

Plant sale and exchange

Life is getting back to normal but very slowly and carefully.....so we are delighted to announce a socially distanced plant sale and exchange on Saturday 13 June in Denham churchyard from 2pm to 4pm. We will keep the numbers admitted to the churchyard at any one time to 6, in line with government guidance, and we encourage you to walk to the sale where possible. There will be a pot for donations but sadly no refreshments in the current circumstances. We will have vegetables, herbs, flowers and trees as the starting stock and we encourage you to bring whatever you have spare from your gardens; the more the better.

Examples - aubergine, broccoli, cabbage, courgette (yellow), kale, leek, mint, marjoram, peas, parsley, romanesco, runner bean, strawberry, sunflowers, tomato (various), aspen, yew, rowan, Indian chestnut.

We look forward to seeing you there. Should you have any queries, please contact Hilary Castleden on 01379 668458. Please respect government social distancing guidelines and follow any instructions from organisers designed to avoid crowding.

Looking for a new rector

Our first advertisement for a new rector did not attract any applications, but we are not giving up, despite lockdown and the resulting instability. The advertisement is appearing again, without a closing date, and we pray that as the lockdown eases the right person will be inspired to respond.



Are you in need of some daily hope during this lockdown?

We have a new FREE telephone line for you to ring to hear comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections.



A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers



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'Ordinary time' – that's the churchy name for the long summer months after Trinity Sunday (7 June this year). Many people are in fact currently longing for 'ordinary time', to return to normal, to be freed from remaining restrictions and, especially, to be able to socialise again with family and friends. On the other hand, many are equally anxious not to put themselves or others at risk by a premature return to social contact while the Covid-19 virus remains a threat.

And of course the time is never really ordinary. God calls us at all times not to the normal, but to the extraordinary – to extraordinary love, to extraordinary joy and to extraordinary service. We are called to imitate Jesus who left normal life behind to give himself to others.

So, though we would like to get back to the way things were, we probably never will. As churches, we will have to find new ways to do things for the foreseeable future, as well as just for the lockdown. Our buildings will have to be cleaner, safer and adapted to new requirements before we can re-open them. We will want to remain more aware of those who cannot or do not want to come to the buildings at all. We must prepare for the new, the extraordinary and for what God will be doing to turn this time to good. 'Ordinary time'? I don't think so! **Rev'd Eleanor Goodison**

If you need help or just want to chat, please contact us:

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Hoxne: St Peter & St Paul.

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Redlingfield: St Andrew.

Syleham: St Margaret.

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Church finances - online giving

We are looking into establishing means for people to give to our churches securely and easily online. So look out for giving buttons appearing on our social media pages. But if you are able to contribute to your church now, don't wait - please do so by cheque or bank transfer. Please contact your treasurer for details. Our costs remain the same, though our income has declined.

And please don't forget..... easyfundraising.org.uk

It really is easy. If you are finding that you are ordering more goods online at the moment, why not sign up to support the benefice with easyfundraising.org.uk? It costs you nothing and gives the benefice a percentage of everything you spend. So far we have raised £566 for the benefice this way – so it is well worth it!
www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice

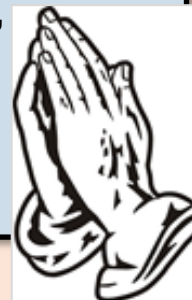


Other resources

Both the Church of England website (www.churchofengland.org) and the diocesan website (www.cofesuffolk.org) will be live streaming services and offering other resources during this period, including prayers for use at home. Morning Prayer is being live streamed from the Bishop's oratory every morning. Monday to Saturday at 8.30am on the Bishops' facebook page @BishopsCofEsuffolk.

This prayer was part of the Diocese of Southwark's resources for **Thy Kingdom Come** – the global prayer initiative between Ascension and Pentecost. It seems to sum things up:

**With our hearts full of anxiety for the safety of the world,
we cry to you, Lord, for protection for the healthy,
courage for the frightened, consolation for the bereaved,
wisdom for the doctors, strength for the carers,
good news for the poor, and, in the goodness
of your mercy, an end to the virus. Amen.**



Access to services while the church buildings are closed

Although retail outlets are gradually opening up, we expect places of worship to remain closed until at least July. Live streamed services from our churches via facebook.com/WingfieldChurch continue. We are now also getting together for post-service chat and fellowship via Zoom. Please let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like to join in and she will send you an invitation (but you will have to bring your own refreshments!).

NEW: June will see the return of Café Church, via Zoom, on Sunday 14 June at 10.15am. We will send invitations to people who attended Café Church in the early part of this year, but do let us know if there are others who would like to be part of the service.

Internet-based services do not work for everyone and service sheets to use at home can be made available for our Friday evening Compline and Sunday services if wanted.

Services for June

live streamed via
facebook.com/WingfieldChurch

Sunday 7 May Trinity Sunday
9.30am BCP Holy Communion
with Rev'd Eleanor and Rev'd John

4pm Messy Church via
facebook.com/HoxneMC

Sunday 14 June 1st after Trinity
9.30am Holy Communion
with Rev'd Eleanor and Rev'd John

NEW—followed by Café Church at 10.15am
by Zoom

Sunday 21 June
St John the Baptist (from 24 June)
9.30am Holy Communion
with Rev'd Richard and Rev'd John

Sunday 28 June
St Peter & St Paul (from 29 June)
9.30am Holy Communion
with Rev'd Eleanor and Rev'd John
6.30pm BCP Evening Prayer,
with Rev'd Eleanor

Stay in touch:

Check out our [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) pages:
[facebook.com/WingfieldChurch](https://www.facebook.com/WingfieldChurch) or
[facebook.com/athelingtonchurch](https://www.facebook.com/athelingtonchurch).

Follow Rev'd Eleanor on Twitter:
[@ReverendEleanor](https://twitter.com/ReverendEleanor) (you do not need your own Twitter account to read her tweets, just search for [@ReverendEleanor](https://twitter.com/ReverendEleanor)).

The Hoxne Benefice News

will be posted on church notice boards but you can also receive it by email. If you are not already on the benefice email list, get in touch with our administrator, Virginia Skoyles, hoxnebeneficeoffice@gmail.com and she will add your name.

Prayer

Our bishops have begun a series of vlogs on their facebook page ([facebook.com/BishopsCofEsuffolk](https://www.facebook.com/BishopsCofEsuffolk)) on the subject of prayer.

Our prayer breakfast at 8am on Monday mornings via Skype continues – do let Rev'd Eleanor know if you would like to join in.....also on Fridays at 2pm via Zoom, specifically for the vacancy in the benefice; and those clergy and lay elders who are nominated to enter our churches on a restricted basis are also praying on a regular basis in churches around the benefice. Please let us know if you have any particular prayer requests.

The building is closed but the church is open!