

# Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

Athelington \* Denham \* Horham

\* Hoxne \* Redlingfield \* Syleham \* Wingfield

## June 2018

June 2018	3 June Trinity 1	10 June Trinity 2	17 June Trinity 3	24 June Trinity 4
Athel'ton			9.30am Holy Communion*	
Denham				11.15am Family Service+
Horham		9.30am BCP Communion+	11.15am 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniv of 95 <sup>th</sup> Bomber Group*	11.15am Family Service
Hoxne	11.15am Holy Communion*	11.15am BCP Matins*	8.30am BCP Communion*	
Redl'field	9.30am Holy Communion*			10am Morning Prayer
Syleham	4pm Messy Church~		10am Village Praise	9.30am BCP Holy Communion+
Wingfield	10am Morning Prayer	11.15am Holy Communion+		6.30pm Evensong with Reverend Julian Barker

At the Archdeacon's visitation in Wingfield, Archdeacon Ian was speaking about the importance of parish churches being places of welcome for the whole community. As is well known, I'm always relieved when the diocese catches up! As I wrote last month, Rev Eleanor and I are already booked on a retreat for a couple of nights in the middle of this month to think and pray about the service pattern in the benefice; in particular how our churches serve the whole community and provide a 'stepping stone', for moving on from Messy Church.

But, Rev Eleanor and I can't do it alone! **We really need your insights and observations.** So far there has been a suggestion for more 'educational' rather than 'religious' services, this was discussed and rejected by the PCC. My observation is that there is a wide range of 'educational' opportunity provided in this benefice; from seasonal Lent material to a house group and movie nights as well as a previous attempt to offer a library of religious material, I think a 'reasonable faith' is to be encouraged and the opportunities are available and if more use was made of them than they could be increased.

Another PCC is going to review its BCP service. I remain committed to offering as broad a range of worship as we can, including BCP. The BCP sung evensong in Wingfield has now been running for over a year; this month we welcome the Rev Julian Barker who will reprise a sermon on the prayer of general thanksgiving which formed the basis of an article in the PBS Journal, so much for being a sleepy backwoods benefice, but if you've a thought on what else might happen, speak now! **Rev Michael**

Rev Michael's rest days and days away from the benefice in June:

Thu 7, Wed 13, Thu 14, Thu 21, Thu 28 June.

St Andrew's House, Vicarage Road, Wingfield, Diss, IP21 5RB. 01379 388889, [hoxnebenefice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebenefice@gmail.com)

Midweek Communion, Tuesday 12 June at St John's Denham, 7.30pm.\*

\*with Rev Michael, +with Rev Eleanor, ~ with Rev Michael and Rev Eleanor,

### Churchwardens

**Athelington: St Peter.** Contact Rev Michael

**Denham: St John the Baptist.** Contact Rev Michael

**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

**Wingfield: St Andrew.** John McCracken 01379 384181

### Prayer breakfasts

Monday mornings - breakfast and prayers. We meet at 7.45am for breakfast; prayers start at 8.30am, using a Celtic pattern. We are always finished by 9am. Contact Rev Michael for the venue, as it changes.

### A house group for the benefice

'Surprised by Hope - fascinating and thought-provoking insights into heaven, the resurrection and mission. Continues alternate Thursday afternoons 2pm to about 3.30pm on 7 and 21 June at Reading Hall, Denham (Barbara Irwin's home). Guided via DVD by Tom Wright a former Bishop of Durham.

'As you enter into this study of hope, it is my prayer that you will see Jesus inviting you to experience and extend hope in this world, and that you will feel him walking at your side along the way'. Questions? Mary (669258) or Barbara (870500).

### Our monthly benefice evensong

continues on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at St Andrew's Wingfield, 6.30pm. This month, Rev Julian Barker will be speaking, an expert on the prayer of general thanksgiving, about which he will be preaching. There will be a special reception afterwards.

