

Hoxne Benefice Newsletter

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March 2017

MARCH 2017	5 March 1 st of Lent	12 March 2 nd of Lent	19 March 3 rd of Lent	26 March 4 th of Lent Mothering Sunday
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 Prose and Poems for Lent	10am Family Service
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 BCP Evensong#

1 March is the 1st day of Lent this year - what will you be doing for Lent? Here are some suggestions, some conventional, some not quite so!

Spend more time in prayer Last Lent we started breakfast and Celtic morning prayer on Mondays; to our great surprise it turned out to be an enjoyable and valuable way to start the week and we've carried on. You're very welcome to join us; breakfast is from 7.45am and prayers from 8.30am. We end at 9am, but it's not unknown for more coffee to appear! A regular feature of Lent in Wingfield is Friday evening compline. Every Friday in Lent at 6pm we have a very serene, short service of prayer.

Learn about Jesus I am very pleased that Barbara Irwin and Mary Lewis will be co-hosting a series around the Philip Yancey book, *The Jesus I never knew*. This will be a chance to think more deeply about the character of Jesus as recorded in the gospels; more details inside but it is in the afternoon with appropriate refreshments.

Connect with the world-wide church This year the diocese has produced the Kagera Lent Challenge to help us pray and think about the church in our link diocese of Kagera, Northern Tanzania and raise funds for them as they struggle with drought. Copies of the booklet are available and there will be a fund-raising evening.

Go shopping! As a way of raising monies to support our churches in the benefice, we are now registered on easyfundraising.org.uk. With a short process to register, it is possible to shop at countless on-line sites and raise funds for **Churches of the Hoxne Benefice** at no cost to yourself. A full explanation is inside, but please don't get carried away!

Rev Michael

Rev Michael's days off in March: Thurs 2, Thurs 9 to Thurs 23, Thurs 30 March.

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Friday 3 March, Women's World Day of Prayer, 2pm, St Mary Worlingworth, prepared this year by the women of The Philippines.

Tuesday 14 March, Midweek Communion at Denham+, 7.30pm, at the home of Michael and Margaret Reeves, The Brambles, Church Rd, Denham, Eye, IP21 5DE.

* with Rev Michael

+ with Canon Andrew

~ with Rev Richard

with Canon Andrew and Rev Michael

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.

Kagera Lent Challenge

As mentioned on the front page, as a benefice we are joining in with the wider diocesan Kagera Lent Challenge. Kagera is our partner diocese in northern Tanzania and is stricken by drought at the moment. A booklet is available from Rev Michael with a suggestion for every day of Lent, sometimes for prayer or reflection but also asking for contributions on such things as how many taps in your house! Of course, you can make other donations as you are led. To keep the Tanzanian feel going, please collect your contributions in an old margarine tub or jam jar, then at the end of Lent give it to your treasurer along with a gift aid form if you pay tax. We will then present Archdeacon Ian with a card or certificate stating the total benefice contribution when he is with us at the end of April.

Fundraiser to support the Challenge

You are invited to a Taste of Tanzania at The Old School Hall, Horham on Saturday 1 April, 7pm featuring Tanzanian food and drink and a 'magic lantern show'! Admission only by pre-booking with your host and hostess, Michael Womack, former operations co-ordinator, Mission Aviation Fellowship Tanzania, and Mary Womack, former hospitality co-ordinator, new staff accommodation officer, head of milk supply, medical advisor, pre-school teacher etc. etc! Places must be reserved by Weds 29 March, by phone on 01379 388889, or email hoxnebenefice@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at this fun event.



www.easyfundraising.org.uk

Did you know that now, whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for **Churches of the Hoxne Benefice**?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra! It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hoxnebenefice/ and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping. (Or to make it much easier, sign up for the easy donation reminder on your toolbar.)
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and **Churches of the Hoxne Benefice** will be really grateful for your donations. There will soon be helpful information regarding this scheme for you to pick up in church or just browse the website. Thank you for your support. We will keep you updated as we raise the funds.

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 taking its winter break but there are still monthly coffee mornings

* in **Redlingfield** on Tues 28 Feb at Hidcote Lodge, Mill Road, (in April, back to the first Wednesdays)

* in **Wingfield** at Wingfield Barns on Tues 21 March, both 10am to 12 noon.

There will be a deanery wide Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 1 March, 7.30pm at All Saints' Stradbroke. All benefices will be taking part and we look forward to as many as possible being able to join us for this poignant service.

Black Dog at The Swan

A reminder that the churches of the Hoxne benefice and the Hoxne Swan are holding a discussion group 'Black Dog at The Swan' every Tuesday afternoon, 2 to 3pm at The Swan in Hoxne, where there will be a group of non-judgemental, caring, supportive, like-minded people to chat with you. So whatever your black dog; grief, anxiety, trauma, depression... please come and join us. Further details from Rev Michael Womack, 01379 388889, hoxnebenefice@gmail.com.

Midweek Communion at Denham on Tuesday 14 March, 7.30pm, at the home of Michael and Margaret Reeves. See back for address details.

Messy Church for the benefice is Sunday 5th March, 4pm at Syleham village hall.

Compline 6pm each Friday in Lent at St Andrew's Wingfield.

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

Mothers' Union, Hoxne branch, 20 March, 2.15pm at Time House, Hoxne.

Friends of St Peter & St Paul Hoxne The next coffee morning will be held on Sat 18 March, 10am to 12 noon in Hoxne church. From then on, it will be always be on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Village Voices Choir present a concert for the Friends of the Church on Saturday 11 March, 7pm for 7.30pm. Cheese and wine after the performance. Details and tickets from Rhona Bertie on 01379 871850.

Our next Evensong service will be Sun 26 March, 6.30pm in the choir stalls of St Andrew's Wingfield. Rev Canon Andrew Vessey will be the cantor and preacher.

Lent Group to watch the DVD and discuss Philip Yancey's *The Jesus I never knew*. Each session offers a new and different perspective on the life of Christ and his work - who he was and why he came. Thursdays from 2 March-6 April, 2-3pm at Reading Hall, Denham. A friendly, no pressure, cake and coffee group to take another look at Jesus and his life, contact Barbara on 01379 870500 or Mary on 01379 669258.

Advance notices

Sat 1 April, Tanzanian Evening, see left
Sat 22 April, Redlingfield Church quiz, 7.30pm
Sat 20 May, Horham village fete, the church is having a 'Jar Bar' and is looking for donations of any-size clean jars with lids and also any items that could fit into these. More details later
Sat 10 June, Horham car boot sale, with church bric a brac stall
also Redlingfield, Summer Scenes event in church

Sun 11 June, 3pm. Amici Singers concert, Syleham Church - this, by their request, will be in memory of John Leader.

Sat 24/Sun 25 June, Wingfield Open Gardens
Sat 1 July, Hoxne Fête
Sat 15 July, Syleham Labyrinth Day