



Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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June 2019

June 2019	Sunday 2 Easter 7	Sunday 9 Pentecost	Sunday 16 Trinity Sunday	Sunday 23 Trinity 1	Sunday 30 Trinity 2
Athel'ton			9.30am* Holy Communion		Benefice Comm Athelington 11.15am*
Denham		11.15am ~ Benefice family@church		11.15am* Holy Communion	
Horham		9.30am+ BCP Communion			
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Redl'field	9.30am+ Holy Communion			10am Morning Prayer	
Syleham	4pm~ Benefice Messy Church		10am Village Praise	9.30am* BCP Holy Communion	
Wingfield	11.15am+ Holy Communion			6.30pm Benefice BCP Evensong	

Thursday 30 May, 7.30pm, deanery Ascension Day service at Syleham church.

* with Rev Michael Womack + with Rev Eleanor Goodison

~ with Rev Michael and Rev Eleanor



From the rector.....

My training incumbent, Graham Owen, was an extraordinarily generous person in many ways; and in turn shocked myself at having managed to shock him! Graham was always open to any suggestion that we could have a reception, or better still 'a bit of a do', to mark events in the life of the church. This was something that was already in me and so it was, that one day I remarked that if I wasn't a Christian, I'd be a Sikh; to which Graham looked shocked and the conversation took a change of direction.

Seven or eight years later, and I still hold that if I wasn't a Christian, I'd be a Sikh. The aspect of Sikhism that particularly attracts me is the Langer. The communal kitchen in which all guests are served a free meal regardless of class, wealth or any other social condition. I'm sure you can already see a link into Christianity, for example in monastic communities who also place an emphasis on hospitality. Or in the injunction in Hebrews to practice hospitality because in doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it; itself a reference to the tale of Abraham and Sarah.

In the gospels, the foundational story is the last supper, which we repeat - as opposed to foot washing (to my great relief). Humorously every chapter in Mark's gospel has a reference to food in it. Remembering all that I learnt from Graham, I rejoice that he now enjoys the very banquet of heaven, let's anticipate it here on earth by practising hospitality.

Rev Michael.

Rev Michael's holidays and rest days:

Saturday 1, Thursday 6, Friday 7, Thursdays 13, 20, 27 June.

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30th May to 9th June

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York encourage people to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come', from Ascension Day to Pentecost, particularly praying for people to know the love of God. www.cofesuffolk.org.

Sunday 2

Messy Church for the benefice

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

Wednesday 5

Redlingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan with advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am -12 noon. Donations welcome.

Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26

Coffee and internet café in the Old School Hall in Horham, 10.30am-12 noon for coffee, cake, good company, computer support.

Sunday 9

Benefice family@church, 11.15am, St John's Denham. (See right). This month's theme is *Pentecost*. Crafts, food and fun.

Also Sunday 9

Fun village dog show in Redlingfield, from 11am on Doostep Green. Lots of original categories. Refreshments and licensed bar.

Monday 10

Holy Communion at The Depperhaugh, 11.30am. Everyone welcome to join us.

Friday 14

Friends of Hoxne church, a Pie, Pint and Pud evening in the church from 6.30pm (Several different hot pies with various veg plus several puds). Tickets £15 per head, please contact Margaret on 01379 668352. Numbers limited so book early.

Saturday 15

Friends of Hoxne church coffee morning in church, 9.30am to 11am. All welcome. Book stall and raffle.

Saturday 15 and Sunday 16

Wingfield Open Gardens. Parking and facilities at the Equestrian Centre and Wingfield Barns. 11am to 4pm, Tickets £4, childrens foc. Stalls, refreshments.

Monday 17

Hoxne benefice Mothers' Union meeting, at Time House, Hoxne, 2.30pm. Contact Cathie - 668434.

Tuesday 18

Wingfield, Rural Coffee Caravan with local advice and information, coffee and cake. 10am -12 noon. Donations welcome.

Saturday 22 Join us for cream teas at Denham Church 2-4pm, cream teas, plants, books and cakes.

Sunday 23



Benefice Evensong at Wingfield, 6.30pm.

Saturday 29

John McCracken, who has been a lay elder in the benefice for many years, is to be ordained deacon at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds at 11am along with the other ordinands from across the diocese. Please pray for John as he prepares for this significant occasion. Anyone who would like to attend should let Eleanor Goodison know in advance as the Cathedral needs to know numbers expected. If so, please car share for environmental and crowded car park reasons!

Rev'd Eleanor Goodison will be having a few weeks enforced sabbatical from Tuesday 11 June due to a hip operation. Please hold her in your prayers.

Prayer breakfasts continue on 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 venue for details, which change.

Family@church

Volunteers still wanted to join the team for our family@church 2nd Sunday benefice services attractive worship for all the family. If you are interested in being part of this new, monthly project, please let me know. Many thanks, Rev Michael.

Mary Womack is abseiling for Christian Aid. Having heard Pam, the area rep, talk at one of our services about raising healthcare in Africa, (particularly for mothers in labour as maternal and neonatal mortality is still quite high), I felt inspired to take on this challenge, and it is quite a big challenge for me as I'm scared of heights! So I need people to support me please, either on the day or financially, to ensure I do the challenge. The abseil is on Saturday 20 July, from the top of St Mary's Church tower at Redenhall near Harleston. I hope to get it over with in the morning!! People can either sponsor me (I'll have a form) or go on the justgiving page I've set up on my profile on Facebook. Thank you. Mary Womack

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Advance notices

Saturday 13 July

Cheese and Wine evening at The Old Vicarage, Syleham. (always a super friendly event with delicious canapés). More to follow.

Wednesday 1 August Lammas Service, a deanery service and celebration of the first loaf of the first grain of the harvest, 6pm, Hoxne church. Proceeds to Farming Community Network, helping farming families in distress. Tractor parade beforehand, hog roast afterwards.

Saturday 31 August

Traditional and popular Summer Fête at Syleham, in the garden of Manor House. If you would like a stall, or would be able to offer help, please get in touch.

Sunday 1 September

Redlingfield village produce show.

Future for the benefice meetings

Many thanks to everyone who came and contributed to our last meeting in Horham. Good progress is being made in thinking about the future of our benefice, especially when coupled with the Acting Archdeacon's charge at the Visitation service. Hence the subtle change in the title of this series of meetings from Future of the benefice to Future *for* the benefice. The next meeting is at 4pm, Sat 28 Sept, this time in Syleham Village Hall. More details soon. Rev Michael.

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