmith's forge, craft stalls, plant sales, duck tombola, cream teas, ice creams and light lunches. Romany carriages too. Tickets £3, children free. Free parking at GWC equestrian centre IP21 5RB. Proceeds in aid of Nelsons Journey and St Andrew's church. Also, look out for details of a Christian Art exhibition at Wingfield Barns on the same weekend.

Horham Sat 3 June Afternoon Tea – 11.30am to 3.30pm at the Old School. Tickets from Horham post office, £6, to include glass of prosecco or fruit punch, sandwiches and cakes. Places limited to 40, and all proceeds to go to the West Door Restoration Fund.

Sat 10 June – Horham car boot sale, at the Community Centre recreation ground. The church is holding a bric-a-brac stall for funds, so any donations of items – cakes, plants, household goods, toys, furniture, etc will be gratefully received and can be given to Daphne Harvey 01379 384216. Help is also requested to help man the stall at the car boot. Donations of cakes etc and help serving the afternoon tea, so please contact Jill Peters 01379 384988 if you are able to help in this way! Very many thanks.

Monday prayer and breakfast continues

We meet weekly at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We are finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for more details.

Our next Evensong service will be Sun 25 June, 6.30pm in the choir stalls of St Andrew's Wingfield. Reverend Rosalind Paul will be the cantor and preacher.

Benefice Labyrinth Day Come and help make a labyrinth in Syleham churchyard on Saturday 15 July.

What is a labyrinth? Simply a maze that you can't get lost in as it only has one route from the edge to the centre. You have to travel (pilgrim) to make progress, you have to trust the path (Jesus said I am the Way), and you can't see how you will get to the centre (an exercise in trust). They have long been used in Christian spirituality as an aid to meditative prayer. Kay Barrett, an experienced worship leader at her church in Girton, Cambridge, will join us to make a labyrinth in Syleham churchyard, using seed or grain, for prayer and meditation, learning how to draw a labyrinth, about their history and much more. 10am to 4pm with a break for lunch in the village hall. To cover costs, the suggested donation is £20 but more importantly, as Kay only has so many labyrinths, numbers are limited to 25, so reservation is essential. Please contact Rev Michael to book your place before this event is offered more widely.

Denham midweek Communion

Tuesday 13 June, 7.30pm at St John's Denham with Reverend Susan Loxton.

This newsletter is found in all our churches but if you would prefer to receive yours in advance, by email, please send your details to Virginia on hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com

Coffee in the Old School Hall in Horham

every Wednesday morning from 10.30am with coffee, cookies, cakes and chatter, internet access and tuition.

The Rural Coffee Caravan is back!

* in **Redlingfield** on Weds 7 June

* in **Wingfield** on Tues 20 June, both

10am to 12 noon. The caravan is a great source of information and a chance for a chat over a drink and cake. Come along, see for yourself. Donations welcome.

The Rural Caravan will also be at Stradbroke Community Centre on Weds 7 June, 2.30 to 4.30pm for a free cream tea and dementia awareness day. Come along to get advice from some local experts.

Redlingfield's Scenes of Summer is a follow on from last year's very successful Christmas Scenes, 10 and 11 June from 10am to 5pm. Stalls include books, craft and bric a brac, plants (provided by Etheridge's Nurseries), bottle stall and tombola. If anyone in the benefice feels able to help in any way, please call Chris Stanford 01728 628474 or Hazel Abbot 01379 678217.

Saturday 17 June, Pub on the Green.

Syleham Amici Concert

on Sun 11 June, 3pm. Amici is a highly regarded local acappella choir. Lasting approx 1½ hours, including an interval with light refreshments, the performance will be dedicated to the memory of 'J' Leader. We expect to have new railings and gate fitted before then, funded by donations given in memory of 'J'. Parking available and there will be a retiring collection.

Cheese and Wine on Fri 30 June, from 6pm in the garden of the Old Vicarage (IP21 4LN) by kind invitation of Colin and Jackie Campbell.

Messy Church for the benefice, 4pm, Sun 4 June, Syleham Village Hall.

Hoxne Benefice Mothers' Union

Mon 19 June. New members welcome. Contact Cathie McGregor on 668434.

Friends of St Peter & St Paul Hoxne

No coffee morning this month as there is a wedding in church on 17 June.

Black Dog at The Swan

'Black Dog at The Swan' every Tuesday pm, 2 to 3pm in Hoxne. Further details from Rev Michael Womack, 388889, hoxnebenefice@gmail.com.

How I Pray - A day for anyone interested to explore different ways to pray with people who pray in different ways, Sat 1 July. A FREE event, 9.45am – 3.45pm in St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Workshops will run twice in the day. Please indicate your top three choices when you register and you will be allocated two.

- Praying the Lord's Prayer
- Praying by breathing
- Praying the daily office
- Praying with art
- Praying for novices
- Praying the labyrinth
- Praying with characters in John's Gospel
- Praying outside

To register please go to https://how_i_pray.eventbrite.co.uk. Enquiries to Caroline Redman at spirituality@cofesuffolk.org or phone 01359 269335.

Advance notices

Sat 1 July Hoxne Fête, Abbey Fm, 2pm
Sat 15 July Syleham Labyrinth Day
Sat 22 July Denham church Ceilidh Dance and BBQ in the barn at Park Farm Hoxne
Sat 26 Aug Syleham family fun day with barbecue
Sat 9 Sept Suffolk Historic Churches bike ride. More info next time.