### Let's raise funds for Churches of the Hoxne Benefice with easyfundraising!

Visit [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://easyfundraising.org.uk) and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Churches of the Hoxne Benefice. There are over 2,700 online retailers available and all will give a small percentage of what's been spent back to Hoxne benefice to say thank you for shopping with them. Please register to support us - <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice>. If you want to talk through the signing up process, email Virginia on [hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com) to arrange. **£170 raised to date! Thank you.**

### New family service

Eleanor and I will be thinking and praying about this over the next few weeks. So..... if you've got any thoughts, ideas, dreams or visions about the services we offer, please let us know. Don't worry about them being too far-fetched or outrageous- it will help us to think widely and creatively! I'd like to launch the new service in October, but try to keep within the service pattern the ability for us all to move around the benefice that is a rich part of our life together already. Rev Michael

### Thank you from Brian and Sallie Chester

There are some things time will never erode and uppermost among them is the warmth, kindness and affection shown to us as we prepared to make our exit from Hoxne. So many good wishes, especially from all the churches in the Hoxne benefice. A wonderful tea party at St Peter and St Paul and then an emotional farewell service at Athelington which ended with the presentation of a wonderful cheque that will supply a central island unit for our kitchen - so memories will always be close at hand. Our church here is a touch or two 'higher' than we are used to but welcoming all the same. 4 Barleythorpe Mews, Main Road, Barleythorpe, Oakham LE15. Always happy to answer calls on 01572 757600. With our love and gratitude.

**Thank you to everyone who came to the Archdeacon's Visitation service** at Wingfield, on Monday 21 May, to see our churchwardens sworn in for the year and who helped raise £300 for Christian Aid. It was a lovely service and a chance for everyone to meet the churchwardens of this benefice and those of Hartismere too. Thanks you to the team for the delicious refreshments.

**Coffee and internet café** in the Old School Hall in Horham every Wednesday morning, 10.30am to 12 noon for delicious coffee and cake, good company and computer support.

### The coffee caravan is back for the summer....

**Redlingfield** - on Wednesday 6 June from 10am until 12 noon. The caravan is a great source of local information as well as a chance for a chat over a drink and delicious cake with great company. Just come along and see for yourself...

**also at Wingfield's** Castle Green on Tuesday 19 June, also 10am to 12 noon.

### Hoxne benefice Mothers' Union

The next meeting is Monday 18 June, 2.30pm at Time House, Low Street, Hoxne.

### Messy Church for the benefice

Sunday 3 June at Syleham village hall, 4pm. Come and join our growing group for lots of fun and the usual scrummy tea.

**Film Night** Friday 15 June, 7.30pm at Barbara Irwin's home, Reading Hall.



When Mac McDonald loses his son in an accident, the ensuing 17 years of bitterness and pain leaves him angry with almost everyone, including God. Things become heated when Mac is partnered with Sam Wright, a rising star on the police force who is also a part-time pastor. Can Sam and Mac somehow join forces or is it nearly impossible for either of them to look past their differences?



### Sat 2 June

Horham Fête, 11am with car boot sale and fête from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Dog show, side show and stalls, arts and crafts in the old school hall. Church tower open.

### Sat 16/Sun 17 June

Redlingfield 'I remember when' Festival. A mixture of flower displays, art work. For further details, please contact Chris Stanford [chrismstanford@icloud.com](mailto:chrismstanford@icloud.com) or 01278 628474

**Also 16/17 June**, Horham, 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 95<sup>th</sup> Bomber Group, church tower open.

### Sat 23 June

Hoxne village fête at Abbey Farm, courtesy of Wilf White. 2pm, all the traditional stalls and fun. Proceeds to Hoxne church.

**Saturday 30 June** Wingfield village fête, 11-3pm Wingfield Barns. Craft stalls, games, musical entertainment, bar and bbq! Proceeds going to Wingfield Church/EACH.

Also **Saturday 30 June**, Denham church fête, 2pm, plants, books cakes and more. Come along for a chat.

**Saturday 1 July** You are invited for **Pimms, Lunch and Tea on the Lawn** at The Old Rectory, Athelington, on the occasion of St Peter's Patronal Festival. Noon to 5pm, come and enjoy the garden and works in progress. Fundraising for the church re-wiring project. Nick Cook, 01728 628661. See flyer.

### Sunday 8 July

Syleham sponsored swim to help fund internal re-decoration of Syleham church. Contact Mary Lewis on 669258.

### Wednesday 1 August

Addington Fund Service, 6pm, Hoxne church.

**Sunday 12 August** 2pm, Kubb Tournament, garden games in Denham, more to follow.